

Your National Guard: Adding Value to America



- A great value for America
- Affordable, battle-ready, accessible, flexible, sustainable, resourced and equipped like never before
- Provides nearly 40 percent of Army and Air Force operational forces for less than seven percent of the base defense budget
- Three Guard members serving longer and retiring later, trained, retained, and deployed for the cost of one Active Duty member
- Federally-funded dual-use equipment
- A wealth of experience the Active Duty and state emergency partners can tap into anytime, anywhere, always ready, always there
- Face of the military in more than 3,300 communities
- Mobilized more than 700,000 times in support of overseas contingency operations since Sept. 11, 2001
- On any given day, called on by 17 U.S. governors to help citizens in need during state emergencies, manmade and natural

Colorado Department of Military & Veterans Affairs and the Colorado National Guard

<http://www.dmva.state.co.us>

<http://co.ng.mil>



- Ensures veterans receive benefits, both earned and deserved
- Veterans Resource Information Clearinghouse just a click away at: <http://www.colorado.gov/cvr>
- Your Colorado National Guard—at your service since 1860 for national defense and state emergency response
- Based in more than 20 communities with an annual economic impact greater than \$240 million
- Collaborates with civil authorities to save lives and protect property
- First Colorado Vigilant Guard Exercise in 2013
- More than 100,000 Colorado youth educated in drug abuse prevention through the Red Ribbon Program
- 1993 state partnership with Republic of Slovenia one of first state partnerships
- 2004 state partnership with Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Guard's first state partnership with a Middle Eastern country

Colorado Army National Guard



- High-altitude Army National Guard Aviation Training Site in Gypsum provides life-saving combat aviation skills to rotary-wing pilots serving in mountainous environments around the world
- HAATS assists civil authorities in Colorado's high country with 57% of all rotary wing search-and-rescue missions in the U.S.
- Citizen-Soldiers answer the call during state emergencies as first military responders
- Mobilized and distinguished during every major federal campaign in U.S. history
- First to defend the nation from the ballistic missile attack threat
- First to train and mentor the Afghan National Army to provide security in Afghanistan in 2002-03
- Defeated invading Confederate forces at Battle of Glorieta Pass in New Mexico Territory 150 years ago—a key union victory
- First to reach and liberate Dachau Labor Camp in Nazi Germany during World War II
- More than 4,000-strong

Colorado Air National Guard



- From nation's only centrally-located alert fighter facility at Buckley Air Force Base, F-16s guard America's skies 24/7 at a quarter of the cost of a similar active duty unit; Air National Guard operates 95% of U.S. Aerospace Control Alert sites.
- COANG F-16 pilots average more than 2,000 hours—four times that of an active duty F-16 pilot
- Citizen-Airmen have continuously deployed overseas since the Cold War in support of national defense in the Middle East
- First Air National Guard unit in space; round-the-clock early missile warning defense from Greeley Air National Guard Station
- Most experienced C-21 Learjet crews in the Air Force transport DOD officials and dignitaries at a moment's notice from Peterson Air Force Base and during overseas contingencies
- First Air National Guard unit to be federally recognized, first and only Air National Guard Aerial Demonstration Team named "Minute Men," first intact Air National Guard unit called to service in Vietnam—a proud history continued by nearly 1,500 COANG Citizen-Airmen today