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Minnesota National Guard



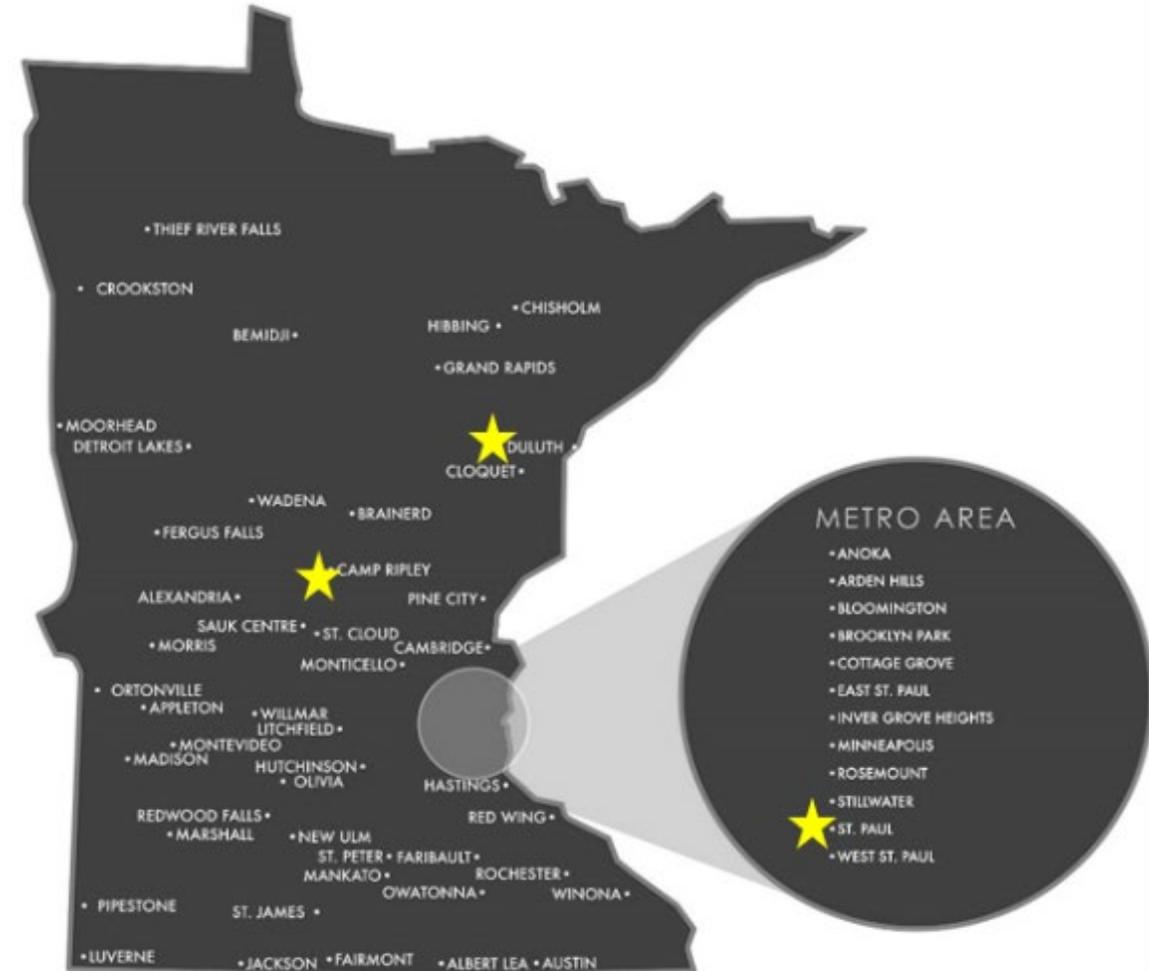
Minnesota National Guard

We Live here, We Work here , We Serve here

- Inception - 1856
- 13,000+ citizen Soldiers, Airmen, and civilian employees

MN has no active-duty bases

- Infrastructure in 55+ communities –displayed on map
- 34th Infantry Division headquartered Arden Hills (metro area)
- 133rd Airlift Wing based in St. Paul (metro area)
- 148th Fighter Wing based in Duluth (borders Lake Superior)



Major Subordinate Commands



Joint Force Headquarters



Camp Ripley Training Center



34th Infantry Division Red Bulls



34th Division Artillery



1st Armored Brigade Combat Team



34th Combat Aviation Brigade



175th Regional Training Institute



347th Regional Support Group



84th Troop Command



Medical Detachment



133rd Airlift Wing



148th Fighter Wing

Camp Ripley Training Center

Construction began -1930

53,000 Acres

Bordered by Mississippi River

Environmental Leader

Capabilities:

- 46 Live Fire ranges
- 23 Non-Live Fire ranges
- 3 Drop Zones
- Tactical Landing Strip
- Restricted Airspace
- Simulations
- Rail Line with 6 Rail Spurs
- Miller Army Airfield
- Morale welfare & Recreation
- Lodging -4,057 year-round housing capacity
- Education Center



State Activations



2006	Flood fight Wildfire suppression	1,282
2007	Fire operations in Boundary Waters Canoe Area Southern Minnesota Blizzard UND Plane Crash Recovery Flood fight in southern Minnesota	1,091
2008	Winter Storm Search for Body in Lake Mille Lacs	40
2009	Flood response Support for Presidential Inauguration	14,546
2010	Flood response in Red River Valley and Southern MN Fire Operations in Northern Minnesota	3,976
2011	Flood fight in RRV, North & South Dakota Support Tornado in Minneapolis, Search Mission in Duluth	6,808
2012	Flood response in Duluth Fire Operations in Northern Minnesota	143
2013	Winter Storm Response Fire Operations in Northern Minnesota	96
2014	Winter Storms in Albert Lea, Olivia and Owatonna Flood response in Sibley and Koochiching Counties	130

2015	Winter storm support Wildfire response in state and EMAC to Washington Avian Influenza response	469
2016	Wildfire response Hubbard and St. Louis counties	88
2017	Hurricane Support - Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico Super Bowl 52	4,931
2018	Flood Response & Winter Storm Response	143
2019	Flood Response & Winter Storm Response	913
2020	Civil Unrest COVID Response	82,912
2021	Operation Safety Net COVID Response	59,497
2022	Flood Response - International Falls and Red River Valley Flood EMAC to North Dakota	3,392
2023	Winter Storm Response	34
2024	BWCA Search and Rescue Support Republican National Convention - Wisconsin EMAC SW Minnesota Floods Hurricanes Helene and Milton (NC/FL EMAC)	2,280

Organizational Priorities

Minnesota National Guard OPERATION LAKEVIEW



PEOPLE

Our people are our greatest strength and the most valuable resource. They are the cornerstone of our success. Investment in Soldiers, Airmen, and civilian employees is essential for tackling the challenges our state and nation face. This priority highlights the importance of recruiting, retaining, and developing personnel to ensure readiness, resilience, and a culture of service excellence.

MODERNIZATION

Ensuring we possess the right forces, infrastructure, and systems is critical to combating evolving threats and maintaining operational readiness. Modernization efforts focus on advancing our infrastructure, equipment, training, and policies to ensure we remain ready to support the Joint Force across all domains—land, sea, air, space, and cyberspace.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships are integral to our local, national, and global success. They include collaboration with countries, communities, businesses, organizations, and individuals. These relationships support our success with federal, state, and community missions.



Partnership - Canada

- 38th Brigade Group trains annually at Camp Ripley
– *Exercise Sure Shot -1977*
- Best Warrior Competitions - 2023/2024/2025
- American-British-Canadian-Australian-New Zealand Armies Program (ABCA)
- 1-151 Field Artillery at Canadian Armed Force Base Shilo
- 1-194 Armor Regiment - *Charging Bison* exercise in Winnipeg
- 34th Infantry Division Alignment for Training



Partnership – Croatia

State Partnership Program Partner – 1996

- Bradley Fighting Vehicle New Equipment Training
- UH-60 Maintenance exchange
- Artillery Digital Systems Integration
- Cyber Shield
- Immediate Response '25 Artillery Support
- Croatian Homeland Victory Day Parade
- Annual Cyber Defense Symposium
- Best Warrior Competition



Partnership – Norway

State Partnership Program Partner -2023

- Combined Medical Subject Matter Expert Exchanges
- Personal Recovery in the High North
- Air Power Seminar
- Agile Combat Employment exchange
- C-130 J Aircraft Joint Interoperability
- Cooperative Cyber exercises
- M1/M2 Abrams Tank Modernization Exchange
- Norway Shooting competition
- Best Warrior Competition
- Army Advanced Leaders Course / Senior Leader Course



Partnership – Norway

Norwegian Reciprocal Exchange (NOREX) -1973

- First exchange 40 MN National Guard Members and Norwegian Home Guard Youth aged 18 to 20
- Since 1985, 100+ participants
- Exchange promotes military readiness and cultural understanding between the participants



Minnesota Military Radio

Inception 2010

- Minnesota National Guard Partnered with iHeart Radio
- 67 stations across Minnesota
- 815 shows produced over 15 years
- 1 hour programming – available via Podcasts
- Produced in studio and on location – MN State Fair, France, Kuwait
- Programming focuses on military units/personnel, resources available to military members, families, and veterans



Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR)

Inception 2007

50 Cities

89 active companies and organizations

- Contribute volunteer hours
- Raise and donate funds for military families experiencing financial challenges
- Provide resources
- Send care packages

2024 Value: Exceeded \$5 million!!!!



Questions?

