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The volunteer spirit and Tennessee, an inseparable combination since 1780 when Colonel John Sevier called for “100 good men”—and 200 answered—has been a source of pride for generations of Tennesseans.

The name, “The Volunteer State,” later was sealed in history forever when a Tennessean, President James K. Polk, issued a nationwide call for a total of 50,000 volunteers to fight in the war with Mexico. Tennessee had a quota of 2,600, and 26,000 stepped forward. The number was so large that it required that “lots” be drawn to see who would be allowed to go.

Today, that spirit is still alive and well with the Tennessee Military Department and the Tennessee National Guard. More than 14,000 Tennessee men and women are members of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard. They serve as full partners with active duty American men and women worldwide to make up the “Total Force” of American defense.

Nationwide, the Army National Guard contributes more than half of the Army’s total combat strength for about 9 percent of the total budget. The Air National Guard performs about 35 percent of the total Air Force missions for about 6 percent of the entire annual Air Force budget.

America simply cannot defend herself or go to war without the National Guard. The Tennessee Guard is the seventh largest National Guard organization in the United States.

### History

The official military history of the state of Tennessee dates to June 1, 1796, when President George Washington signed the act of Congress admitting Tennessee as the 16th state. In 1774, militias were formed in the areas of Sullivan and Carter counties to face a threat from the Shawnee Indians. The militia and Indians fought a decisive battle at Point Pleasant (Kenawa).

John Sevier and Issac Shelby, in 1780, led mounted Tennessee riflemen to another decisive battle of Kings Mountain. With the fledgling United States in the throes of a revolutionary war, Sevier and Tennessee militiamen won the battle considered the turning point of the war in the southern states.

An act of the 45th General Assembly in 1887 created the military organization known as the Tennessee National Guard.

The Tennessee Army National Guard has participated in every principal war in which America has been engaged. During World War I, the 30th (Old Hickory) Division from Tennessee helped smash the Hindenburg Line, the strongest

defensive system devised at that time. In World War II, the German High Command regarded the 30th Division as “Roosevelt’s Shock Troops.”

## Dual Mission

National defense is one of the dual missions of the National Guard. The federal mission of the Tennessee National Guard is to provide the President and the Secretary of Defense with units capable of performing wartime missions.

The other role of the National Guard is to be a state military force under the direction of the Governor. The state mission is to provide the Governor with units capable of performing missions in accordance with the Tennessee Emergency Response Plan. The Tennessee Constitution authorizes the Governor to assume the role of “commander-in-chief” of the state. The Guard may be called upon to maintain order in emergency situations, to rescue civilians whose lives are in danger, and to assist during natural disasters.

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) is the agency responsible for managing the State’s response to emergencies and disasters that affect the citizens of Tennessee and its local governments. All state and federal disaster response mechanisms in Tennessee are coordinated by TEMA.

The Tennessee State Guard’s mission is to provide an adequately trained force capable of providing an organized state military cadre under the control of the Governor. If the Tennessee National Guard were mobilized and deployed, the TSG could assume administrative control of the armories across the state and perform the state emergency responsibilities normally accomplished by the National Guard.

## Responding Within Tennessee

The Guard has been called upon to assist local residents when floods ravaged portions of Tennessee. When fireman strikes occurred in 1978 in Memphis and in 1980 in Nashville, the Guard deployed hundreds of soldiers to assist their officials and residents.

During March of 1993, Tennessee was blasted by a severe winter storm that dumped record amounts of snow in some portions of this state. Thousands of people were without power in their homes and hundreds were stranded in snowdrifts of 10 feet or more along the highways. This late-winter blizzard saw the call-up of more than 2,400 Tennessee National Guard soldiers in the most extensive disaster-relief operation since 1937.

The Tennessee Guard responded repeatedly during 1997 and 1998. As flood waters devastated Carter County in Upper East Tennessee, the Guard was there helping in rescue and recovery operations. They also assisted in clearing roads of ice and snow on the Cumberland Plateau during a late-winter storm.

In April of 1998, when tornadoes ravaged Lawrence and Wayne counties and continued northward to strike in Nashville, the Guard again was there helping in disaster recovery and cleanup. They were also there in January of 1999 when unseasonable winter tornadoes swept through Jackson and Clarksville.

The Tennessee Air National Guard’s 118th Airlift Wing and Aeromedical Squadron were one of the first National Guard units to respond to New Orleans, La., and Gulfport, Miss., in the aftermath of 2005’s Hurricane Katrina. These Tennessee volunteers evacuated the first persons displaced by the hurricane to Tennessee. The 134th Air Refueling Wing from Knoxville also responded flying

supplies into the effected areas. In 2006, when tornadoes swept through Gibson, Dyer, Sumner and Warren counties, members of the Tennessee Army National Guard responded providing recovery operations and assisted in security missions in the hardest hit areas. The Guard responded again in 2008, when tornadoes touched down in Madison and Macon counties.

Wherever they are needed, throughout this great state, the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard are a major presence. The Tennessee National Guard: Always Ready, Always There!

## **Desert Shield/Storm**

Some 3,600 men and women of the Tennessee National Guard, both Army and Air, were called to active duty during Operations Desert Shield and Storm, providing one of the highest number of participants of any state in the U.S., again upholding the "volunteer" tradition. The 130th Rear Area Operations Center from Smyrna and the 176th Maintenance Battalion Headquarters from Johnson City were among the first Tennessee units called to active duty.

Other Army National Guard units called to support Operation Desert Storm were: 776th Maintenance Company, Elizabethton; 1175th Quartermaster Company, Carthage; 251st Supply and Service Company, Lewisburg; 212th Engineer Company, Tracy City; 1174th Transportation Company, Dresden; 663rd Medical Detachment, Smyrna; 268th Military Police Company, Ripley; 300th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, Smyrna; 775th Engineer Company, Camden; 155th Engineer Company, Waverly; Headquarters, 196th Field Artillery Brigade, Chattanooga; 181st Field Artillery Battalion, Chattanooga; 269th Military Police Company, Dyersburg; 118th Public Affairs Detachment, Nashville; 568th Personnel Service Company, Smyrna; and the 213th Health Services Liaison Detachment, Smyrna.

Air National Guard units deployed were: 134th Air Refueling Group, Knoxville; 118th Tactical Hospital, Nashville; 164th Tactical Clinic, Memphis; 134th Services Squadron, Knoxville; 164th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, Memphis; and the 118th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight, Nashville.

## **Global War on Terrorism**

The Global War on Terrorism immediately propelled the Tennessee National Guard to a new level of commitment. The Tennessee Guard has been at the very forefront since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

On that fateful day, the 134th Air Refueling Wing was immediately called upon to fly countless missions refueling fighter and CAP aircraft throughout the entire east coast. The 164th Airlift Wing deployed four aircraft within 20 hours. The 118th Airlift Wing deployed 110 personnel within 22 hours. The 228th Combat Communications Squadron deployed to Qatar to provide combat communications to American forces deployed in the Middle East.

A total of 103 Army Guard soldiers were deployed to provide security at six Tennessee airports for a period of nine months. More than 80 soldiers from the 168th Military Police Company in Ripley and Dyersburg deployed in a matter of hours as additional security at Milan Arsenal and the Holston Army Ammunition Plant. An additional 45 soldiers provided added security at the Tennessee State Capitol and Legislative Plaza.

More than 2,200 soldiers and airmen from the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard initially were deployed in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. In May 2007, the Tennessee National Guard had more than 1,000 soldiers and airmen deployed throughout the world, and from Sept. 11, 2001, to March 5, 2005, more than 11,200 of its Soldiers and Airmen had deployed to defend our freedoms. To date, more than 14,000 Tennessee Soldiers and Airmen have deployed in the Global War on Terrorism. This represents more than 84 percent of the entire Tennessee National Guard.

These soldiers and airmen work hand in hand with their active duty counterparts providing security for Tennessee, the United States and the world.

## Military Department

The Military Department of Tennessee has 437 state positions with more than 2,700 full-time federal employees. The Tennessee Army and Air National Guard stands at more than 14,000 officers and enlisted personnel. With the addition of Homeland Security “pass-through” funds, the Military Department oversees a total budget, including state and federal funds, of over \$500 million. The Adjutant General, a constitutional officer of the state appointed by the governor, is responsible for the leadership and command of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the Tennessee State Guard and the Bureau of War Records.

**War Records Bureau.** This division maintains records of Tennesseans who have served in the military forces of Tennessee and in any branch of the armed forces. More than 6 million records are stored at War Records. This number increases each year due to receipt of personnel files of discharged Tennessee Army and Air National Guardsmen, unit records, field training and training assembly payrolls, strength reports and military discharges. Records date back to the War of 1812, Seminole Indian War, Mexican War and Civil War.

**Tennessee State Guard (TSG).** The TSG was organized under Chapter 36 of the Tennessee Acts of 1985. By this enactment, the State Legislature reorganized the old Tennessee State Guard, which had been formed in 1941, but became inactive after 1946.

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The State Guard is an all-volunteer force whose members receive no compensation. There are approximately 1,000 members formed into four brigades headquartered in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Smyrna and Jackson. The State Guard headquarters is located in Nashville.

## Tennessee Army National Guard

Since 1986, the Tennessee Army National Guard has been involved in training missions that span the globe. Participating in such exercises as “Bright Star” in the Middle East and “REFORGER” in Germany, Tennesseans have improved the skills that are absolutely necessary to be a part of this nation’s first line of defense. Japan, Honduras, Korea, Scotland, Bulgaria and Germany are a few of the locations worldwide where Tennessee Army Guard men and women have trained in past years.

The Tennessee Army National Guard has a total strength of more than 10,600 assigned to 149 units in 83 communities statewide. The Army Guard maintains more than 3.7 million square feet and nearly 13,000 acres including 94 armories and seven training sites.

The 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, headquartered in Knoxville, has 47 units stretching from Bristol to Memphis and is the only Enhanced Armored Cavalry Regiment in the National Guard.

The 230th Sustainment Brigade, headquartered in Chattanooga, has 29 units located from Chattanooga to Memphis and provides combat support and combat service support.

The 194th Engineer Brigade, headquartered in Jackson, has 24 units throughout Middle and West Tennessee providing engineer and administrative support to the military operations throughout the world.

The 30th Troop Command is comprised of 36 Military Police and Aviation units providing support to active and reserve missions.

## **Tennessee Air National Guard**

The Tennessee Air Guard flies worldwide missions on a daily basis and is a full partner with the United States Air Force.

The 134th Air Refueling Group located in Knoxville flies the KC-135 aircraft on in-flight refueling missions throughout the world, refueling both airlift and fighter aircraft.

The 118th Airlift Wing located in Nashville flies the C-130H aircraft and is the International Training Center for Allied Forces C-130 crews.

The 164th Airlift Group located in Memphis flies the massive C-5 aircraft on global airlift missions with in-flight refueling.

The 119th Command and Control Squadron is located in Knoxville and was one of the first Air National Guard units to become a part of the United States Space Command. Its mission is to augment the operations center of the United States Space Command (USSPACECOM) which coordinates and directs the use of the Department of Defense's military space forces in providing missile warning, communications, navigation, weather, imagery and signals intelligence, and space support.

The 228th Combat Communications Squadron is located in Knoxville, and it is worldwide deployable to set up communication networks for command and control of war fighting forces.

The 241st Engineering Installation Squadron is located in Chattanooga, and its worldwide mission is the engineering and installation of communication lines and systems.

During the Somalia peacekeeping efforts, when United States army troops were ambushed and killed in a firefight in Mogadishu, the wounded GIs received battlefield medical care from deployed members of the 118th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Tennessee Air National Guard, from Nashville. The bodies were flown out by C-141 aircrews from the 164th out of Memphis. Aircraft and aircrews from all three flying units were involved in action in Haiti, and they continue to provide support for Operations Joint Endeavor and Joint Guard, the Bosnian peacekeeping mission.

The Tennessee Air National Guard's six units and over 3,500 officers and enlisted personnel are worldwide "ambassadors" for the state of Tennessee.

## Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA)

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, known as TEMA, is one of the three major divisions of the Military Department. The agency is charged with the responsibility for ensuring the state and its local governments are prepared to deal with the disasters and emergencies that threaten the people and their property. The most prevalent threats in Tennessee are posed by severe storms, floods, forest fires, hazardous materials incidents and earthquakes. TEMA was created to provide a standing management cadre to be instantly available in times of need to bring order to the confusion created by such events.

In an emergency, TEMA provides the Governor essential information regarding casualties (if any), damage, and recommended protective courses of actions. The agency coordinates all required and available resources for immediate and positive response. TEMA is the direct link between state and local government in times of crisis. In addition, the agency functions as the conduit for outside assistance from either the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) between the states and territories or the federal government.

In 2008, TEMA coordinated the state's response to severe tornadoes in February that struck 24 counties in West and Middle Tennessee resulting in 33 people killed. Also that year, TEMA coordinated the mass-sheltering of more than 6,500 persons evacuated due to Hurricane Gustav from New Orleans.

A major ice storm in January 2009 left seven counties in Tennessee without power, but the storm devastated large portions of Kentucky. TEMA, through EMAC requests from Kentucky, managed the deployment of multiple teams of emergency responders, paramedics and emergency managers and 30 Humvees to assist with search and rescue operations, disaster recovery and restoration of local communications in our neighboring state.

TEMA is a critical part of the Military Department's Tennessee Emergency Response Plan and is a full partner with the Department of Safety's Homeland Security Office in organizing, training and exercising with the 11 statewide Homeland Security districts. TEMA provides the Grants Management function for Homeland Security funds available to local first responders in communities throughout the state.

Planning for preparedness, for mitigation, for response and for recovery are extremely complex assignments requiring continuous communication and coordination, and are addressed daily by TEMA staff. Tennessee has 95 counties with more than 400 incorporated municipalities. State law, i.e., Tennessee Code Annotated, through the Governor's Tennessee Emergency Management Plan (TEMP), dictates the involvement of more than 30 separate departments and agencies utilizing emergency service coordinators (ESC) to ensure the state's resources are ready to be used during emergencies.

TEMA has three regional offices in Jackson, Nashville and Knoxville, which provide technical expertise, training and serve as a liaison to local governments.

## Tennessee National Guard Major Command Headquarters

### *Joint Force*

- Joint Force Headquarters, Nashville

### *Army*

- 30th Troop Command, Tullahoma
- 117th Regional Training Institute, Smyrna
- 194th Engineer Brigade, Jackson
- 230th Sustainment Brigade, Chattanooga
- 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Knoxville

### *Air*

- 118th Airlift Wing, Nashville
- 119th Air Control Squadron, Knoxville
- 134th Air Refueling Group, Knoxville
- 164th Airlift Group, Memphis
- 228th Combat Communications Squadron, Knoxville
- 241st Engineering Installation Squadron, Chattanooga
- Professional Military Education Center, Knoxville

### **Major General Gus L. Hargett Jr., *Adjutant General***

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**Gus L. Hargett Jr.** is the 74th Adjutant General of Tennessee. General Hargett was appointed to the state's top military position by Governor Don Sundquist in 2002 and reappointed by Governor Phil Bredesen in 2003 and 2007. He is responsible for the supervision of the Military Department of Tennessee that includes the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the Tennessee State Guard. General Hargett enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard August 31, 1962, serving as an enlisted infantry soldier. Upon completion of Officer Candidate School (Tennessee Military Academy), he was commissioned an infantry officer on August 6, 1966. General Hargett has served in various staff and leadership assignments within the Tennessee Army National Guard and the National Guard Bureau to include assignments as the Assistant Adjutant General, Army; Chief, Mobilization Plans with the III U.S. Corps; Chief, Plans Division Fifth U.S. Army; and Chief, Overseas Deployment Training, HQ, U.S.

Army Europe; during Desert Shield/Desert Storm served as Chief Operations/Exercise Division, National Guard Bureau; War College Fellowship, Ohio State; and currently serves as a member of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee. General Hargett has the distinction of being the first National Guard officer to attend the resident NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy. In 2004, General Hargett completed a two-year term as the Chairman of the Board, National Guard Association of the United States. He is a 1962 graduate of Cumberland University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a 1998 graduate of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and 14 other commendation and service awards.

