



Department of Military Affairs Kentucky National Guard

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Strategic Mission



- **Qualified, Confident, and Fit Soldiers and Airmen**
- **Unit Preparedness for Domestic Response**
- **Relevance to the US Army / Air Force**
- **Community Connection and Involvement**





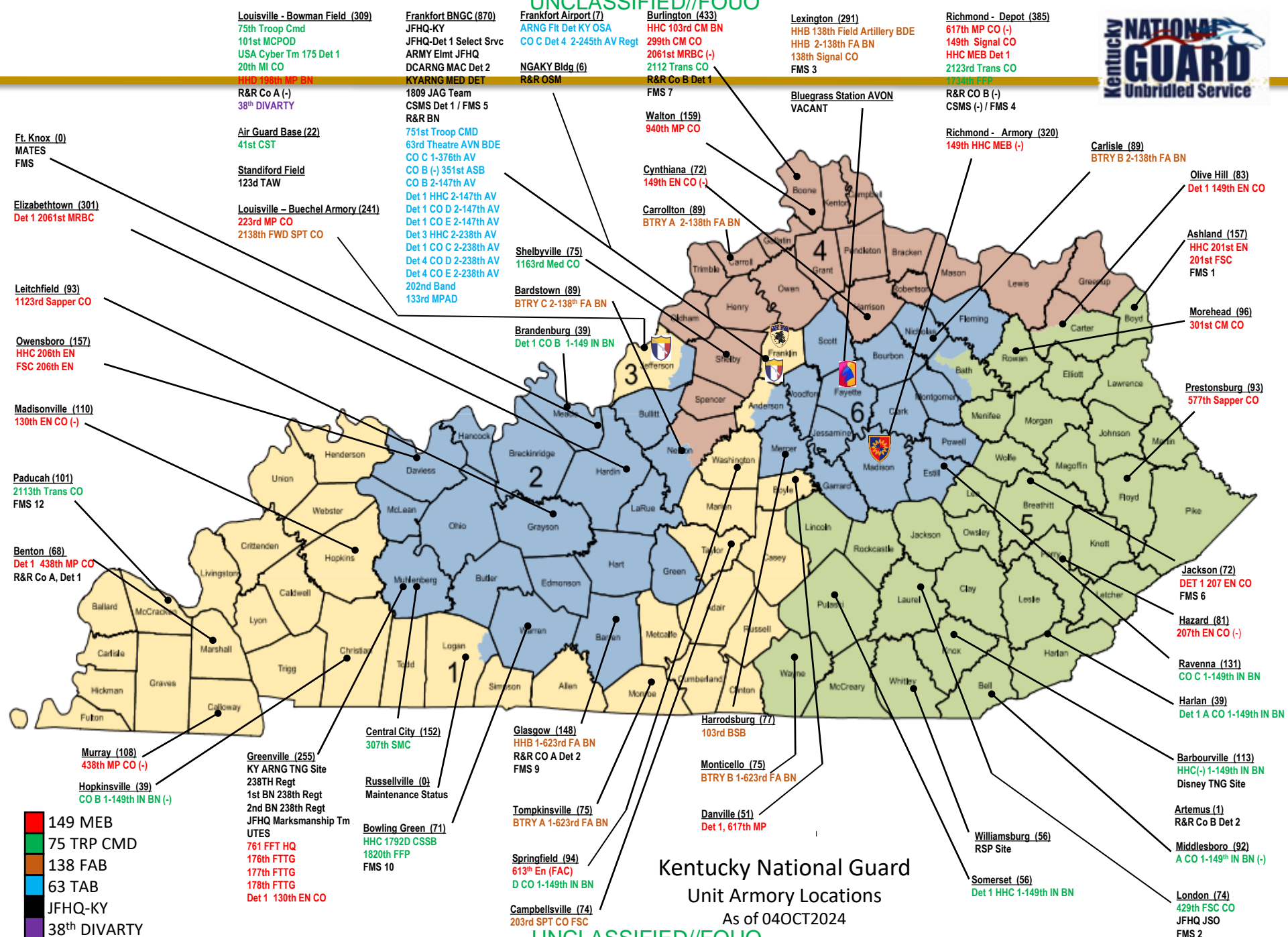
Mission Statement

The Kentucky National Guard of 2030 is to provide a professional military team that is reliable and responsible to *Federal* and *State* authorities. We are supported by a community triumvirate of Guard, Family and Employers encompassing all personnel in the **Air National Guard, Army National Guard, and Department of Military Affairs.**

Everything we do in the military is team focused. We bring people together from different backgrounds, knowledge base, and experiences for a common mission mindset and purpose. Once we've formed, every Airman, Soldier and Civilian has a role on that team.



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Louisville - Bowman Field (309)
 75th Troop Cmd
 101st MCPD
 USA Cyber Tm 175 Det 1
 20th MI CO
HND 190th MP GN
 R&R Co A (-)
 38th DIVARTY

Frankfort BNGC (870)
 JFHQ-KY
 JFHQ-Det 1 Select Srv
 ARMY Elmt JFHQ
 DCARNG MAC Det 2
 KYARNG MED DET
 R&R Co A (-)
 1809 JAG Team
 CSMS Det 1 / FMS 5
 R&R BN
 751st Troop CMD
 63rd Theatre AVN BDE
 CO C 1-376th AV
 CO B (-) 351st ASB
 CO B 2-147th AV
 Det 1 HHC 2-147th AV
 Det 1 CO D 2-147th AV
 Det 1 CO E 2-147th AV
 Det 3 HHC 2-238th AV
 Det 1 CO C 2-238th AV
 Det 4 CO D 2-238th AV
 Det 4 CO E 2-238th AV
 202nd Band
 133rd MPAD

Frankfort Airport (7)
 ARNG Ft Det KY OSA
 CO C Det 4 2-245th AV Regt

NGAKY Bldg (6)
 R&R OSM

Burlington (433)
 HHC 103rd CM BN
 299th CM CO
 2061st MRBC (-)
 2112 Trans CO
 R&R Co B Det 1
 FMS 7

Lexington (291)
 HHB 138th Field Artillery BDE
 HHB 2-138th FA BN
 138th Signal CO
 FMS 3

Richmond - Depot (385)
 617th MP CO (-)
 149th Signal CO
 HHC MEB Det 1
 2123rd Trans CO
 1734th FFP
 R&R Co B (-)
 CSMS (-) / FMS 4

Ft. Knox (0)
 MATES
 FMS

Elizabethtown (301)
 Det 1 2061st MRBC

Leitchfield (93)
 1123rd Sapper CO

Owensboro (157)
 HHC 206th EN
 FSC 206th EN

Madisonville (110)
 130th EN CO (-)

Paducah (101)
 2113th Trans CO
 FMS 12

Benton (68)
 Det 1 438th MP CO
 R&R Co A, Det 1

Murray (108)
 438th MP CO (-)

Hopkinsville (39)
 CO B 1-149th IN BN (-)

Air Guard Base (22)
 41st CST

Standiford Field
 123d TAW

Louisville - Buechel Armory (241)
 223rd MP CO
 2138th FWD SPT CO

Walton (159)
 940th MP CO

Cynthiana (72)
 149th EN CO (-)

Carrollton (89)
 BTRY A 2-138th FA BN

Shelbyville (75)
 1163rd Med CO

Bardstown (89)
 BTRY C 2-138th FA BN

Brandenburg (39)
 Det 1 CO B 1-149 IN BN

Glasgow (148)
 HHB 1-623rd FA BN
 R&R CO A Det 2
 FMS 9

Tompkinsville (75)
 BTRY A 1-623rd FA BN

Springfield (94)
 613th En (FAC)
 D CO 1-149th IN BN

Campbellsville (74)
 203rd SPT CO FSC

Bluegrass Station AVON
 VACANT

Richmond - Armory (320)
 149th HHC MEB (-)

Carlisle (89)
 BTRY B 2-138th FA BN

Olive Hill (83)
 Det 1 149th EN CO

Ashland (157)
 HHC 201st EN
 201st FSC
 FMS 1

Morehead (96)
 301st CM CO

Prestonsburg (93)
 577th Sapper CO

Jackson (72)
 DET 1 207 EN CO
 FMS 6

Hazard (81)
 207th EN CO (-)

Ravenna (131)
 CO C 1-149th IN BN

Harlan (39)
 Det 1 A CO 1-149th IN BN

Barbourville (113)
 HHC(-) 1-149th IN BN
 Disney TNG Site

Artemus (1)
 R&R Co B Det 2

Middlesboro (92)
 A CO 1-149th IN BN (-)

London (74)
 429th FSC CO
 JFHQ JSO
 FMS 2

- 149 MEB
- 75 TRP CMD
- 138 FAB
- 63 TAB
- JFHQ-KY
- 38th DIVARTY

Kentucky National Guard
 Unit Armory Locations
 As of 04OCT2024

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Kentucky National Guard Domestic Support

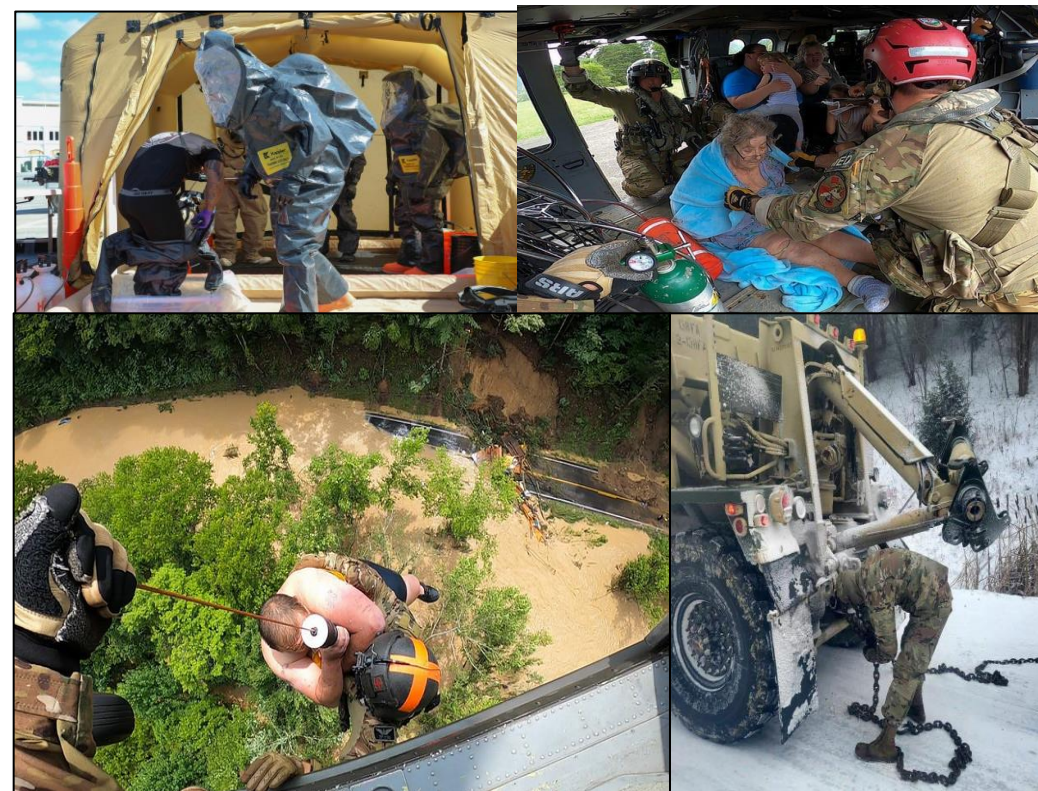
FY22 (Major Missions):

- Western KY Tornado Response (Dec-21)
- Southeast KY Flood Response (Jul-22)
- COVID-19 Support
- Water Relief Efforts (Marion, KY)
- Winter Storm Response
- CST Emergency Response- 6 Missions
- Challenge Academy Augmentation
- Modification of recurring commitments due to OPTEMPO (Derby/Thunder Over Louisville/Riverfest)



FY23 (Major Missions):

- Winter Weather Response (NKY/I-71)
- Hurricane Idalia
- Hawaii Wildfire Support
- Severe Weather-Straight Line Winds (MAR/APR23)
- Winter Storm Response- 2 Missions
- CST Emergency Response- 8 Missions
- Challenge Academy Augmentation
- State Active-Duty County Outreach (120 County Visits)
- KYEM/KYNG Interagency Partnership Seminars





Kentucky National Guard Domestic Support

Hurricane Helene EMAC Response (photos):

123rd Airwing Fatality Search & Recovery Team 02-14OCT (10 personnel, NC)

100 handheld radios on loan to NC

50 satellite phones on loan to NC

100 handheld radios on loan to TN

Hurricane Milton EMAC Response:

KY-DOMS Liaison Officers 9-11OCT (4 personnel, 2 Army/2 Air, JOC & AOB, FL)

123rd Airwing Contingency Response Team "on-call mission" 10-12OCT (25 personnel, KY)

Ongoing Initiatives

KYNG/KYEM Communications Exercise AUG24 (New Madrid Seismic Zone)

KYNG/County EM orientation meetings in-progress

Parallel planning with TNGG for Vigilant Guard 25 exercise (NMSZ-centric)

- *Multi-State Regional Exercise

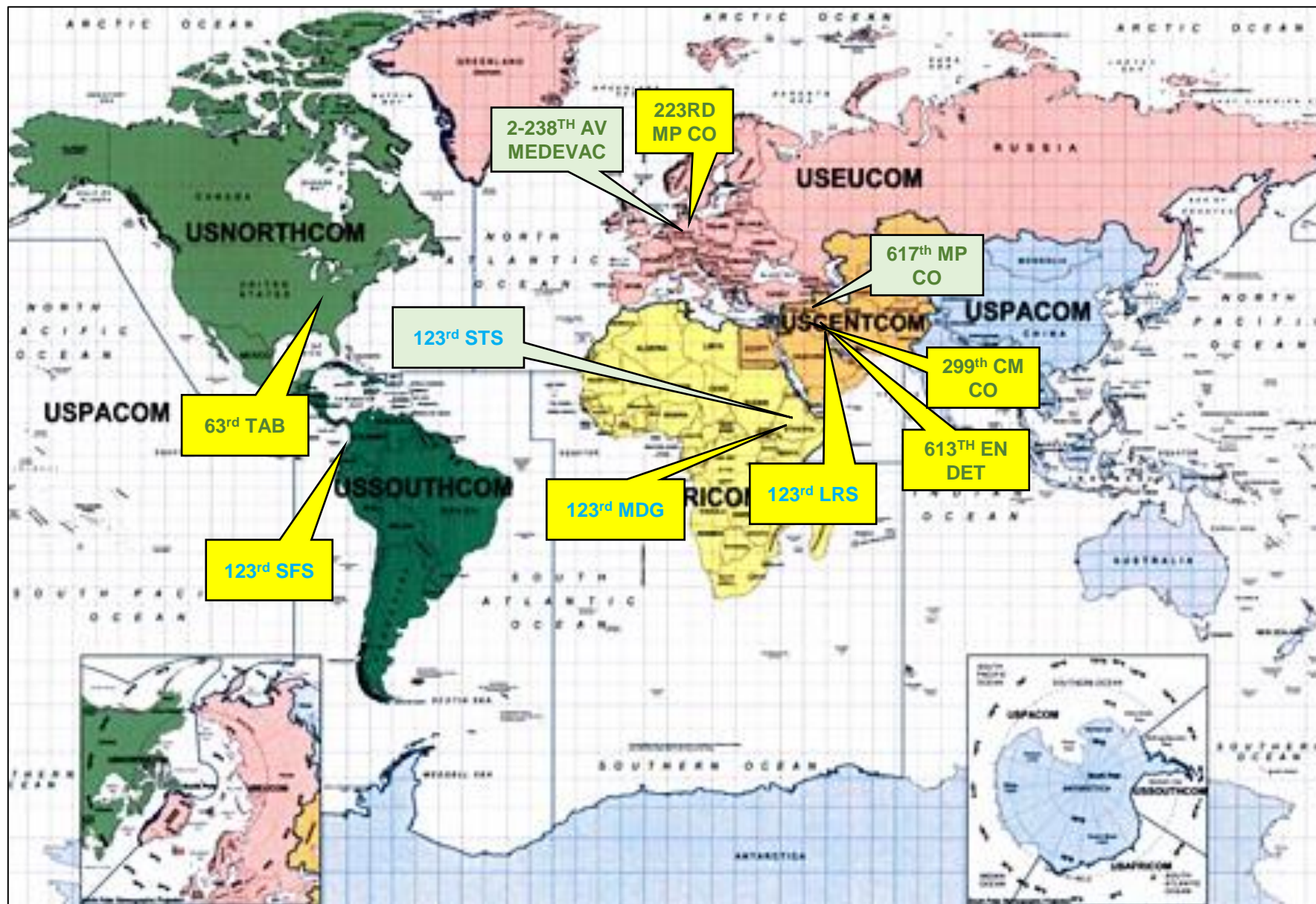
- *Air Wing Air Operations Branch/Contingency Response Group Training

- *Adaptive Battle Staff-Battle Drills and SOP refinement





Worldwide Map





FY24 Recruiting and KEEP Update

Recruiting Rollup:

- 698 Accessions in FY24. 30% more enlistments than FY23. Four years ago, was the last year this battalion enlisted this many accessions.
- Enlisted 32% more Soldiers off Active Duty than FY23.
- 110% of the Basic Branch mission.
- 143% of our Specialty Branch Mission.
- 242% of the Warrant Officer Mission.

KEEP Rollup:

KENTUCKY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

LEADS TO ENLISTMENT

KEEP LEAD INCENTIVES

BE A FORCE MULTIPLIER

- 1ST LEAD TO ENLISTMENT**
ARMY RECRUITMENT MEDAL AND SMALL KYARG PROMOTIONAL ITEM
*** PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY ***
Incentives: \$500, Water Bottle, Ribbon
- 2ND LEAD TO ENLISTMENT**
KYARG PROMOTIONAL ITEM
*** PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY ***
Incentives: \$750, Backpack, Mug, Ribbon
- 3RD LEAD TO ENLISTMENT**
ARR DEVICE 3 AND \$1000
*** PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY ***
Incentives: \$1000, Ribbon
- 4TH LEAD TO ENLISTMENT**
ADDITIONAL \$1000 FOR EACH CONTINUING LEAD TO ENLISTMENT
Incentives: \$1000, Ribbon
- 5TH+ LEAD TO ENLISTMENT**
ARMY COMMEMORATION MEDAL
Incentives: \$1000, Ribbon

TOP 3 PRODUCERS FOR EACH FY
SEAT AT MILITARY SCHOOL OF CHOICE*

*** EACH LEAD WHO ENLISTS AND SHIPS GETS YOU A PROMOTION UP TO E4 AND 10 PROMOTION POINTS PER ENLISTMENT UP TO 40 POINTS ***
*MUST MEET ALL PREREQUISITES AND SUITABILITY REQUIREMENTS
*SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

AS OF 27 NOV 2023

Current FY Rollup	
# of KEEP Enlistments	210
# of KEEP Recruiters w/ Enl	165
# of Recruiters w/ 2+ Enl	29
# of KEEP Referrals	1148

# of Recruiters at Each Tier	
1	186
2	20
3	9
4	0
5+	1

Type of Recruiters	
Currently Serving	208
Retired	7
Prior Service	1



KYANG Recruiting & Retention



Activity Report


- 112 FY24 New Accessions / 87% of FY24 New Accession's goal
 - Highest total of yearly, new accessions since 2017
 - 16 accessions in Aug 2024
- FY 23 vs FY24 Comparison
 - 16% more accessions in FY24
 - 20% more prior service accessions in FY24
- 6 ANG Production Recruiters to cover Kentucky's 36,480+ square miles
 - Team attended 144 total events and captured 460 leads from those events
- Exceeded NGB's FY24 retention rate of 89%
 - KYANG's retention rate = 89.2%
 - FY24 total losses = 134
 - Heightened level of focus on FY25 retention to maintain our qualified Airmen

KEEP
KENTUCKY ENLISTMENT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
EARN \$500-\$1000 BY BRINGING LEADS TO RECRUITING

• **WHO** - KENTUCKY AIR NATIONAL GUARD AIRMEN AND RETIREES

• **WHAT** - THE KEEP PROGRAM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ENHANCE OUR RECRUITING EFFORTS BY ENCOURAGING AND INCENTIVIZING AN INITIAL \$500 FOR THE FIRST KEEP RECRUIT FOR THE KENTUCKY AIR NATIONAL GUARD AIRMEN AND RETIREES FOR LEADS THAT BECOME ENLISTMENTS. THE SECOND KEEP RECRUIT IS \$750, A THIRD KEEP RECRUIT IS \$1000. ALL AFTER WILL REMAIN AT \$1000 PER RECRUIT.

• **HOW** - TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN, BROTHERS, SISTERS, NEPHEWS, NIECES, FRIENDS, COWORKERS, STUDENTS, CLASSMATES, TEAMMATES, AND YOUNG ADULTS ABOUT THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO EXCEL IN THE GUARD AND THE MANY BENEFITS THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AS A MEMBER OF THE KENTUCKY AIR NATIONAL GUARD.



FY 24 KEEP Roll Up	
# of KEEP referrals:	23
	3
# of KEEP enlistments:	22
# of KEEP assistants w/ 2+ enlistments:	3

KYANG Recruiters at Each Tier	
Advanced Recruiters:	2
Recruiters w/ less than 2 years experience:	2
New Recruiters projected in FY25:	2



State Partnership Program



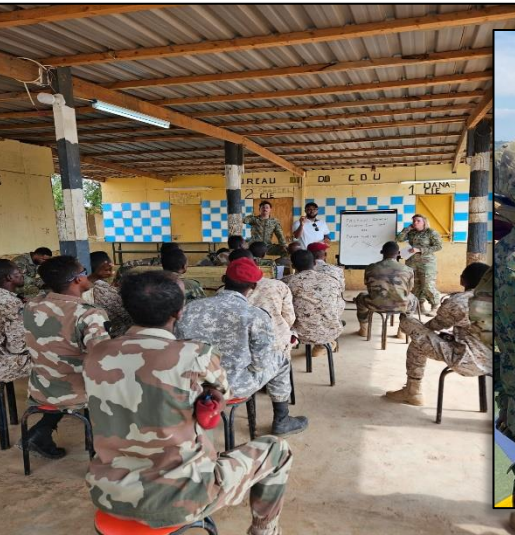
History:

- Began in 1993 with three Baltic Republics
- All 54 States & Territories NGs participate
- 96 partnerships encompassing 106 partner nations
- KY first partnered in 1996 with Ecuador (ECU)
- KY partnered with Djibouti (DJI) in 2015



FY24 Highlights:

- KYNG conducted 27 engagements with ECU
- KYNG conducted 16 engagements with DJI
- Events focused on aviation & ground vehicle maintenance, medical, logistics, interagency, professional development, and cyber defense
- MG Lambertson met with DJI military leadership and CJTF-HOA leadership in Djibouti
- MG Lambertson met ECU military leadership in Kentucky
- KYNG visited IMET graduates from DJI and ECU at Ft. Leavenworth, KS
- Kentucky SPP utilized \$1.1 million in programmed funding to enhance security cooperation



What SPP Does:

- Senior Leader Engagements
- Subject Matter Expert Exchanges
- Cooperative Training and Exercises
- Leader Development



Kentucky Counterdrug

To defeat the demand and destroy the supply of illicit drugs in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Funding

FY22- \$4,212,614

FY23- \$4,291,572

FY24- \$5,791,401

FY25- \$5,977,902

Current Staffing

41 Full Time (33 Part time)

Optimal Staffing

43 Full Time (37 Part time)

Kentucky Drug Poisoning Deaths

2020: 1,964 (+49%)

2021: 2,250 (+14.5%)

2022: 2,135 (-5%)

2023: 1,984 (-9%)

Key Agencies Supported

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)

Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

Kentucky State Police (KSP)

Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (AHIDTA)

Aviation Counterdrug Support Flying Hours

FY21 – 1,329 hours

FY22 – 889 hours (C Co. Deployment SWB)

FY23 – 1,396 hours

FY24 – 1,096.5 hours (as of 30SEP24)

Drug Demand Reduction Outreach

Assisted DEA National Drug Take Back Initiative by assisting with removal of over 30,000 lbs. of unneeded medication.

Provided Operation Unite with support to 74 “On The Move” program events.



Seizures Supported ↑ Indicates increase from FY23

All Seizure data is approximate running total not adjudicated by Law Enforcement Agencies.

Type	FY23, Total (30SEP23)	FY24, YTD (30SEP24)	
Fentanyl (lbs)	208.3	211.83	↑
Fentanyl (Pills)	265,170	220,752	↓
Methamphetamine (lbs)	822	2,452.75	↑
Cocaine (lbs)	310.78	2,009.78	↑
Heroin (lbs)	7.1	60.86	↑
Marijuana (lbs)	9,280.25	11,489.34	↑
Marijuana (plants)	257,146	184,978	↓
Cash (USD)	\$2,334,928	\$2,595,515	↑
Arrest	164	294	↑



Best National Guard Command

*Nationally recognized by the *Association of the United States Army (AUSA)*



2023

- **Highlights:**

- Kentucky National Guard, *Best Command*
- 1-149th Infantry, *Kerwin Readiness Award*
- 123d Airlift Wing, *won its 20th Outstanding Unit Award and its first Meritorious Unit Award*

- **Accomplishments:**

- DOMOPS (Emergency Response):
1,450 airlifted to safety during 2022 Eastern Kentucky Flood Response
- OCONUS: Kosovo, Poland (EUCOM), the Horn of Africa (AFRICOM), Ecuador (SOUTHCOM), and CENTCOM
- CONUS: Border Operations

**AUSA – nonprofit; provides educational, professional, and development opportunities; advocates for the Army on Capitol Hill; and supports soldiers and their families through various programs and initiatives*



Questions?



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