New York National Guard 101

HH-60 Pavehawk Rescue Helicopter

The 42nd Infantry Division assumes command in Tikrit, Iraq, 2005.


Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the Commander-in-Chief of The New York National Guard addresses Guard Soldiers.
What is the National Guard?

The National Guard was born in December 1636 when the Massachusetts Bay Colony enacted legislation establishing a militia which included all able-bodied men. The militia members were farmers and shopkeepers who trained to defend the colony. The National Guard was the original homeland defense force, protecting isolated settlements from Native American raids and from attacks by the French and other European powers. George Washington led the Virginia Regiment, the provincial militia on the western frontier during the French and Indian War.

The National Guard is a state/federal entity. Money for equipment and pay for the part-time Soldiers and Airmen comes from the federal government. The state administers the National Guard on a day-to-day basis. The governor is the commander-in-chief of the state National Guard. The President is the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces of the United States.

The National Guard can be called into State Active Duty to assist in state homeland defense or respond to emergencies. The National Guard can also assist in responses to national priorities, such as providing additional border security, while still in its non-federal status.

1636 Salem, Mass. “First Muster” of the Massachusetts Bay Colony Militia East Regiment.
National Guard History

• 1636: Massachusetts Bay Colony organized first colonial militia.
• 1782: Constitution allows states to maintain Militia under rules defined by Congress. The President has the authority to call out the Militia.
• 1792: Militia Act of 1792 required enrollment of all males 16 to 45.
• 1824: New York militia unit calls itself the National Guard to honor the French force commanded by Lafayette who was visiting the United States.
• 1861: Militia formed core of state volunteer units during the Civil War.
• 1903: Dick Act sets down federal standard for National Guard.
• 1916: Federal law strengthens federal control and makes National Guard primary reserve force of the United States.
• 1916-1917: National Guard deploys to Mexican border.
• 1917: 42nd Division formed from National Guard units and sent to France.
• 1920: National Guard is now part of the United States Army.
• 1940-41: National Guard mobilized for World War II.
• 1944: 29th Division, Maryland/Virginia National Guard at Omaha Beach.

Middlesex County Regiment at Concord Bridge

369th Infantry, the Harlem Hell Fighters Earn the Croix de Guerre, France 1918
National Guard History

• 1947: Air National Guard created
• 1950-53: National Guard mobilized for Korean War
• 1961: National Guard mobilized for Berlin Crisis
• 1991: National Guard mobilized for Gulf War
• 1991: 174th Tactical Fighter Wing New York Air National Guard fights in Gulf War.
• 2005: Battle of Salman Pak, Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester, Kentucky National Guard becomes first woman to win the Silver Star, the third highest award for bravery, since World War II.
• 2005: 42nd Infantry Division, NY Army National Guard commands National Guard and Regular Army forces in North Central Iraq. 50 percent of Army Forces in Iraq are National Guard/Reserve.
• 2006: National Guard forces on southern border, Operation Jump Start
• 2008: 27th Brigade in Afghanistan
• 2011: New York National Guard Responds to Hurricane Irene
• 2012: 27th Brigade in Afghanistan/Kuwait
• 2012: 4000 New York National Guard Soldiers/Airmen respond To Superstorm Sandy.
NEW YORK STATE’S MILITARY ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK STATE MILITARY FORCES

Authorized: 21,291

- Army National Guard
  Authorized: 10,009
- Air National Guard
  Authorized: 6,178
- Naval Militia
  Authorized: 4,000
- NY Guard
  Authorized: 1,104
New York Army National Guard
Headquarters Location: Latham, NY
Commander: Major General Patrick Murphy

Mission: Provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or federal mobilizations on order of the Governor or President as required by law.

- Joint Force Headquarters
- Two Division Level Headquarters
- Four Brigade Level Headquarters

- Battalions Formations of:
  - Infantry
  - Field Artillery
  - Cavalry
  - Aviation
  - Military Police
  - Engineers
  - Transportation
  - Logistics Support
Army National Guard Units

Division = 23,000 soldiers in combat theater. Division headquarters comprises Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Special Troops Battalion. 450 Soldiers. Commanded by a Major General or Brigadier General. Largest National Guard formation.

Troop Command = Administrative Headquarters responsible for overseeing independent companies and battalions in a non-combat environment.

Brigade Combat Team = Self contained unit with 3,500 to 5000 soldiers depending on organization and type. Commanded by a Colonel or Brig. General.

Battalion = Major subordinate elements of Brigades. 300 to 600 soldiers depending on type. Commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel.

Company = Major Subordinate element of Battalion. 60 to 250 soldiers depending on type. Commanded by a Captain.

Platoon = Major subordinate element of a Company. 16 to 40 soldiers depending on type. Led by a second or first lieutenant.

Squad = Major subordinate element of a Platoon. 7 to 12 soldiers. Led by a Staff Sergeant.
42nd Infantry Division, NY Army National Guard: Headquartered in Troy NY, a “unit of execution” under Army Modular Structure. Brigades “plug into” the division during deployment. One of eight Army National Guard Divisions. The headquarters can provide Command and Control to approximately 23,000 soldiers. During 2005 the division HQ commanded Task Force Liberty in North Central Iraq comprised of 1st BCT 3rd Infantry Division; 3rd BCT 3rd Infantry Division; 116th Cavalry BCT Idaho ARNG; 278th Regimental Combat Team, Tennessee ARNG, 42nd Division Artillery, Mass. ARNG, and 42nd Aviation Brigade. Soldiers came from 28 States, American Samoa and Puerto Rico. The division has approximately 5,500 Soldiers in New York. It is the HQ for Joint Task Force 4 during emergencies in the Capital Region and also provides the HQ for Joint Task Force 1 in NYC.

Major Elements:

27th Brigade Combat Team NY Army National Guard
86th Brigade Combat Team VT Army National Guard
26th Brigade Combat Team, Mass. Army National Guard
50th Brigade Combat Team, NJ Army National Guard
42nd Aviation Brigade, NY Army National Guard
197th Fires Brigade, NH Army National Guard
369th Sustainment Brigade, NY Army National Guard

* The division does not necessarily deploy with it’s composite brigades.

The 42nd ID was formed in 1917 from 26 state National Guard units. As a way to get into WWI Early, “Rainbow Division” was named by Douglas McArthur Div. Chief of Staff and One-time commander. Rainbow Memorial is in Garden City, LI.
53rd Troop Command

53rd Troop Command. Headquartered in Valhalla, NY. Responsible for non-divisional, combat support and combat support units. Authorized Strength is 3,760. 53rd Troop Command units have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Active Army and National Guard elements. Approx. 4000 Soldiers. The 53rd Troop Command is the headquarters for Joint Task Force 3 during state emergencies. The 53rd also provides the headquarters for Joint Task Force 6 during state emergencies.

Major Elements:

- **369th Sustainment Brigade** "Harlem Hellfighters": Provides command and control to transportation, maintenance, MP, signal, and other combat support units. Elements are “plugged in” after deployment. Provides manpower and vehicles in state emergencies. (Also part of 42ID on mobilization) Approx. 1000 Soldiers.

- **101st Signal Battalion**: Provides satellite communications voice and data networks to Army units. Can provide communications support in state emergencies. Also responsible for 442 MP company. Approx. 600 Soldiers.

- **204th Engineer Battalion**: Provides vertical and horizontal construction support to Army units. Builds and repairs Roads and structures. Provides earthmoving equipment and dump trucks in state emergencies. Approx. 600 Soldiers.

- **102nd Military Police Battalion**: Provides command and control for a MP companies and detachments in western NY. Provides traffic control and security assistance during state emergencies. Approx. 500 Soldiers.

New York Army National Guard

27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (BCT)

The 27th Brigade Combat Team (About 3,500 Soldiers) can deploy to a theater of operations and conduct both low and high intensity combat missions or conduct homeland security and disaster relief missions at home. The Brigade traces its lineage Back to the New York National Guard’s 27th Division in World War I. In WWII the division invaded Saipan. The 27th Brigade was “round out” to the 10th Mountain Division from 1984 to 1995. The 27th Brigade is the headquarters for Joint Task Force 3 during state emergencies. The Brigade deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 and Kuwait in 2012.

Major Elements:


New York Army National Guard

SELECTED EQUIPMENT and WEAPONS

M9: Standard military side arm. Magazine holds 15 9mm rounds. Sidearm of Soldiers conducting security missions for MTA.

M16A2: Soldier's basic weapon. Fires .556 mm ammunition (about 22 caliber size) as single shots or three round bursts. Magazine holds 30 rounds.

High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (Humvee): The M998 is the basic Humvee model and comes in a troop-carrying truck configuration as well as the standard 4-passenger model.

M939 Five Ton Truck: Standard Army cargo and troop Carrying vehicle.

M4: Carbine (shortened) version of M16A2 used by Soldiers and Airmen deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

LMTV: Light Medium Tactical Vehicle, Standard Army 2.5-ton truck
New York Air National Guard
Headquarters Location: Latham, NY
Commander: Major General Verle Johnston

Mission: Provide trained, well-equipped men and women who can augment
the active force during national emergencies or war, and provide assistance
during natural disasters and civil disturbances.

- 4 Air Bases, 6 Locations
- C-17, Heavy Transport
- C-130, Troop Transport
- HH-60G, Search & Rescue
- MQ-9 Armed Remotely Piloted Aircraft
- LC-130, Ski-equipped Cargo Plane
- Eastern Air Defense Sector
**Wing** = The basic element of the Air Force for generating and employing combat capabilities. Commanded by a Colonel or Brigadier General. Around 800 to 1300 Airmen depending on aircraft. The largest Air National Guard element.

**Squadron** = The subordinate components of a Wing. The basic fighting unit of the Air Force. Squadron size differs based on type and mission. Squadrons can operate aircraft or provide services. Commanded by a lieutenant colonel.

**Group** = An Air Force subunit that is subordinate to a wing handles technical tasks and is equivalent to a Squadron.

**Flight** = The lowest numbered unit in the Air Force. A squadron consists of two or more flights.
**New York Air National Guard**

**105th Airlift Wing**
Stewart Air Force Base
Newburgh, NY

C-17 Globemaster III operated by 105th Airlift Wing.

The 105th Airlift Wing is the only Air National Guard unit operating the largest strategic airlifter in the U.S. inventory. In Wartime the 1,600 members of the wing carry critical cargo around the world. In Peacetime the unit has transported relief supplies Jamaica, Haiti, Florida and northern New York during the 1998 ice storm and to NYC during Hurricane Sandy in 2012. The C-17 can carry 360 soldiers or two M-1 tanks around the world while refueling in mid-air.

**106th Air Rescue Wing**
Westhampton Beach, L.I. NY

HH-60 Pavehawk rescue helicopter

The 106th Air Rescue Wing operates the HH-60 Pavehawk rescue helicopter and the HC-130 search and rescue plane. These are the only rescue aircraft in the northeast that can refuel in Flight. The unit has operated from the Azores to the Bahamas in its search and rescue mission. In 1994 it performed the longest over water rescue on record. The unit is on standby for rescue duties during Space Shuttle launches. Its wartime mission is to provide combat search and rescue of downed aircrew and extract soldiers from behind enemy lines. The 106th is the headquarters for Joint Task Force 2 during state emergencies.
New York Air National Guard

107th Airlift Wing
Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station
Niagara Falls, NY

The 107th Airlift Wing operates C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft in association with the Air Force Reserves 914th Airlift Wing. It is a strategic asset aligned with Air Mobility Command and on call worldwide. The wing has flown supply airdrop missions in Afghanistan and flew supply missions in response to Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

109th Airlift Wing
Stratton Air National Guard Base
Scotia, NY

The 109th Airlift Wing operates the only ski-equipped C-130 Aircraft in the US military. The unit operates 10 LC-130 ski-equipped Hercules transports and 4 C-130H aircraft. The 109th supports the United States Antarctic Program from a forward base in Christ Church New Zealand and supports National Science Foundation research in the Arctic as well. The unit also provides tactical airlift support. During state emergencies the unit provides trained Airmen for State Active Duty service.
New York Air National Guard

174th Attack Wing
Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, Syracuse, NY

The 174th Attack Wing operates the MQ-9 Reaper Remotely Piloted Aircraft. Every day the wing’s Airmen fly MQ-9 missions in Afghanistan and other locations from a control facility at Hancock Field Air National Guard Base. The Wing also trains MQ-9 mechanics and MQ-9 pilots and sensor operators at Hancock Field and Fort Drum.

Eastern Air Defense Sector
Griffiss Park, Rome, NY

Located on the former Griffiss Air Force Base, the Eastern Defense Sector is a joint Active Air Force/ New York Air National Guard element charged with over watching the airspace of the eastern United States and Canada. EADS is responsible for 94 sensors, 8 fighter alert beacons, and AWACS planes. NEADS maintains a battle Control center charged with securing 16 major cities, and one million square miles of territory and adjacent waters. EADS supports the North American Aerospace Defense Command and Northern Command. NEADS has a daily homeland security mission. On 9/11 EADS launched intercept missions in reaction to the attacks.
Other State Military Forces

NEW YORK GUARD

The New York Guard is the state’s voluntary Defense force. New York is one of 26 states with this type of force. The New York Guard traces its history back to state home defense forces organized in World War I and World War II to replace federalized National Guard units as a state security and disaster relief force. The New York Guard was established as a Permanent force in 1958 under federal law. The New York Guard is not an armed force and members serve in a voluntary capacity. They are Paid only when on State Active Duty. New York Guard units are trained in Search and Rescue techniques and assist local law enforcement. They also augment the National Guard during state Emergencies and mobilization in-processing. Following 9/11 New York Guard members provided Security at National Guard armories and assisted as liaison officers. Authorized 1000 members.

NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA

The New York Naval Militia is comprised of 2,500 Navy, Coast Guard, and United States Marine Corps Reserve members who agree to respond to New York state emergencies in addition to fulfilling their federal reserve obligations. It is the only active, federally-recognized state Naval militia and traces its history back to the period before the Spanish-American War. The Naval Militia operates the unarmed Military Emergency Boat Service which provides watercraft that conduct maritime security operations with the Coast Guard and local law enforcement or independently. Authorized 4000 members.

PB 440 Class Patrol Boat
Support to Civil Authorities

Governor of New York

OHS

SEMO

JFHQ-NY

Mission Execution

Operational Headquarters
“Plan, Coordinate, Execute”

Force Providers
“Man, Train, Equip”

NYARNG

NYANG

NYNM

NYG

Authorizes use of NYMF

Assigns DSCA missions
Support to Civil Authorities

Joint Task Force Areas of Operation

153 TC
Western

27 BCT
Central

53 TC
Upper Hudson

42 ID

4

106 RQW
Long Island

TAC 2, 42 ID

1

New York City

5

53 TC
Lower Hudson

3
QUESTIONS?