

Comments from The Adjutant General



Major General Larry Shellito

To the Citizens of Minnesota -

In looking over this past year, we have much to be grateful for and many to honor. With respect to the thousands who have served faithfully, let us express a small portion of gratitude for the incredible sacrifices and hardships our Citizen-Soldiers have shouldered over this past year.

First and foremost, we are grateful for the service of our Soldiers and Airmen who have deployed to combat zones. And, we are doubly grateful for the sacrifices of their supportive families. Simply put, these brave Airmen and Soldiers have answered their country's call to arms. Without question or hesitation, they have gone into harms way and performed their missions magnificently. They are to be highly commended.

Senator Bob Dole once said, "Americans have brought hope and left graves in almost every corner of the world". These profound words came home especially hard for the Minnesota National Guard last February when we learned of the deaths of First Lieutenant Jason Timmerman, Staff Sergeant David Day and Sergeant Jesse Lhotka. These three young heroes made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of their country and their bravery shall never be forgotten. "All gave some and some gave all..."

Second, we honor and recognize those brave men and women have been wounded in the defense of our nation. For their uncommon valor, these men and women have been awarded the Purple Heart.

The Purple Heart differs from all other decorations in that an individual is not "recommended" for it, but rather receives the medal as a result of being wounded in combat. Thus, it is sometimes known as "the medal that no one ever tries to earn." This medal created by General George Washington was the first decoration given to the common Soldier. How appropriate that our first military award recognized the average Soldier's drive, dedication and devotion to duty — a spirit that manifests itself today in the Minnesota National Guard.

Third, we look forward to the safe return next year of the 2,600 men and women of the First Brigade Combat Team. These men and women will report to duty in Iraq in the spring of this year. They have been training since last fall and have received the best available equipment coupled with state-of-the-art training. They are well led and highly motivated. I am positive that they will exceed expectations and make all of us back home proud to be Minnesotans.

From our start as a State Militia to the exploits of the historic First Minnesota at Gettysburg and through the gallantry of the 34th Infantry Division during World War II, the Minnesota National Guard has always stood ready to serve its state and country. I am humbled to lead an institution that bears such a proud lineage. I salute all the men, women, military families and volunteers who have served and continue to serve the Minnesota National Guard.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry W. Shellito".

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



Governor Tim Pawlenty



The Minnesota National Guard, an organization focused on serving others.

Our Mission:

The National Guard is under state jurisdiction and can be used by governors during disasters and other state emergencies. In times of war, Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard can be put into the active service of the United States with the President as commander in chief.



Photo by Elizabeth Flores, Star Tribune

▲ Kaycie Johnson, 3, hitches a ride with her father, Army Sgt. Grant Johnson, of Champlin, MN, after he returned from training in Mississippi for the holidays at the Hubert H. Humphrey terminal, Thursday, December 22, 2005.

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GUARD EXPERIENCE

Capt. Aaron Krenz
Unit: Co. A 1-151st Field Artillery

"I am proud to say that Alpha Company and the Iraqi police partnered to help safely secure 119 polling sites and nine district election offices without a single attack."

- Capt. Aaron Krenz of Fargo, N.D., Commander of Co. A, 151st Field Artillery, was based just southeast of Baghdad.



Minnesota National Guard Overview

Joint Units

Joint Force Headquarters: The Joint Force Headquarters is an operational organization with an integrated Air and Army Guard staff responsible for the command and control of the Minnesota National Guard, as well as the oversight of administrative, personnel, intelligence, operational planning, logistics, civil-military affairs, information technology, legislative affairs, public information, and financial functions.

Homeland Security: Throughout 2005, the Minnesota National Guard has enhanced Minnesota's homeland security capabilities by further developing the Quick Reaction Force, the critical infrastructure assessment team, the 24-hour Watch Station and counterdrug narco-terrorism operations in order to fight threats at home. The 55th Civil Support Team remains Minnesota's high-tech weapons of mass destruction response unit.

Camp Ripley: The state-owned 53,000 acre Camp Ripley is a multi-faceted training center that balances the needs of the military, state agencies, and communities statewide. Camp Ripley serves as a world-class military training center for all branches and components of service. Minnesota State Agencies also rely on Camp Ripley's exceptional facilities for training. Community interests across the spectrum of Minnesota life utilize Camp Ripley for its resources, expertise, and commitment to environmental stewardship.



▲ Youth and Teen campers learned how to operate a firehose at the Minnesota National Guard Youth Camp at Camp Ripley.

Army Units

34th Infantry Division: Minnesota's "Red Bulls" are routinely recognized as the best Division-sized unit in the Army National Guard structure. Over 9,300 Soldiers strong in Minnesota, the 34th Infantry Division is living up to its proud history by serving gallantly in the Global War on Terror. This year, over 1,000 "Red Bulls" returned from deployments and another 2,600 were mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 34th ID also became the first National Guard combat division to transform and become a more modular force, allowing greater flexibility in mission planning and the ability to specifically tailor the force to each individual mission.

84th Troop Command: Composed of vital and unique specialty elements, the 84th Troop Command has contributed Soldiers to major military operations in 2005. Approximately 20 Soldiers from the 84th Troop Command deployed in 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and over 100 returned from deployment.



▲ Sgt. Eric Bock, Co. A, 1-194 Armor, was awarded a Purple Heart by COL James Brown, Commander of the 18th Military Police Brigade, for wounds received in combat, October 2005.



Air Units

133rd Airlift Wing: The C-130 H3 cargo planes of the 133rd Airlift Wing provide tactical airlift support in response to global mobility and humanitarian requirements, as well as homeland security. The wing's primary focus for 2005 was preparing for an intense Air Force operational readiness inspection—proudly ending the year with a rating of “Excellent” by active component standards. The wing also mobilized over 500 airmen to the gulf region and nine other countries around the world.

148th Fighter Wing: A significant component to the region's homeland security, pilots and crews of the 148th Fighter Wing are regularly on stand-by to scramble F-16 C fighter jets at a moment's notice to intercept aerial threats. The Wing also provided significant support for the Global War on Terror by mobilizing more than 700 Airmen around the world, including deploying an entire aviation package to Iraq. Thanks to the support of the Governor, the Minnesota Congressional Delegation and the Duluth Community, the 148th Fighter Wing survived a possible closure by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.



◀ The C-130H flight crew are preparing for takeoff to transport passengers from Volk Field Wis., to Minneapolis.



GUARD EXPERIENCE

Maj. Eric Chandler
Unit: 148th Fighter Wing

“The most rewarding thing about the last deployment (Balad, Iraq—Summer 2005) was flying missions that helped the Army Soldiers on the ground. I enjoyed scouting rooftops for snipers and being top cover for a helicopter assault that knocked down doors to capture the enemy. I liked flying over towns at 500 knots in order to keep insurgents’ heads down. There were frustrating times, but, overall, I felt like we were doing good work.”



▲ The 55th Civil Support Team, composed of Airmen and Soldiers, constantly trains for speed and accuracy.

**A force of nearly
13,000 Soldiers
and Airmen.**



▲ The 34th Infantry Division Band performs at a Minnesota Twins Game in the Metrodome.



Master Sgt. Kelly Fisher speaks to students about the benefits of staying drug free.

Yearly Accomplishments

Community



GUARD EXPERIENCE

Officer Candidate Adam Riedel
Unit: Co. C, 142nd Engineers

"Throughout my 17 and a half years in the Minnesota National Guard, we have helped develop third world countries by building schools, medical facilities, community centers, and road networks that allow villagers to trade goods more readily with the outside world.

Our contributions to the State have been numerous, straight-line wind damage from Dilworth to Audubon, flood duty in Crookston and Grand Forks, as well as tornado cleanup in Brainerd. Most recently, I served in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a senior NCO, Platoon Sergeant First Class. The opportunity to serve American citizens on the battle field has been a humbling experience, I am very proud of the job we did in Iraq, and the work my fellow Soldiers continue to do around the world. Coming home to my family and having the honor of becoming a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is something that can never be taken away."

- Provided more than 42,450 community support hours throughout the state.
- Collaborated with multiple state and volunteer agencies to establish the capability to receive more than 3,500 hurricane survivors at Camp Ripley within 24 hours at the request of Governor Tim Pawlenty.
- Accommodated 45,330 man-days for civilian organizations to train at Camp Ripley to include Minnesota State Patrol, Minnesota Department of Transportation and Minnesota Department of Health.
- Continued to operate Minnesota's second largest wild life refuge at Camp Ripley in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- Received \$1.5 million in funding for the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB). The ACUB supports compatible land use in an effort to preserve the training viability of Camp Ripley as well as the rural character of the surrounding area.
- Received the National Guard Bureau 2005 Natural Resources Conservation Team Award on behalf of the Camp Ripley Environmental Program.
- Convinced the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to overturn the Department of Defense recommendation to eliminate the 148th Fighter Wing.
- Established strategic partnerships with CBS radio, ClearChannel Communications, and Hubbard Broadcasting.
- Created and reinforced partnerships with the Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Wild, Minnesota Timberwolves, St. Paul Saints, and University of Minnesota Football.
- Leveraged resources of the Minnesota Military Family Foundation and the Minnesota First Lady's Family Care Initiative.
- Reached 2,549 students in grades 4, 6, and 8, from schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul through the STARBASE Minnesota program.
- Assisted local law enforcement in seizing more than \$19 million in drugs, weapons, and vehicles associated with drug trafficking.
- Reached more than 15,600 Minnesota youth with anti-drug messages.
- Created a full-time Child and Youth Coordinator position to provide additional military resources to youth throughout the state.



Lt. Col. Scott St. Sauver talks to his family via live satellite from Camp Taji Iraq, May 2005.



GUARD EXPERIENCE

1st Lt. Ross Neibur
Unit: Co. D, 2-135th Infantry (Air Assault)

"After the September 11th attacks I decided to become an officer in the Minnesota National Guard and my career choice brought me to the root of those attacks. In January 2004, I was called up to lead an Infantry platoon of Soldiers in Afghanistan. I thought this was my "Super Bowl," my chance to take the fight back to the enemy that motivated me to become an Infantry officer.

In Afghanistan, we established a fire base where U.S. forces had never been. We faced very rough conditions and a determined enemy. Our platoon patrolled areas where Osama Bin Laden lived prior to the U.S. actions just years before. After one year of providing security in various locations and establishing operating bases, we were relieved from our mission May 18, 2005. I am proud of the job my Soldiers and I did to make the new fire base as secure and comfortable as we could."

Yearly Accomplishments

People

- Recognized as the only state in the nation to achieve all Army National Guard recruiting goals by exceeding end-strength, total enlistments and attrition.
- Maintained unit authorized strength in the 133rd Airlift Wing and 148th Fighter Wing.
- Honored 19 Soldiers and one Airman for being awarded the Purple Heart, a medal presented to those wounded in combat.
- Implemented a reintegration training program for Soldiers and families to assist in returning to daily life after a deployment; Minnesota National Guard is the first in the nation to initiate such a program.
- Created a full-time Chaplain position to assist Soldiers and families experiencing deployments and reintegration.
- Expanded the tuition reimbursement program and established a state-funded reenlistment program.
- Established a full-time position in Retirement Affairs to continue to assist retirees.
- Expanded pre-mobilization medical support for Minnesota National Guard Soldiers.
- Increased the number of State Family Assistance Centers from eight to eleven.
- Provided hurricane relief in the Gulf Coast region, including hauling more than 600 passengers and more than 370 tons of cargo.
- Worked with Governor Tim Pawlenty to support a potential Avian Flu Pandemic outbreak.
- Assisted in planning the "Support our Troops" license plates that are now available at all deputy registrar locations statewide.



◀ Gov. Tim Pawlenty unveiled the new "Support Our Troops" license plates, Dec. 19, 2005. The proceeds will benefit the Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs.



Photo by Clinton Wood, Brainerd Dispatch
▲ Sgt. Mike Stasko, Co. A 1-194 Armor, kisses his 8-day old daughter, Aline, before deploying to Iraq for one year.



Soldiers from Co. A, 151st Field Artillery work with the Iraqi Police while stationed near Baghdad.

Yearly Accomplishments

Technology & Innovations

- Connected more than 600 deployed Soldiers from around the world to their families via video conference.
- Continued to implement a Voice-Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) network throughout the state to reduce long-distance telephone charges.
- Designed a secure satellite communications system that will provide real-time communications between state and national command authorities during federal deployments, homeland security missions and natural disasters.
- Continued to automate routine administrative tasks to include training accountability, flight scheduling, mobilization, and deployment tracking.
- Established a VBS1 system at Camp Ripley to provide a virtual reality/interactive training system for emergency response teams.
- Connected more than 400 Minnesota students to NASA for educational video conferences.
- Supported international “virtual academic exchanges” from schools in Minnesota to schools in England via video conference.



▲ Maj. Glenn Kallberg, Joint Force Headquarters Medical Detachment, examined Sgt. Ronald Ream’s eyes and ordered him glasses prior to his deployment to Iraq.



GUARD EXPERIENCE

Spec. Keely Hamann
Unit: B Co. 434th Main Support Bn.

“They said I should pick something I don’t do in everyday life. Driving a truck across Iraq is definitely something I’d never have done in everyday life.”

A young woman and Citizen Soldier from Appleton, Minn. logged 10,000 miles driving a HETT in Iraq – the most by any driver in theater.

*Adapted from *In the Drivers Seat In Iraq*, an article written by Wayne Woolley, Newhouse News Service and published in the *SarTribune* on October 23, 2005.

Resourcing & Logistics

- 2nd Battalion, 194th Armor placed first in the Army Chief of Staff Supply Excellence Awards.
- 55th Civil Support Team occupied a newly built facility at Twin Cities Air National Guard Base.
- Moved more than 750 vehicles on 230 railcars from Camp Ripley, Minn. to Camp Shelby Miss. in support of the 1/34 BCT mobilization, this represented over 4,100 tons of equipment in a train that would extend more than four miles long.
- Continued to construct a new aircraft maintenance complex at the 148th Fighter Wing.
- Recognized as the top Army National Guard organization within Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) by the National Guard Bureau and by the Assistant Chief of Staff Installation Management Agency (ACSIM) within the Department of the Army.
- Presented the Bronze Award for the 2004-2005 Army Performance Excellence Award (APEA) —This Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) capstone program is representative of all organizations and installations within the Department of the Army.

Photo by Richard Sennott, Star Tribune

Lt. Col. Kevin Gardes (r), 151st Rear Area Operations Center Commander and mayor of Taji, listens to an Iraqi Army general during a training exercise on a parade ground at Camp Taji.

Yearly Accomplishments

Operations

- Activated 5,670 Soldiers and Airmen to support Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.
- Mobilized 2,600 Minnesota Army National Guard Soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, to train at Camp Shelby, Miss., and deploy to Iraq in early spring 2006.
- Welcomed home more than 1,700 Soldiers and Airmen from deployments.
- Committed 1,016 man-days for state active duty missions at the direction of Governor Tim Pawlenty.
- Provided 2,653 state and federal man-days to support hurricane relief efforts in the southern U.S.
- Uploaded and downloaded 12.35 million tons of equipment, 24,868 passengers, and 155 dogs on 1,343 airplanes through Stennis International Airport, Miss. and Naval Air Station New Orleans during hurricane support operations.
- Conducted more than 230,390 training man-days at Camp Ripley.
- Continued to develop the Arden Hills Army Training Site in an effort to provide cost effective training for Twin Cities-based units; supported more than 25,500 training man-days.
- Established new training facilities at Camp Ripley to include an Infantry platoon battle course, breach site for urban training, convoy training lane, and invested \$1.3 million in automated targetry.
- Continued to establish a Joint Force (Army and Air) State Headquarters by creating a J7 office to oversee joint training, doctrine, and force development.
- Established a full-time intelligence directorate to compliment the existing part-time officer to better support Soldiers and Airmen deploying overseas.
- The 148th Fighter Wing successfully completed an Air Combat Command Inspection and received an "excellent" rating on a NORAD Alert Force Evaluation.
- The 148th Fighter Wing supported a 120-day tour at Balad Air Base, Iraq, where they flew 1,877 combat flying hours and completed 454 combat missions.
- The 133rd Airlift Wing received an "Excellent" rating on an Air Force Readiness Inspection.



▲ Senator Norm Coleman and Maj. Gen. Larry Shellito discuss National Guard issues during a town hall meeting at the Officer's Club in Mpls, May 3, 2005.



▲ Senator Mark Dayton spends time with families of deployed military service members at The Mall of America's Camp Snoopy, Jan. 2, 2005.



▲ Lt. Governor Carol Malnau welcomes Soldiers, Airmen, and the public to the unveiling of the new 55th Civil Support Team building located at the 133rd Airlift Wing.



▲ Brig. Gen. Jon Trost, Assistant Adjutant General and Operation Northern Comfort Task Force Commander, welcomes Daniel Johnson, Executive Director of Homeland Security, to Camp Ripley, Minn., to discuss plans to receive a possible 3,500 hurricane survivors, September 6, 2005.



State Mission

The “state mission” is what sets the National Guard apart from other military organizations. In fiscal year 2005, the Minnesota National Guard served 1,195 days of state active duty as directed by Governor Tim Pawlenty for Civil Support Team missions, homeland security, natural disasters, and missing persons searches.



▲ A Triage Nurse supporting Operation Northern Comfort prepares volunteers to inprocess hurricane survivors at Camp Ripley, Minn., September 8, 2005.

Combining State & Federal Missions

Hurricane Disaster Support: At the request of FEMA and the direction of Governor Tim Pawlenty, 200 Soldiers and Airmen were mobilized to support relief operations in the Gulf Coast region and in Minnesota.

Operation Northern Comfort was Minnesota’s response to Hurricane Katrina and the relocating of up to 3,500 hurricane survivors to Camp Ripley. A task force of approximately 500 personnel consisting of military, government and volunteer agencies developed procedures for initial processing, medical services, housing, food service, recreation, child care, pet services, and follow-on counseling and assistance.



▲ Lt. Col. William Darling, 133rd Airlift Wing, Commander of the Joint Task Force Katrina Naval Air Station New Orleans Weather Cell, briefs the senior staff of JTF Katrina Joint Operations Center on the impacts of Hurricane Rita as it crosses the Gulf of Mexico, September 21, 2005.

Although no hurricane survivors were transported to Camp Ripley, Operation Northern Comfort was an excellent exercise in joint planning and execution of a mission in support of a natural disaster. This operation increased the ability of the Minnesota National Guard and Camp Ripley to respond to state and federal missions.

FACT: Approximately 75 Airmen from the 133rd Airlift Wing provided hurricane relief in the Gulf Coast region, including hauling over 200 passengers and over 170 tons of cargo.

FACT: Approximately 50 Soldiers from the Minnesota National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility provided hurricane relief in the Gulf Coast region, including flying 390 hours to transport food, water, 400 passengers, and 400,000 pounds of sandbags to levee breaches in the greater New Orleans area.

“ More than 500 volunteers and workers were ready to assist hurricane survivors at Camp Ripley within 24 hours. ”

- Brig. Gen. Jon Trost
ONC Task Force Cmdr.



◀ While the 109th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron was waiting for their mission to arrive at an airbase in Texas, Maj. Pat Howard, Capt. Karen Gozel, Master Sgt. Stanley Gozel, Master Sgt. Bryan Steven, Master Sgt. Steve Burmeister and Tech Sgt. Rob Buresh, stepped up to help load patients on a West Virginia aeromed flight.

Senior Master Sgt. Dave Coldren, meets Lance Johnstone, Minnesota Vikings Defensive End, at the game against Green Bay Packers.



Community Mission

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

The Guard takes its community mission very seriously. Guard members are encouraged to volunteer four hours per year in their community. In 2005, Minnesota Soldiers and Airmen contributed more than 42,450 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.

FACT: In the 2004-2005 school year, STARBASE Minnesota reached 2,549 students in grades 4, 6, and 8, from more than 35 schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Counterdrug Program: The Minnesota National Guard supports law enforcement agencies (LEAs), schools, and community based organizations in a two pronged attack against drug threats in Minnesota. The Drug Interdiction Program assists with interdicting the flow of illegal drugs and combating narco-terrorism by providing intelligence analysis, aerial and ground assets, personnel and facilities, equipment programs, and specialized law enforcement training opportunities. The Drug Demand Reduction Program helps to reduce the demand for drugs by providing youth anti-drug education, resiliency skills training, positive role models, alternatives to drug use and other resources and information.

FACT: During 2005, the Guard assisted in seizing over \$19 million in drugs, weapons, and vehicles associated with drug trafficking; saved LEAs over \$926,000 through equipment programs; sponsored or cosponsored free training to over 6,100 law enforcement personnel, first responders, and others; provided over \$91,000 in educational materials; and reached over 15,600 Minnesota youth with anti-drug messages.

Family Assistance Centers: The Guard provides 11 Family Assistance Centers throughout the state to support families of deployed military personnel.

FACT: In the past year, these centers handled more than 30,547 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 readiness groups.

FACT: The "Outreach Program" connected 22,070 military family members and community members throughout the state. The Family Assistance Center staff coordinated the telephone calls and visits to families and community members.

FACT: In the past year the Family Assistance Center staff planned, organized and participated in over 60 mobilization, pre-reintegration, and reintegration briefs designed to educate service members and their families.



▲ Jack Rice, host of WCCO's "The Jack Rice Show," interviews Col. Denny Shields and Bill Popp, Popp Telecom CEO, and founder of the Minnesota Military Family Foundation, on how the community can support deployed Minnesota military service members and their families, December 2, 2005.



▲ Congressman James Oberstar meets with military leaders from Joint Force Headquarters and the 148th Fighter Wing to discuss future wing operations in Duluth.



▲ Students from STARBASE Minnesota show off their newly built rockets they are ready to launch.

Served in

33

countries since 9/11

- Afghanistan
- Antarctica
- Bosnia
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Columbia
- Croatia
- Cuba
- Curacao
- Diego Garcia
- El Salvador
- England
- France
- Germany
- Honduras
- Iraq
- Italy
- Israel
- Jordan
- Kosovo
- Kuwait
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Panama
- Portugal
- Puerto Rico
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Sinai
- Peninsula
- Turkey
- UAE
- United States

Federal Mission Accomplished in 2005



Master Sgt. Mark Wasserbauer was selected as the Minnesota Air National Guard, First Sgt. of the Year, 1st Air Force 1st Sgt. of the Year and the United States Air Force 1st Sgt. of the Year in 2005.



Gov. Tim Pawlenty receives the Minn. State Flag from Capt. Troy Fink, Commander of Co. A, 1-151st Field Artillery after flying the flag in Iraq for one year.



Co. C, 142nd Engineers excavated part of a mountain in order to build a road on a cliff in Alaska.



133rd Airlift Wing personnel uploaded and downloaded 12.35 million tons of equipment, 24,868 passengers, and 155 dogs on 1,343 airplanes in support of hurricane relief operations.



Spec. Kyle Marti was selected as Minnesota National Guard Soldier of the Year and 1st Army West Regional Soldier of the Year in 2005.



Soldiers from the Croatian Armed Forces train with Minn. Guard Soldiers at Camp Ripley.



Rep. Gil Gutknecht greets Minnesota Soldiers stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., before they deploy overseas.



Rep. Betty McCollum speaks with Col. Denny Shields about an upcoming Minnesota Army National Guard deployment.



More than 2,600 Minnesota National Guardsmen train at Camp Shelby, Miss., before deploying overseas in 2006.



Minnesota National Guard Aviation Soldiers flew 390 hours, transported 400 passengers and 400,000 pounds of sandbags in support of Hurricane Katrina.



Staff Sgt. Christine Schwab, 133rd Airlift Wing trained in 90 degrees south Latitude at U.S. South Pole Station Antarctica.



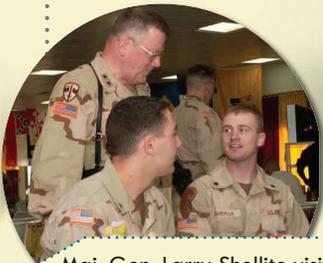
Rep. Mark Kennedy visits Minnesota Guardsmen Maj. Kevin Olson while in Iraq.



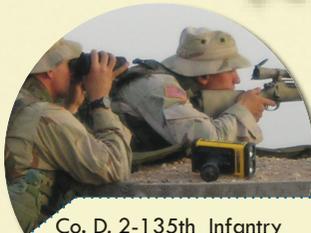
Soldiers of Btry D, 216th Air Defense Artillery become friends with Iraqi children while stationed in Iraq.



- Master Sgt. Pat Cosgrove of Coon Rapids was stationed at Camp Taji, north of Baghdad, during the elections, with the Rear Area Operations Center, 151st Field Artillery.



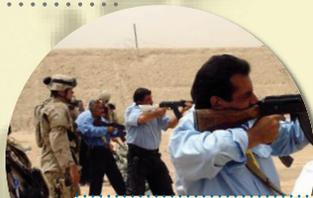
Maj. Gen. Larry Shellito visits Minnesota Soldiers stationed in Iraq.



Co. D, 2-135th Infantry performed over 3,000 missions including providing security for the Afghan Presidential elections in four provinces of Afghanistan.



Co. A, 1-194th Armor performed over 1,300 combat missions & logged over 500,000 miles conducting convoy operations in Iraq.



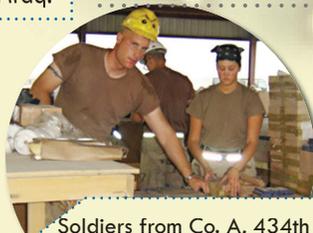
Co. A, 1-151st Field Artillery planned, coordinated and executed flawless security operations during Iraq's first free democratic election.



Co. B, 434th Main Support Bn. assisted in driving over one million miles on more than 444 combat logistic patrols in Iraq.



Co. C, 1-151st Field Artillery provided personal security detail for the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq and the U.N. Representative to Iraq.



Soldiers from Co. A, 434th Main Support Bn. saved the U.S. Army \$11 million in recovered repair parts & managed warehouse operations totaling \$51 million while stationed in Kuwait.



148th Fighter Wing personnel completed 454 combat missions and flew 1,877 combat flying hours in Iraq.

“It was a success. I know, I was there. It was the Iraqis’ election, not ours.”

During 2005

Minnesota welcomed home more than 1,700 Soldiers and Airmen who supported Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom as well as mobilized over 5,670 troops.

Since September 11, 2001, the Minnesota National Guard mobilized more than 11,000 Soldiers and Airmen. They have proven themselves in more than 30 countries to include Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraq and Kosovo.

Minnesota Guard members transfer civilian skills to missions that require them to integrate with active duty forces and international militaries around the world.



▲ Spec. Michael Baumgartner hugs his mother before leaving for Camp Shelby, Miss.



▲ Rep. Collin Peterson speaks with Soldiers before they deployed.



▲ Soldiers train in a simulated Iraqi village while stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

“The reason that we are here is to give the Iraqi people a choice. What they choose is up to them, but at least they will have a choice.”

- COL Dave Elicerio
1BCT Commander



Gov. Tim Pawlenty and First Lady Mary Pawlenty accept the 1st Brigade Combat Team guidon flag presented by Lt. Col. Paul Zimmerman, 1BCT Deputy Commander, October 10, 2005. The Governor and First Lady attended almost all 19 deployment ceremonies around the state.

1st Brigade Combat Team

Mobilizing 2,600 Minnesota Soldiers: On August 6, 2005, the Minnesota National Guard, 34th Infantry Division, 1st Brigade Combat Team received the call to duty and mobilized 2,600 brave men and women to support Operation Iraqi Freedom 2006-2008.

FACT: The 1st Brigade Combat Team includes 2,600 Minnesotans from more than 580 communities across the state. It's the single largest overseas deployment of Minnesota Guardsmen since World War II, and the largest mobilization of Soldiers since the Korean War.

Training for deployment: For approximately six months Citizen-Soldiers will experience theatre immersion training at Camp Shelby, Miss, and Fort Polk, La., before deploying. The training will simulate the type of combat operations currently being conducted by U.S. Military Coalition forces in Iraq to include ground assault convoys, live-fire exercises and reacting to Improvised Explosive Devices. Following the immersion training, the brigade will travel to the Army's Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., to participate in a final exercise to validate its combat skills before its deployment in mid-March.

FACT: The 1BCT is expected to be the only National Guard Brigade Combat Team deployed to Iraq during 2006. All other combat brigades are from the active duty Army.

Family Support: Multiple organizations are established to support families of deployed service members to include the First Lady's Family Care Initiative, Minnesota National Guard Family Programs, and the Minnesota Military Family Foundation. These programs connect volunteers to military families and assist with extraordinary financial hardships.

FACT: The Minnesota National Guard provides 11 Family Assistance Centers throughout the state. In the past year, these centers handled more than 30,547 calls and emails from families of activated members of the Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty military living in Minnesota.

FACT: In the last year, the Minnesota Military Family Foundation distributed grants in excess of \$80,000 to support deployed military members and their families.

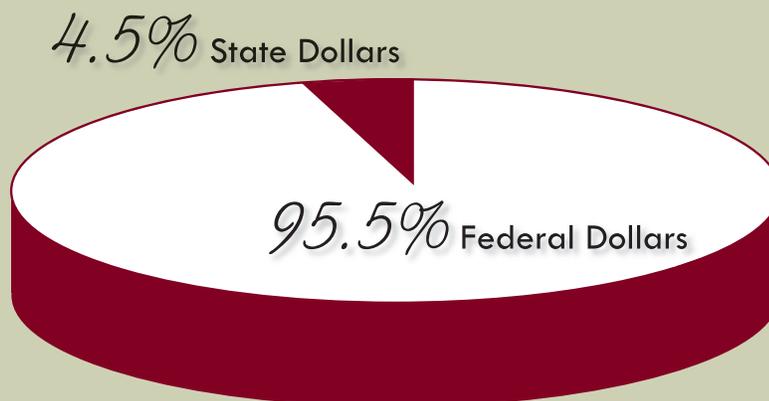
Minnesota National Guard Facilities



63 training areas

add value to each community by providing facilities to train nearly 13,000 Soldiers and Airmen from around the state, and to host a variety of community events — from ceremonies to wedding receptions, the doors are open to serve the community 365 days a year.

Fiscal Year 2005 Budget



Federal Expenditures

Army National Guard	\$160,170,261
Air National Guard	142,868,135
*Other Army Expenditures	4,181,577
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Total Federal Expenditures	\$307,219,973

State Expenditures

Headquarters Operations	\$1,870,887
Enlistment Incentives	5,132,269
Army National Guard	6,236,470
Air National Guard	832,218
State Active Duty	10,747
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Total State Expenditures	\$14,082,591

Total Expenditures \$321,302,564

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

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Albert Lea Company D, 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry (Air Assault)*	27A	1	93	\$360,772	\$ 66,667
Alexandria Company F (Detachment 2), 134th Brigade Support Battalion Company A, 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion Company A (-), 3rd Battalion, 194th Combined Arms Battalion	11A	7	180	\$421,730	\$24,316
Anoka Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (Detachment 1), 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery Battery E, 151st Field Artillery (Target Acquisition) Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (Detachment 1), 1st Battalion, 194th Armor Squadron Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Detachment 2) , 3rd Battalion, 194th Combined Arms Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Detachment 2) , 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion	48B	6	113	\$1,208,137	\$65,223
Appleton Headquarters and Headquarters Service (Detachment), 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery Organizational Maintenance Shop 7	20A	7	47	\$427,657	\$19,296
Austin 334th Brigade Support Battalion Company F, 334th Brigade Support Battalion	27B	1	251	\$139,251	\$24,404
Bemidji Company A, 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion, Headquarters Company A (-), 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion, Headquarters Company C, 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion, Headquarters	04A	7	128	\$422,652	\$45,341
Bloomington Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Material Management Center, 34th Division Support Command 34th Infantry Division Support Command 34th Military Police Company	40B	3	485	\$2,893,200	\$122,782
Brainerd Headquarters and Headquarters Company (-), 3rd Battalion, 194th Combined Arms Battalion 3rd Battalion, 194th Combined Arms Battalion	12A	8	66	\$159,331	\$156,214
Brooklyn Park Company A, 134th Brigade Support Battalion, Headquarters, 1st Brigade Combat Team Company A (-), 134th Brigade Support Battalion, Headquarters, 1st Brigade Combat Team	47B	3	72	\$1,126,322	\$96,818
Cambridge Horizontal Engineer Company	17A	8	92	\$473,744	\$17,418

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Chisholm Troop A, (Detachment), 1st Battalion, 194th Combined Arms Battalion	05B	8	37	\$149,262	\$23,904
Cloquet Company B, 34th Special Troop Battalion Organizational Maintenance Shop 13 Annex	08A	8	175	\$487,844	\$90,755
Cottage Grove 204th Area Support Medical Company Company C (-), 134th Brigade Support Battalion Company C, 134th Brigade Support Battalion	57A	2	260	\$1,519,639	\$77,813
Crookston Company B, 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion Company B (-), 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion	01B	7	168	\$260,576	\$50,982
Detroit Lakes Company C (Detachment 1), 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion Company A (Detachment), 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion Company E (Detachment 2), 134th Brigade Support Battalion Organizational Maintenance Shop 5	09B	7	55	\$1,215,276	\$31,548
Duluth Company D (-), 134th Brigade Support Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (-), 1st Battalion, 194th Armor Squadron Troop C, 1st Battalion, 194th Armor Squadron	06B	8	271	\$2,679,725	\$80,037
Duluth (Air National Guard Base) 148th Fighter Wing*	06B	8	1021	\$82,162,392	\$385,679
East St. Paul Company B, 3rd Battalion, 194th Combined Arms Battalion Company F (Detachment 3), 134th Brigade Support Battalion	67A	4	74	\$365,917	\$49,972
Fairmont Battery B (Detachment 1), 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery* Company G (Detachment 3), 134th Brigade Support Battalion	24A	1	27	\$351,420	\$30,107
Faribault Company A, 34th Division Support Command	26B	2	20	\$56,859	\$22,955
Fergus Falls Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Detachment 1), 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion	10A	7	33	\$415,045	\$45,343

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Grand Rapids Company C, 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion Company E (Detachment 3), 134th Brigade Support Battalion	03B	8	41	\$353,683	\$89,784
Hastings Company C, Aerial Support Battalion Company A (Detachment), 834th Aerial Support Battalion	57B	2	144	\$31,297	\$23,949
Hibbing Troop A (-), 1st Battalion 194th Armor Service Company D (Detachment 1), 134th Brigade Support Battalion Organizational Maintenance Shop #13	05B	8	51	\$757,279	\$75,717
Hutchinson Company F (Detachment 5), 134th Brigade Support Battalion Company E, 3rd Battalion, 194th Combined Arms Battalion	18A	7	157	\$437,750	\$35,431
Inver Grove Heights Tactical Command Post 1 Tactical Command Post 2 Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Detachment), 34th Special Troop Battalion Company A (Detachment), 34th Special Troop Battalion	39B	2	178	\$1,605,257	\$74,143
Jackson Battery B, 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery Battery B (-), 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery	22B	1	167	\$359,081	\$25,401
Litchfield Mobility Augmentation Company	18B	7	93	\$455,344	\$24,378
Little Falls (Camp Ripley) Vertical Engineer Company Training Center Support Unit Regional Training Site Maintenance Joint Force Headquarters (Detachment 2) 1st Battalion, 175th Training Regiment (Officer Candidate School) 2nd Battalion, 175th Training Regiment (General Studies) Headquarters, 175th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)* Company G, 147th Air Traffic Support Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES) Headquarters, 134th Brigade Support Battalion Company B, 134th Brigade Support Battalion Company B (-), 134th Brigade Support Battalion Company E (-), 134th Brigade Support Battalion	12B	8	1272	\$30,884,543	\$314,199

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Little Falls (Camp Ripley), Continued Company F (Detachment), 134th Brigade Support Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 134th Brigade Support Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 134th Brigade Support Battalion Chaplain Support Team, 47th Chaplain Detachment Organizational Maintenance Shop 14					
Long Prairie Company E (Detachment 1), 134th Brigade Support Support Battalion	11B	7	15	\$355,161	\$25,099
Luverne Battery A (Detachment 1), 1st Battalion, 125th Artillery* Company G (Detachment 2), 134th Brigade Support Battalion	22A	1	27	\$336,754	\$62,099
Madison Battery B (-), 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*	20A	7	20	\$322,211	\$70,815
Mankato Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry	23B	1	136	\$1,118,431	\$74,331
Marshall Battery A, 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*	21A	7	201	\$269,383	\$37,267
Minneapolis Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team 1st Brigade Combat Team Company A, 134th Brigade Support Battalion Company B, 134th Brigade Support Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 134th BSB Company A, Brigade Special Troop Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Brigade Special Troop Battalion	59A	5	395	\$2,012,431	\$148,880
Minneapolis/St. Paul (Air National Guard) 133rd Airlift Wing*	63B	5	1287	\$60,705,742	\$446,539
Montevideo Headquarters and Headquarters Service, 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery Headquarters and Headquarters Service (-), 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery	20B	7	75	\$1,911,624	\$106,817
Monticello 257th Military Police Company	19A	6	156	\$437,608	\$ 3,533

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Moorhead Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company (-), 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion Company B, Brigade Special Troop Battalion	09A	7	429	\$1,631,887	\$165,481
Morris Battery C (-), 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*	11A	7	174	\$159,186	\$99,186
New Brighton Organizational Maintenance Shop 3 and 8	50B	4	32	\$3,499,298	\$203
New Ulm Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (-), 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery* Organizational Maintenance Shop 6	21B	1	157	\$1,187,415	\$39,475
Northfield 434th Chemical Company (-)* 434th Chemical Company*	25B	2	65	\$134,865	\$95,921
Olivia Battery B (Detachment 1), 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*	20B	7	22	\$19,462	\$15,275
Ortonville Battery C (Detachment 1), 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*	20A	7	24	\$53,658	\$23,021
Owatonna Company C (Detachment 1), 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry (Mechanized)*	26A	1	40	\$270,002	\$78,020
Pine City Troop B, 1st Battalion, 194th Armor Service Company C (Detachment 2), 134th Brigade Support Battalion	08B	8	72	\$482,633	\$40,886
Pipestone Battery A (-), 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery*	22A	1	33	\$353,698	\$17,022
Red Wing 434th Chemical Company (Detachment 1)*	28A	2	23	\$59,534	\$22,761
Redwood Falls Company E (Detachment 5), 134th Brigade Support Battalion Company E, 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion	21A	7	79	\$522,123	\$24,954
Rochester Company B, 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry (Mechanized)* Organizational Maintenance Shop 2	30A	1	121	\$905,746	\$20,663

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Rosemount Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 34th Infantry Division* Headquarters, 34th Infantry Division Company A (-), Special Troop Battalion, 34th Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company (-), Special Troop Battalion, 34th Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Main Command Post Company A, Main Command Post Company B, Main Command Post 34th Infantry Division 34th Military Police Company* 34th Division Band 634th Military Intelligence Battalion* Organizational Maintenance Shop 1	37B	2	668	\$15,296,959	\$187,430
Roseville 84th Troop Command Recruiting and Retention Command 84th Troop Command Headquarters 798th Transportation Detachment* Headquarters, 147th Finance Battalion* 147th Finance Battalion (Detachment) 247th Finance Battalion (Detachment) 147th Personnel Service Battalion* 347th Personnel Service Battalion 434th Chemical Company (Detachment 2)*	54A	4	321	\$4,247,747	\$152,848
Sauk Centre Company C, 1st Battalion, 194th Armor Service Company F (Detachment 4), 134th Brigade Support Battalion Company C, 3rd Battalion, 194th Combined Arms Battalion	13A	7	88	\$439,968	\$20,681
St. Cloud Company F (-), 134th Brigade Support Battalion Company A (Detachment), 3rd Battalion, 194th Combined Arms Battalion Company D, 3rd Battalion, 194th Combined Arms Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 194th Combined Arms Battalion	15B	6	106	\$155,920	\$62,581
St. James Company G (Detachment 1), 134th Brigade Support Battalion	24A	1	8	\$576,470	\$16,798
St. Paul Veterans Service Building Minnesota National Guard Joint Force Headquarters Cedar Street Armory Minnesota National Guard Joint Force Headquarters Minnesota National Guard Joint Force Medical Detachment	65B	4	1164	\$64,627,649	\$476,754

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St. Paul, Continued					
Homeland Security					
Watch Office					
Headquarters, 34th Aviation Brigade					
Headquarters, 834th Aviation Support Battalion					
Headquarters and Supply Company, 834th Aviation Support Battalion					
Company B, 834th Aviation Support Battalion					
Company B (Detachment 2), 834th Aviation Support Battalion					
55th Civil Support Team					
Army Aviation Support Facility					
Combat Aviation Brigade					
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Detachments, 2, 3)					
2nd Battalion, 147th Assault Battalion					
Headquarters and Headquarters Company (-), Company A, Company D (-), Company E (-), 2nd Battalion, 147th Assault Battalion					
834th Aviation Support Battalion					
Company A, Company B, 834th Aviation Support Battalion					
Detachment 39, Operational Support Airlift Command*					
1256th Medical Company (Air Ambulance)*					
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Detachment 2), Company A, Company A (-), Company B, Company B (Detachments 1, 2, 3, 4) Company C, Company D (Detachment 2), Company E (Detachment 2), 2nd Battalion, 211th General Support Aviation Battalion					
2nd Battalion, 211th General Support Aviation Battalion					
St. Peter	23A	1	176	\$458,020	\$34,223
Company G (-), 134th Brigade Support Battalion					
Stillwater	56A	6	279	\$4,346,054	\$60,607
Brigade Special Troop Battalion					
Headquarters and Headquarters Company (-), Brigade Special Troop Battalion					
Thief River Falls	01A	7	42	\$309,532	\$52,951
Company B (Detachment), 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion					
Wadena	10B	7/8	151	\$42,327	\$42,469
Company E (Detachment 4), 134th Brigade Support Battalion					
Company D, 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion					
West St. Paul	39A	4	308	\$929,209	\$23,358
Company A, 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry*					
Willmar	13B	7	159	\$1,301,771	\$47,650
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 682nd Engineer Battalion					
Organizational Maintenance Shop 4					
Winona	31A	1	140	\$476,640	\$26,592
Company C, Company C (-), 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry*					

