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# **The U.S. National Guard Role in Support of Resilience**

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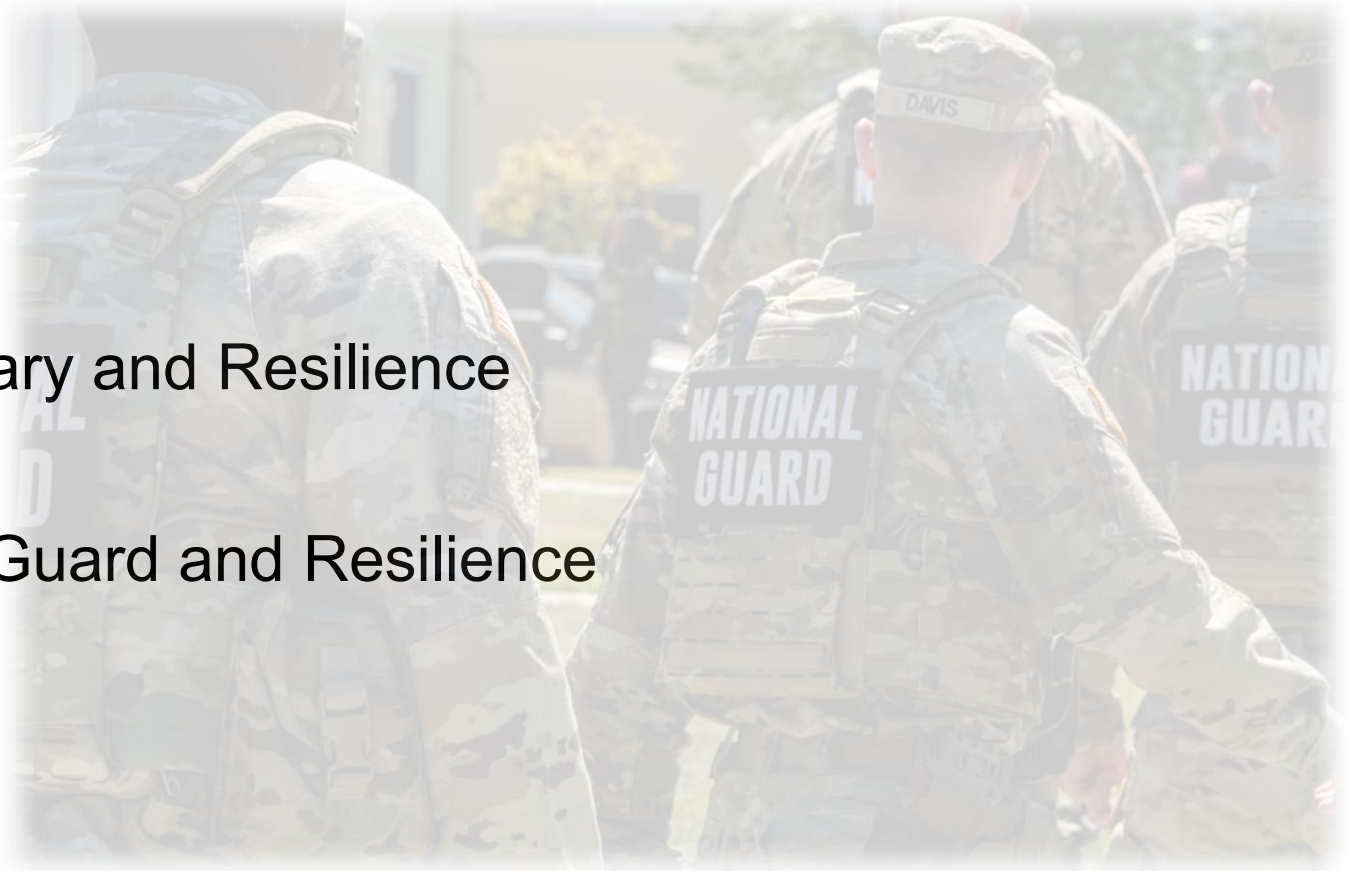


# Introduction and Agenda

History

The U.S. Military and Resilience

The National Guard and Resilience



# History: Army National Guard

- Oldest component of U.S. military - dating back to 1636
- Direct descendant of colonial militias
- Fought in every American war from 1636 to present
- Mobilized 660,000+ Soldiers for federal missions since 9/11
- 42,000 troops deployed for Hurricane Katrina relief
- Record response to COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest in 2020



# History: Air National Guard

- First aviation unit established November 1, 1915
- 4,800 personnel mobilized in WWII across 29 squadrons
- Established as separate reserve component in 1947
- Post-9/11: 179 fighter missions within 24 hours
- 4,132 airlift sorties during 2005 hurricane season





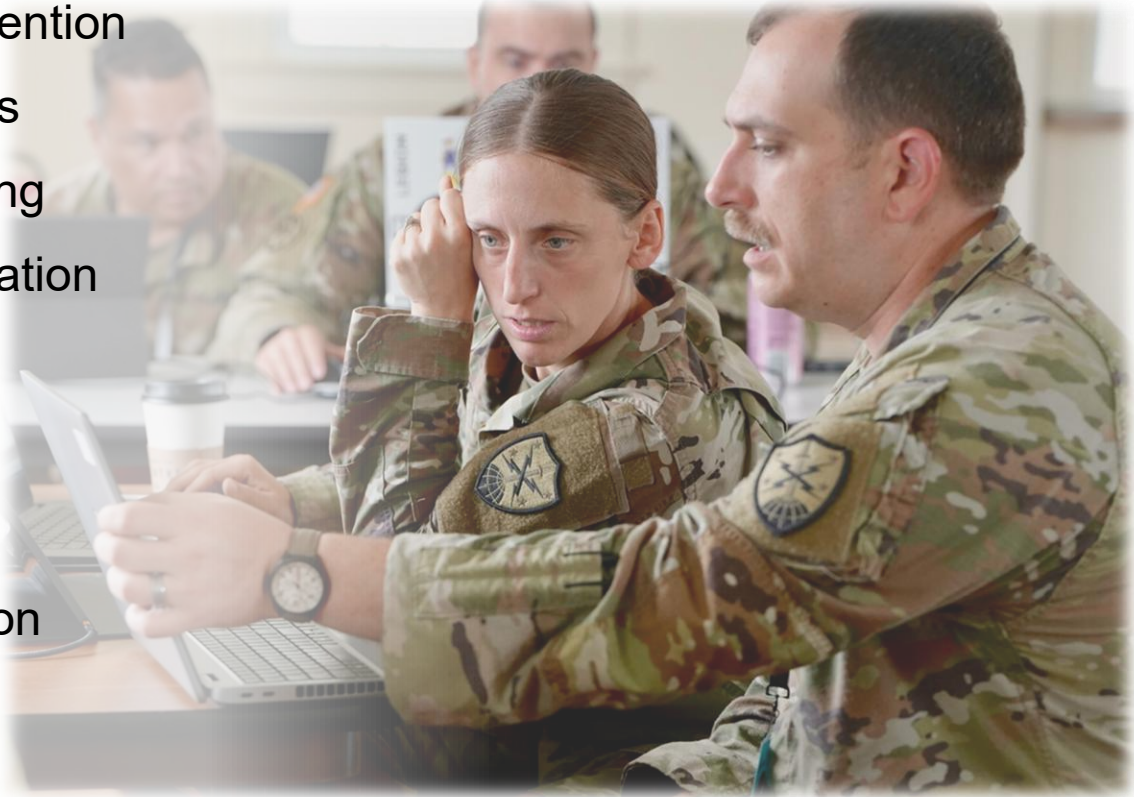
# Commander's Ready and Resilient Council

## Core Functions:

- Risk Assessment and Prevention
- Integrated Support Services
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Cross-Component Coordination

## Focus Areas:

- Suicide Prevention
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Family Readiness
- Community Integration
- Leadership Development



# The National Guard and Resilience

## Unique Dual Function Force:

- State Role: Under Governor authority for domestic missions
- Federal Role: Reserve component of Army and Air Force

## Dual Role fosters resilience through:

- Redundancy
- Local Knowledge
- Interagency Cooperation
- Community Trust



# The National Guard and Resilience

- 328,528 Guardsmen across all states, territories, and District of Columbia
- 2,500 armories, bases, and readiness centers nationwide
- Motto: “Always Ready, Always There”
- Seamless integration with active-duty forces when federalized
- Force multiplier for resilience
- Mission falls into three key categories:
  - The war fight
  - The homeland
  - Partnerships



# The National Guard: State Role

## The State Role

= The National Guard's defining characteristic

- Key Player in homeland defense and disaster relief:
  - Search and Rescue Operations
  - Security and Traffic Control
  - Distribution of essential supplies
  - Shelter Management





# The National Guard and Resilience

## 2023 Statistics:

- 50,000+ person-days across 23 states (storms, floods, tornadoes)
- 180,000+ person-days for wildfire response

## Additional missions:

- Cybersecurity support
- Assistance to border security efforts
- Support to law enforcement during civil unrest



# Capabilities

## Immediate Response Capabilities with specialized teams

- CBRN Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP)
  - National Guard Reaction Force (NGRF)
  - Homeland Response Force (HRF)
  - Expeditionary Medical Support (EMEDS)
  - Wildfire Response

## Specialized Capabilities

- Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams
- Cyber Defense Teams
- Counterdrug Programs



# The National Guard: Federal Role

## The Federal Role

- Reserve Component of the U.S. Army and Air Force
- Deploy alongside active-duty forces
- Enhance national resilience



# Partnerships

- Building Community Partnerships
- Guard members are community members (Teachers, police officers, and more)
- Innovative Training: Real-world training while serving communities
- Partnership Levels:
  - Local: Joint training with first responders
  - State: Integration with emergency management
  - Federal: Collaboration with FEMA, DHS
  - International: State Partnership Program



# The National Guard and Resilience

## Model Applicability

- Community Integration
- Dual-use capabilities
- Interagency Cooperation
- Scalable Response
- Redundancy





# Conclusion

- The National Guard exemplifies integration of military resources into civil defense
- Dual role provides unique bridge between military and civilian capabilities
- Community integration creates trust and local knowledge
- Scalable response from local to national level
- Model demonstrates value of “Always Ready, Always There”
- Key to resilience: Capable forces connected to communities they serve



# Questions & Discussion

Thank you for your attention

