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# FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

## To the Citizens of Iowa:

I am proud to present to you our 2022 annual report informing you of the tremendous accomplishments achieved this past year by our more than 9,000 Soldiers and Airmen of the Iowa National Guard. You will read of their stories as they supported and maintained a competent and ready force, focused on the goal of better serving our communities, our state and our nation.

The **mission** of the Iowa National Guard is to remain operationally relevant and always ready. As the Adjutant General, my **vision** is for an organization that is prepared to mobilize, deploy and execute missions - both at home to support the Governor and the needs of Iowans, and abroad as an integral part of the federal force.

Our most valuable resource is our service members. **They are Iowans: your loved ones, friends, employers, employees, students and neighbors.** Our formations are comprised of different races, ethnicities, national origins and religions, and yet we all have one thing in common – we are faithfully committed to serve this state and nation. The driving success behind the Iowa National Guard, our operations and all of our many responsibilities relies on the **strength of our force, our people.**

As a result of their military training, they learn about teamwork, leadership, cooperation and working with others for the good of a common cause. An important by-product of Iowa National Guard membership is this skill set that remains vital to our society. They use the skills and knowledge they acquired in the Iowa National Guard to be leaders in their communities and to make Iowa a better place to live, receive an education and raise a family.

We thank our military families, employers of service members, community members and all Iowans. **We couldn't do this without you. Your continued support allows our Soldiers and Airmen to remain committed to serving you, our state and our great nation.**

Sincerely,

Benjamin Corell  
Maj. Gen., Iowa National Guard  
The Adjutant General





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# PEOPLE



## *OUR VALUES*

The Soldiers and Airmen of the Iowa National Guard have committed to serving in their own communities and abroad, and they demonstrate this dedication through their great accomplishments each year. Our people are the bedrock of our success. The goal of the Iowa National Guard is to provide greater predictability to our members throughout their careers—from enlistment into retirement—by building an organizational culture that recognizes the value in each individual. We will invest in our Soldiers and Airmen by aligning their talents deliberately as they develop professionally through their careers.

## FIRST ENLISTED INFANTRYWOMAN

(Right)

Maj. Gen. Benjamin Corell, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, presents a coin of excellence to Pfc. Taylor Patterson, the first enlisted woman in the Iowa Army National Guard to join the infantry, before his annual Condition of the Guard address at the Iowa State Capitol on Jan. 13, 2022. Patterson, of Ankeny, Iowa, completed infantry training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and is now assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry Regiment. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Kruse)



## FIRST WOMEN TO BECOME STATE CHAPLAINS

(Left)

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Martha Kester smiles for a photo after completing a Passing of the Stole Ceremony at Joint Force Headquarters in Johnston, Iowa, on Oct. 22, 2022. Kester, alongside Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Heather Simon, have made history together by becoming the first women to serve as State Chaplains, both in their states and in the country. Kester will serve the Iowa National Guard, while Simon will serve the New Jersey National Guard. The Passing of the Stole reminds all military chaplains of their calling and their pastoral responsibility to provide religious support to service members and families. The ceremony is a tradition that represents a formal transfer of authority and responsibility from the previous State Chaplain to the new one. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Kruse)





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IN PICTURES







## *"Sully's Lil Red Wagon:" Iowa Soldier gives back to community*

Shortly after Johnston, Iowa, saw its first snow in November 2022, Iowa National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Michael Sullivan pulled out his "Lil Red Wagon" for the third year in a row to start collecting donations for the Des Moines area homeless population.

As Sullivan carefully carried the wagon outside for a quick photoshoot, he thought out loud:

"You feel how cold it is right now, even just being out here for a short time?" he said. "Now imagine having to stay outside in this all day, all night. That's the reality for a lot of people. That's why I do what I do."

Sullivan is the assistant operations noncommissioned officer at the 734th Regional Support Group based at Camp Dodge. When Iowa joined the entire country in a lockdown at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sullivan noticed a change in his neighborhood. He passed the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers during his drive to work each day, and more and more tents began popping up along on the banks.

"As people were being evicted or whatever circumstance happened to them, the number of tents alongside the river and park area tripled," Sullivan said. "When Christmas season rolled around and the leaves started falling off the trees again, there was still that same amount. That told me these folks have been homeless anywhere from six to eight months or more."

According to a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development report, Iowa was among four states that experienced the largest increase in homelessness between 2019 and 2020.

He decided he wanted to do something to help, and the idea for "Sully's Lil Red Wagon" was born. Sullivan and his wife got in touch with a local charity program they had worked with before and pulled a list of donatable items.

That first year – Christmas 2020 – he set his wagon next to the big Christmas tree at Iowa's Joint Force Headquarters as a marker for people to drop off donations. Sullivan was pleasantly surprised at the overwhelming support from his fellow Soldiers, and not just at Camp Dodge. Iowa Guard Soldiers traveled from Boone and even Perry to donate.

He was delivering a truckload of items every two weeks, and by the end of the drive, they raised \$400 in cash donations and \$200 in purchased donations.

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In 2021, he raised \$1,400 worth in cash and items and started donating to other Des Moines area charities that give the items directly to those in need. Sullivan said most of the time, the goods were being handed out to people as soon as they were unloaded from the truck.

Sgt. 1st Class Alyssa Blazicek helped Sullivan set up and get the word out that first year.

“This is just a very small symbol of what Sullivan is, which is a giver,” said Blazicek. “Even though winter is when the homeless are sometimes more seen, he thinks about them year-round.”

Sullivan credits his upbringing for teaching him to put others before himself. His parents always preached that you are “blessed more than you realize.” He described a period of his life when things were tough, and once went four days without food.

The harsh reality of food insecurity and homelessness in Iowa motivated him to put things in perspective and do what he could to help.

“You can see it when you pull up at a stoplight and there’s someone standing there with a sign,” Sullivan said. “You don’t know the circumstances that led to this person asking for money to survive. Some stories are true and some are not so true. But that’s their story, and I have no right to judge. They’re our fellow humans and I just want to do what I can.”



*Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Kruse*

# MODERNIZATION

## **Logistics Modernization**

The Iowa Army National Guard continued to make equipment modernization strides in conjunction with national level initiatives. Modernization is key to achieving interoperability with Active-Duty formations for federal activations, but also plays an important role for defense support to civil authorities (DSCA) during state activation. Army equipment is broadly categorized in the areas of shoot, move, and communicate. The Iowa National Guard replaced 100% of the legacy M-9 Beretta pistols with the M17 Sig Sauer pistol, in addition to replacing nearly every M-16 with the improved M-4 rifle. Each weapon system provides increased lethality and security. Fielding of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All Terrain Vehicles (M-ATVs) continued to occur from previous years. This vehicle affords increased protection and survivability for Soldiers when compared to legacy High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs). Finally, distribution of Transportable Tactical Command Communications (T2C2) and the Disaster Incident Response Emergency Communications Terminal (DIRECT) provides reliable and improved communications capabilities. More importantly, the DIRECT system enables Iowa Army National Guard units to provide commercial phone, Internet access, and commercial Wi-Fi to military, government, non-government, and first responders during DSCA operations.

## **Facilities Modernization**

The continued support by the General Assembly through the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Funds and other appropriations has been critical in supporting the continued modernization of Iowa National Guard Facilities so that our soldiers can train, mobilize, and deploy in support of emergencies here in Iowa and to meet federal requirements overseas. In the last year, state funds helped leverage a much larger pot of federal dollars to build new fitness facilities dedicated to the holistic health and fitness of our forces. In addition, significant maintenance and construction on Camp Dodge took place to include renovations of barracks and other soldier living spaces; replacement of storm damaged WWII era “temporary” buildings; and continued upgrades to utility and road infrastructure. Throughout the state, we have invested in resiliency and modernization projects in Mason City and Davenport to support ground and air transportation contingencies. Our infrastructure modernization has been and will continue to be focused on ensuring that Iowa National Guard facilities are always ready to support the needs of our state and nation.





# PARTNERSHIPS

The Iowa National Guard has partnerships across the state, country, and world. Each level of engagement is necessary and important. Our partnerships with local agencies help to create a network for disaster response and planning, emergency preparation, and to coordinate mobilization efforts when called upon. Our state and joint force partnerships strengthen training efforts and our ability to maintain readiness. Our global partnerships allow us to be part of building a global community, and to bolster national defense strategies through hands-on training such as in the cybersecurity sector.

This year the Iowa National Guard built unparalleled partnerships with Iowans, private and public partners and global leaders.

Maj. Gen. Corell traveled to Armend Mehaj, Kosovo's Defense Minister hometown of Isniq, Kosovo. There, Corell was greeted by an excited crowd, waving American flags and cheering. Corell was there to enhance the key military partnership with the Kosovo Security Force. "My focus was to make sure we are building trust, building the relationship," he said. "Part of that was to really understand where the Kosovo Security Forces want to go with their military."







Spc. Noah Bierman, a West Liberty, Iowa, native and infantryman assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment, fist bumps a member of the Kosovo Security Force after completing a wedge formation live-fire exercise at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, on May 19, 2022. Approximately 15 KSF troops embedded with companies in the 1-133rd Infantry during a two-week annual training exercise. Two KSF troops conducted the live-fire exercise with the U.S. infantrymen. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Kruse)



Pvt. Sead Berisha, a psychological operations soldier with the Kosovo Security Force, waits in queue for commands from Air Assault cadre to negotiate an obstacle on the Confidence Course at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, on Aug. 30, 2022. Berisha was one of two KSF soldiers to participate in a 12-day U.S. Army Air Assault course held at Camp Dodge, which trains service members in sling-load operations and rappelling as well as being a test of grit. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Samantha Hircock)

Senior leaders of the Iowa National Guard, congratulate Staff Sgt. Lorik Ramaj, a Kosovo Security Force member assigned to a civilian affairs company, on his graduation from a U.S. Air Assault course at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, on Sept. 9, 2022. Over 200 students participated in the 12-day course held at Camp Dodge, which trains service members in sling load operations and rappelling. Ramaj and one other KSF soldier became the first KSF members to graduate from a U.S. Air Assault course. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Kruse)



Governor Kim Reynolds and Maj. Gen. Corell presented the Storm Lake Police Department with the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award in September. This award is given to private and public sector employers to recognize employers' outstanding support of employees who also serve in the National Guard or Reserve. Since the award's creation in 1996, only 325 employers nationwide have been recognized with this honor. The Storm Lake Police Dept. was nominated by Iowa Army National Guard Soldier, Sgt. Gerado Bravo. Partnerships with Iowa employers allow Soldiers and Airmen to serve with support.

In July, thirsty Iowans participating in 2022 Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa or RAGBRAI were greeted by Soldiers and Airmen along the route. The Iowa National Guard worked with local community leaders to ensure that water sources would be available to participants. Our water buffalo's or military equipment makes for an ideal bulk water distribution resource. This resource was extremely valuable where gaps in water service was identified.



The presentation of the Freedom Award with, from left: Mayor Mike Porsch; Major General Benjamin Corell, Adjutant General of Iowa National Guard; Governor Kim Reynolds; Storm Lake Police Chief Chris Cole; Officer Gerardo Bravo; Officer Tyler Munden; Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Hjelmstad, Command Senior Enlisted Leader of Iowa National Guard; Becky Cody, Iowa ESGR State Chair. (Photos by Dolores Cullen | The Storm Lake Times)



Members of the Air Force Cycling Team ride to Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, to start the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa at Sioux City, Iowa, July 24, 2022. The AFCT rides RAGBRAI as their premier event each year. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Tylon Chapman)

# TOTAL JOINT FORCE


*ALWAYS READY*

The Iowa National Guard is always prepared and to mobilize, deploy, and execute missions. We strive to remain the most trusted organization in Iowa by:

Responsible stewardship of our resources.

Maintaining the readiness of our organizations.

Continued responsiveness to meet federal and state missions.



Iowa Army National Guard Soldiers conduct a 12-mile road march at sunrise during the 2022 Iowa Best Warrior Competition at Camp Dodge on April 3, 2022. The road march was the culminating event for the three-day competition, which tested about 25 junior enlisted Soldiers and noncommissioned officers on various Army tasks and drills. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Kruse)





**Joint Force  
Headquarters**  
*Johnston, Iowa*



**Camp Dodge**  
*Johnston, Iowa*



**185th Regional  
Training Institute**  
*Johnston, Iowa*



**67th Troop Command**  
*Iowa City, Iowa*



**2nd Brigade Combat  
Team, 34th Infantry  
Division**  
*Boone, Iowa*



**734th Regional  
Support Group**  
*Johnston, Iowa*



**185th Air Refueling  
Wing**  
*Sioux City, Iowa*



**132nd Wing**  
*Des Moines, Iowa*

# JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

## **Headquarters**

*Johnston, Iowa*

## **Commander**

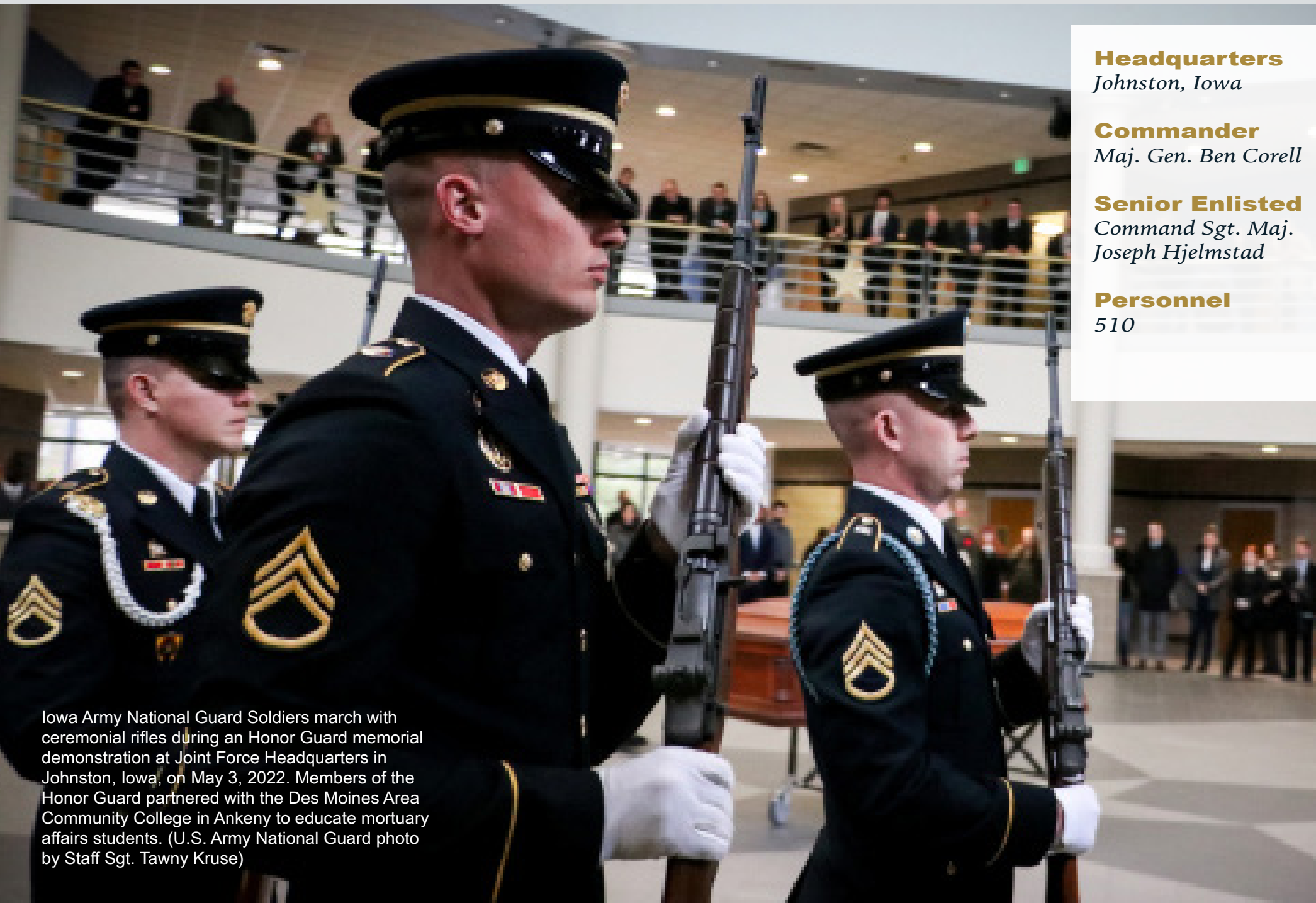
*Maj. Gen. Ben Corell*

## **Senior Enlisted**

*Command Sgt. Maj.  
Joseph Hjelmstad*

## **Personnel**

*510*



Iowa Army National Guard Soldiers march with ceremonial rifles during an Honor Guard memorial demonstration at Joint Force Headquarters in Johnston, Iowa, on May 3, 2022. Members of the Honor Guard partnered with the Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny to educate mortuary affairs students. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Kruse)



## 671st TROOP COMMAND

### *JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS*

The Joint Force Headquarters acts as the mission command of Iowa Army National Guard units and provides quick response support for Iowa's civil authorities. When requested by the governor, it can task Soldiers with protecting life and critical infrastructure, preserving peace and maintaining order. The unit supports events throughout the year that strengthen the overall readiness of the Iowa National Guard and support the Adjutant General's requirements.

### *SUSTAINMENT TRAINING CENTER*

The Sustainment Training Center at Camp Dodge is the Army National Guard's primary training center for sustainment units across the country. It provides technical and tactical training and evaluations in several fields, including maintenance, logistics and medical care. The STC staff takes pride in offering relevant, realistic training scenarios.

### *71st CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM*

The 71st Civil Support Team based at the Des Moines Airport is dedicated to identifying and containing hazardous materials, toxic agents and chemicals, whether man-made or from natural disasters. The 71st CST is a joint unit made up of both Soldiers and Airmen who remain ready to support state and national agencies through training and real-world events.

## *2022 Highlights*

- Reenergized the annual Iowa Army National Guard Alumni Day after it was canceled in 2021; over 270 alumni attended the event, where they got access to several retirement resources and built camaraderie with current and retired IANG members
- Reintroduced the annual IANG Trench Run, a unique race/obstacle course held in the Camp Dodge training area; over 240 service members and civilians participated from 5 states
- Hosted the Iowa Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition, a test of Soldier's skills and endurance; two Kosovo Security Force members were invited to participate

- Supported three State Partnership Program engagements, bringing an international impact on sustainment readiness:
  - Trained several Kosovo Security Force members in vehicle maintenance
  - During a rotation with the Pennsylvania National Guard's 128th Brigade Support Battalion, the STC trained soldiers embedded with the unit from Lithuania, Pennsylvania's State Partner; staff allowed the Lithuanian Soldiers to shadow instructors and learn best practices

- Partnered with local agencies on Joint Hazardous Assistance Teams to provide event security at major community events.
- Organized and led several outreach events with Iowa fire departments; shared best industry practices within the HAZMAT community and provided education on state-of-the-art detection equipment
- Five Soldiers traveled to Kosovo in support of Iowa's State Partnership Program

# CAMP DODGE

*Story and photo by Staff. Sgt. Tawny Kruse*

A new indoor Army Combat Fitness Test and training facility will be available for Soldiers to use at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, by the end of October 2022. The facility, called the Field House, cost just under \$2 million to build and was completed in under a year.

The Field House features 16 turf lanes, energy saving motion sensor lights and temperature control available for Iowa's cold winters. The ACFT is the Army's new record fitness test as of October 1. Each of the six events provides an assessment of Soldiers' physical strength, mental toughness, coordination and flexibility while reducing preventable injuries.

"It doesn't matter if it's raining or snowing, it will provide a place where you can do all the [ACFT] testing – minus the run – inside," said Lt. Col. Kent Greiner, officer in charge of Camp Dodge Training Center.

The run and walk portions of the event can still be completed on outdoor tracks at the post. Soldiers will also have the option of conducting the whole test outside on a leveled field right next to the building.

Greiner said they plan to add a half-mile stretch of track outside that circles the Field House in the coming year. A storage area for ACFT equipment will also be added by the end of the month.

"Having it set up with heating and ventilation for use year-round is going to help armories throughout the state," said Master Sgt. Luke Krier, chief of the Camp Dodge Department of Public Works. "There's no off season anymore, so you can get Soldiers in here any time and that's a big help for readiness."

The facility is one of several improvement projects that have recently been completed or are in progress throughout the Iowa National Guard. The projects nest under the Army's larger modernization initiative to ensure Soldiers have the necessary training and equipment to conduct missions and prepare for future battlefields.

## Headquarters

*Johnston, Iowa*

## Commander

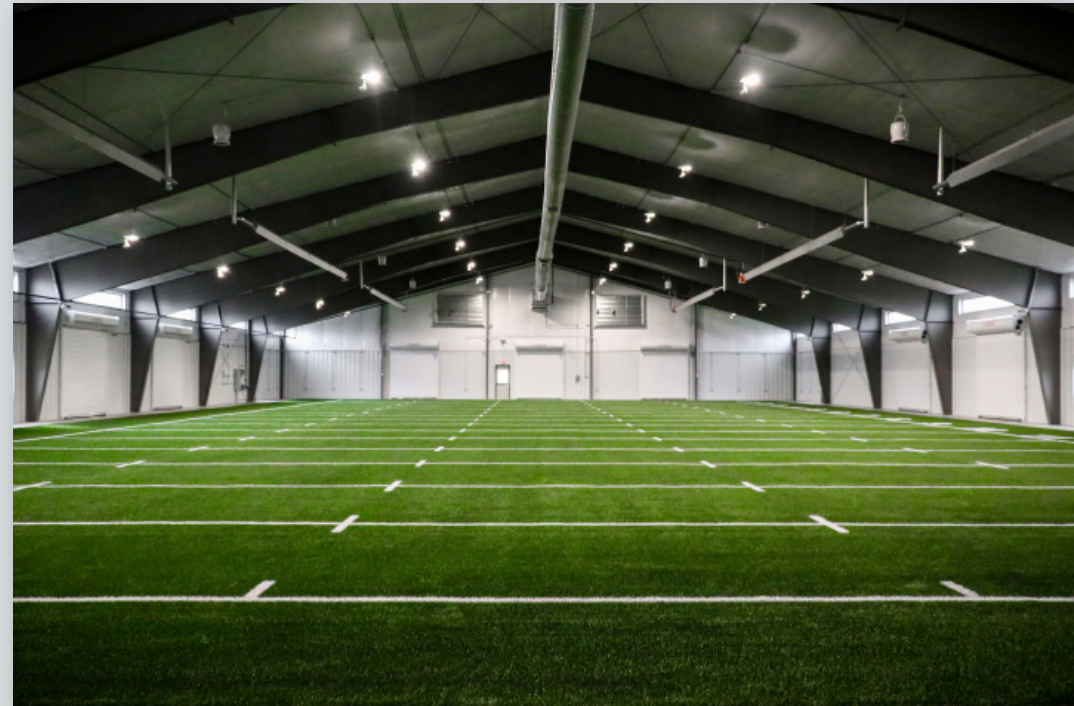
*Col. Jason Edwards*

## Senior Enlisted

*Command Sgt. Maj.  
Duane Case*

## Personnel

*74*





Iowa Army National Guard Soldiers assigned to the 831st Engineer Company mark a straight line with thread on newly poured concrete at the historic Herrold School House in the Camp Dodge training area in Johnston, Iowa, on June 14, 2022. The 831st EC was assigned to complete various projects around Camp Dodge. Updates to the school house were made to allow Soldiers to use the schoolhouse as a tactical operations center. They will be able to set up their own wireless communications to simulate a temporary operations center during conflict. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Kruse)



U.S. Soldiers and Airmen await the Air Assault cadre's command to begin negotiating the Tough One obstacle on the Confidence Course at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, on Aug. 30, 2022. Over 200 Soldiers and Airmen participated in a 12-day U.S. Army Air Assault course held at Camp Dodge, which trains service members in sling-load operations and rappelling as well as being a test of grit. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Samantha Hircock)

## *The Iowa Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge*

The annual tradition of inviting the public out to Camp Dodge on Memorial Day has been re-started. After a number of years of being hosted by WHO radio's morning team, the early morning open house has resumed.

"What's really cool about it, is to see the families coming out here and there are lot of first time visitors, people that have never been out here it's an amazing museum," said Maxwell Schaeffer, morning host on WHO Radio.

The Gold Star Museum is known for its exhibits which tell the stories of lowans who have served in various overseas conflicts or wars across the decades.

"The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, at the historic Camp Dodge interprets the history of Iowa units, Iowa veterans, and the state's role in our nations military past," said Mike Vogt, Gold Star Museum Coordinator. "We got artifacts, images, documents that interpret the story of lowans serving in the military, and the military's impact on Iowa from my pre-statehood, Lewis and Clark days, up to the present day."

The museum presents the various wars, even as far back as the Revolutionary War.

"So most people don't think of Iowa in the Revolutionary War because we were state 80 years after it was over," said Mike Rowley, of Sons of American Revolution. "There's actually 42 revolutionary war veterans buried in the state of Iowa, most on the eastern part of Iowa."

The Iowa Gold Star Museum is open normally on Tuesday through Saturday, and there is free admission.

*Courtesy story by Roger Riley / KSDM17*





Volunteers at the Gold Star Museum on Camp Dodge were recognized for going above and beyond their ordinary tasks in Johnston, Iowa, with a luncheon at the Pool Pavilion Oct. 25, 2022. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Rachel White)



Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate flying over Iowa on the F-16C simulator. (Photo courtesy of Iowa Gold Star Museum)



# 67TH TROOP COMMAND

The 67th Troop Command provides training and readiness oversight for Medical and Aviation Element across the State of Iowa, as well as the 34th Army Band of the Iowa Army National Guard. The elements of the 67th TC provide medical and aviation support to include; field hospitals, ground and air ambulance, aerial movement, surveillance and reconnaissance, and fixed wing aerial support. The 67th Troop Command includes the 109th Multifunctional Medical Battalion (Iowa City), and 248th Aviation Support Battalion (Boone).

## Headquarters

*Iowa City, Iowa*

## Commander

*Col. Charles Lampe*

## Senior Enlisted

*Command Sgt. Maj.  
Steven Dreher*

## Personnel

*1,064*

## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The 34th Army Band continued to engage with the community supporting major events such as the Iowa State Fair Veteran's Day Parade, the Freedom Festival Parade, and the Iowa National Guard Summer Concert Series.

The 209th Medical Company (Area Support) in Iowa City successfully deployed 78 Soldiers to Poland in support of Operation European Assure, Deter and Reinforce, which provides deterrence to our adversaries while supporting NATO allies; they're currently providing field hospital health service support.

The 109th Multifunctional Medical Battalion oversaw eight different National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve medical companies from across the country during Operation Global Medic at Fort Hunter-Liggett, California. A training and testing exercise for medical personnel.

The 134th Medical Company (Ground Ambulance) at Camp Dodge provided real world training opportunities to U.S. Army Reserve Units located in Des Moines; the partnership allows for an increased medical readiness for the units and the state of Iowa

294th Medical Company (Area Support)  
The 294th Medical Company (Area Support) in Washington developed Community Partnership with Washington County Hospital. This partnership allows for Soldiers to receive real world training opportunities and allows for a shared understanding of the capabilities of the unit in the event of a real-world crisis.

Additionally, the 294th MCAS provided real-world medical training and medical support to operations in Hohenfels, Germany

The 248th Aviation Support Battalion's Headquarters and Headquarters Company earned the Association of the United States Army's *Outstanding Aviation Unit Award*, logging over 2,900 flight hours, transporting two-million pounds of cargo, and transporting over 3,500 personnel .



Staff Sgt. Jason Glass, a musician with the 34th Army Band, salutes during the singing of the National Anthem at the Iowa State Fair on Aug. 15, 2022. Glass was the acting drum major for the 34th Army Band during the Veterans Parade, which takes place each year at the Iowa State Fair with the participation of local officials, the Iowa National Guard, other joint forces, veterans groups and community members. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Samantha Hircock)



# 734TH REGIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

In June, the 831st Engineer Company tackled several modernization projects on Camp Dodge, improving existing infrastructure and restoring elements of Camp Dodge history that date back to the early 1900s. Also in June, the 833rd Engineer Company completed an exportable combat training capabilities exercise at Orchard Combat Training Center in Idaho, where they trained alongside other Active and Reserve Component units. Throughout the year, RSG units continued to focus on engaging with their local communities and extending the influence of the Iowa National Guard through STEM recruiting events, fitness camps, open houses and employer panel discussions.

The 734th RSG is comprised of 12 individual companies including two Battalion Headquarters that provide logistics, transportation, engineering, and maintenance support throughout the state of Iowa.

The mission of the 734th RSG is to continually train to deploy and provide base operations support with responsibility for managing facilities, and providing administrative and logistical support.



Soldiers assigned to the 734th Regional Support Group participate in a parade for the Johnston Green Days celebration in Johnston, Iowa, on June 18, 2022. The Soldiers, based at Camp Dodge in Johnston, participated in the celebration of the town to thank the community for their ongoing support of the Iowa National Guard. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christie R. Smith)



**Headquarters**

*Johnston, Iowa*

**Commander**

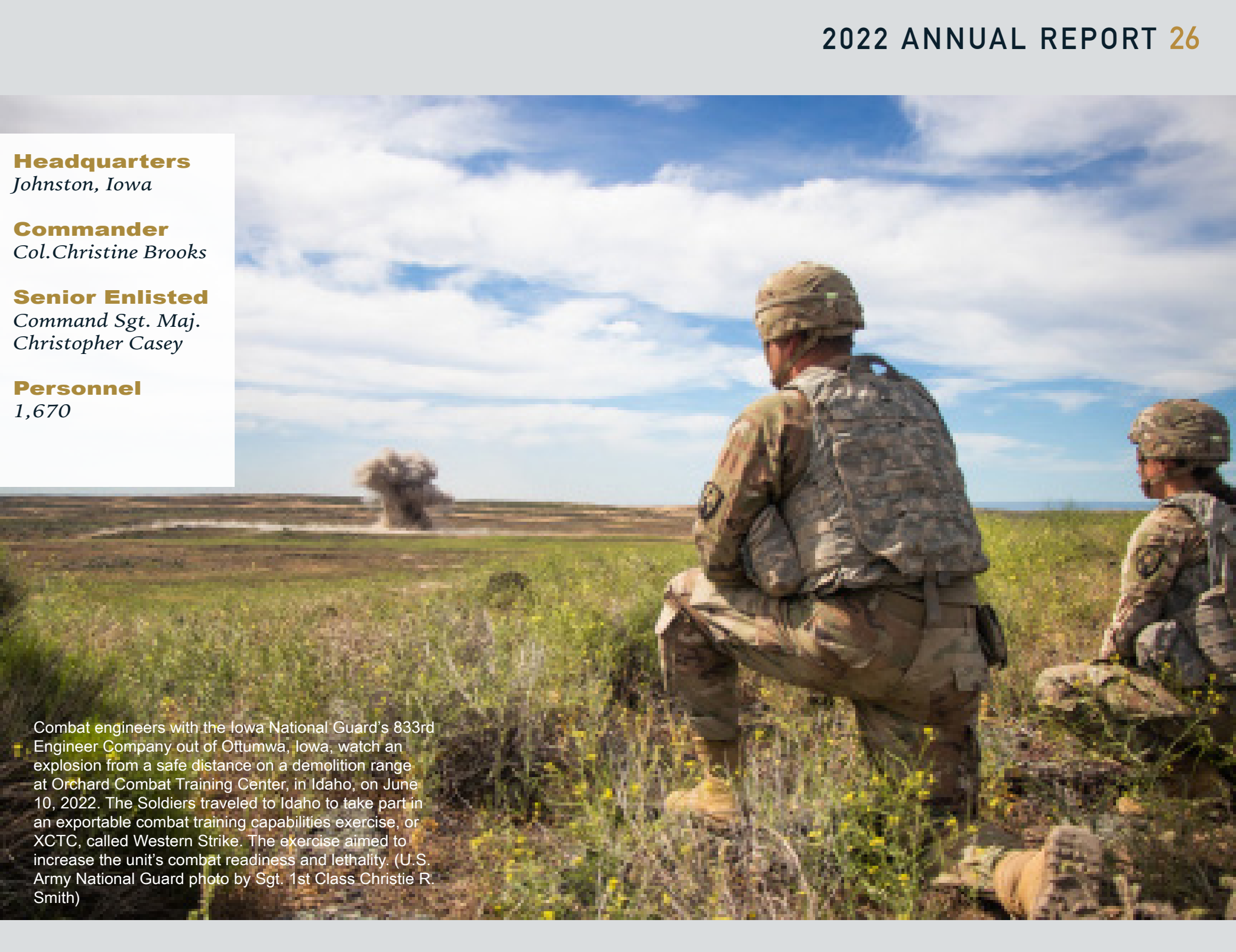
*Col. Christine Brooks*

**Senior Enlisted**

*Command Sgt. Maj.  
Christopher Casey*

**Personnel**

*1,670*



Combat engineers with the Iowa National Guard's 833rd Engineer Company out of Ottumwa, Iowa, watch an explosion from a safe distance on a demolition range at Orchard Combat Training Center, in Idaho, on June 10, 2022. The Soldiers traveled to Idaho to take part in an exportable combat training capabilities exercise, or XCTC, called Western Strike. The exercise aimed to increase the unit's combat readiness and lethality. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christie R. Smith)

# 2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION

The 2/34 IBCT mobilizes, deploys, and conducts decisive action in combat operations, or repels enemy assault through counterattacks to enable military objectives and protect national interests.

## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2022 1-133d IN conducted Joint training with 1 Regiment Kososvo Security Forces. Focusing on the development of fire team and squad leader level NCO development. KSF sent 16 Soldiers of various ranks from E3 up to O3.

1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry Regiment conducted home-station training and community engagement events during 2022, following successful 2021 missions to the Horn of Africa in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as Operation Joint Guardian, Kosovo Force.

Company F of the 1st Battalion, 194th Artillery Regiment participated in the Culinary Excellence Competition. The previous year, 1-194th Soldiers participated in Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Freedom Sentinel in Afghanistan becoming the first Counter-Rocket, Artillery, Mortar (C-RAM) unit to successfully engage a Type III fixed wing UAS in a combat situation.

The 224th Brigade Engineer Battalion conducted a successful training in team live fire exercises, crew serve weapons qualification, and demolition ranges and Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) training.

The Field Feeding Section won the 2022 State Culinary Excellence Competition (CEC). They also competed in the Region IV annual Philip A. Connelly Competition and won the State Gold Spoon Competition.

## Headquarters

Boone, Iowa

## Commander

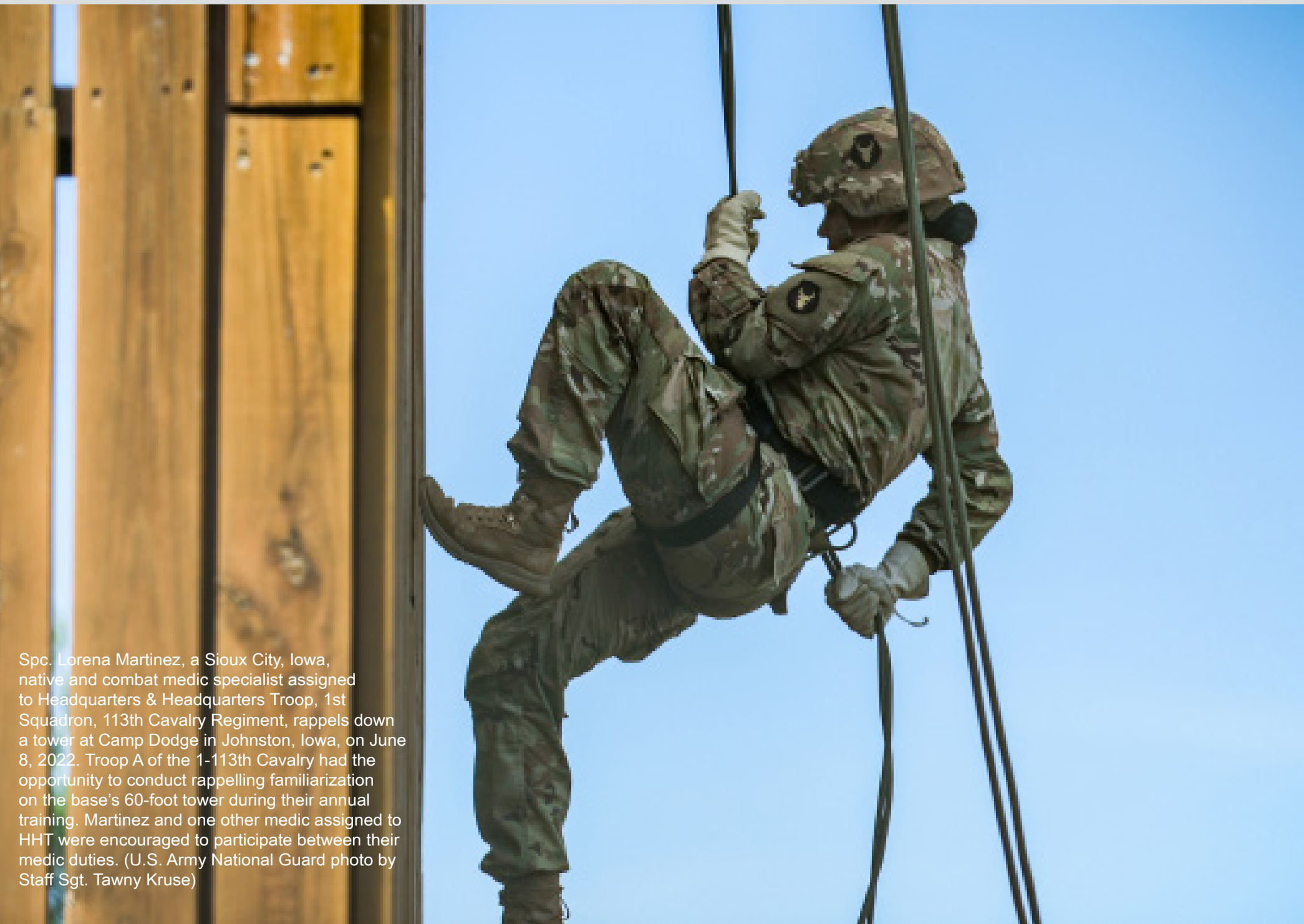
Col. Simon Schaefer

## Senior Enlisted

Command Sgt. Maj.  
Jeremy Strasser

## Personnel

3,419



Spc. Lorena Martinez, a Sioux City, Iowa, native and combat medic specialist assigned to Headquarters & Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry Regiment, rappels down a tower at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, on June 8, 2022. Troop A of the 1-113th Cavalry had the opportunity to conduct rappelling familiarization on the base's 60-foot tower during their annual training. Martinez and one other medic assigned to HHT were encouraged to participate between their medic duties. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Kruse)



# 185TH REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

## **Headquarters**

*Sioux City, Iowa*

## **Commander**


*Col. Linda Craven*

## **Senior Enlisted**

*Command Sgt. Maj.  
Robert Popenhagen*

## **Personnel**

74



Soldiers in the U.S. National Guard and Reserves drag an injured Soldier to a notional casualty collection point during a field training exercise in the Camp Dodge training area while attending a combat medic course at the 185th Regional Training Institute in Johnston, Iowa, on May 17, 2022. Four Kosovo Security Force members are attending the course at the 185th RTI. The Iowa National Guard is partnered with Kosovo as part of the Department of Defense's State Partnership Program, which affords unique opportunities for cross training. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Kruse)

## *Training the Next Generation of Leaders*

The 185th RTI graduated 34 Officer Candidates from Officer Candidate School, Class 67-22 with 33 of the graduates accepting commissions as 2nd Lieutenants, one of the largest commissioning classes in the past twenty years. 12 Warrant Officers graduated from WOCS Class 22-001. The 185 RTI trained and graduated over 1,600 Soldiers with over 270 at the primary school house, over 330 students at the Regional Training Site - Maintenance Iowa (RTSM-IA), and just under 1,000 Soldiers in the Medical Simulation Training Center (MSTC TY22).



Soldiers in the U.S. National Guard and Reserves give instruction and guidance to a member of the Kosovo Security Force as he treats a casualty with gauze during a field training exercise in the Camp Dodge training area while attending a combat medic course at the 185th Regional Training Institute in Johnston, Iowa, on May 17, 2022. Four KSF members are attending the course at the 185th RTI. The Iowa National Guard is partnered with Kosovo as part of the Department of Defense's State Partnership Program, which affords unique opportunities for cross training. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Kruse)

# 132D WING

The 132d Wing celebrated their 80th anniversary on Feb. 25, 2021.

The 132d participated in several major training exercises in 2021 and 2022. In March, members of the 132d Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Group supported the first ever Exercise PAC Fury, the Air Force's first ever distributed operations exercise utilizing outside agencies and units from their home station. 132 ISRG was one of three National Guard units to volunteer and participate in the exercise. In May, members of the 132d Wing made the trip down to the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC), Gulfport, Miss., where they took part in Southern Strike 2021. The exercise displays counter insurgency, close air support, non-combatant evacuation, and maritime special operations and marked its tenth year in 2021. In March 2022, the 132d participated in a base-wide readiness exercise to demonstrate the unit's strategic capabilities at home and abroad.

More than 50 Airmen from the 132d Wing deployed stateside in support of Operations Allies Welcome, the ongoing effort to bring Americans home from Afghanistan and bring vulnerable Afghans to the United States and support their resettlement. The Airmen provided logistical, sustainment, and interagency support for Afghan refugees resettling in the United States under the direction of U.S. Northern Command. Additionally, over 100 Airmen from the 132d Wing deployed overseas in support of RCP08 across multiple AORs and commands.

At home, the Wing participated in a major state mission to provide electoral security assistance to the Iowa Secretary of State's Office. Members of the 168th Cyber Operations Squadron supported the Joint Task Force—Cyber mission to assure the integrity of the State of Iowa's electoral process by. JTF—Cyber served as an additional level of cybersecurity expertise for networked computer and telecommunications systems which support Iowa's election systems and protect infrastructure from interference prior to and during the primary and general election.

## Headquarters

*Des Moines, Iowa*

## Commander

*Col. Travis Crawmer*

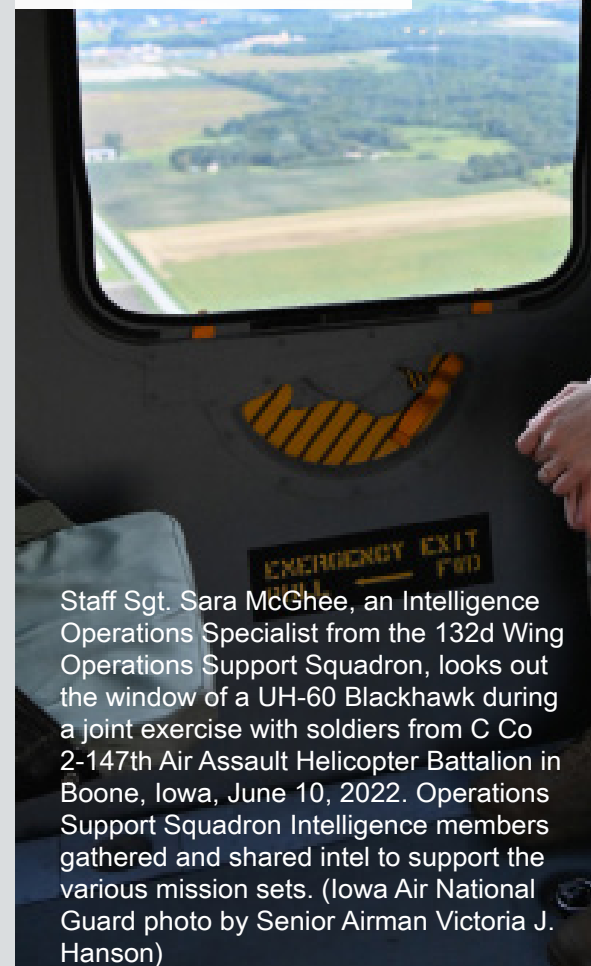
## Senior Enlisted

*Chief Master Sgt.*

*Kris Rode*

## Personnel

900







Senior Master Sgt. Donald Roos talks with member of 132d Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group about how the 57th Munitions Squadron operates during annual training at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, May 18, 2022. Members of the 132d ISRG spent two weeks at Nellis AFB for their annual training showcasing their ability to standup operations anywhere in the world. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Adam Welch)



# 185TH AIR REFUELING WING

## **Headquarters**

*Sioux City, Iowa*

## **Commander**

*Col. Mark A. Muckey*

## **Senior Enlisted**

*Command Chief  
Master Sgt. Ron L.  
Lorenzen*

## **Personnel**

*979*



Iowa Air National Guard pilots Col. Kevin Alons and 1st Lt. Rylee McKinney fly a U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker in the skies over the U.S. Midwest after departing from Topeka, Kansas May 17, 2022, while 1st Lt. Jake Reis looks on. The 185th Air Refueling Wing pilots performed training missions during their flight. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Olivia Monk)

The 185th Air Refueling Wing provides ready Airmen to support global strategic competition, nuclear deterrence, and aerial refueling across federal and state missions.

In early 2022, 111 Airmen from the 185th deployed to eight different locations of various Commands. Meanwhile, 36 Airmen volunteered to deploy domestically in support of Operation Allies Welcome, ensuring the flawless integration of over 15,000 Afghan refugees into the United States.

The 185th Operations Group continues to operate the Boom Operator Simulator System (BOSS), allowing Airmen to train and be compliant in their field without the use of aircraft. This simulator provides \$1.35 million in savings.

In January, the 185th ARW was selected for its 15th Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, making it the 5th consecutive award in a row.

In February, Senator Joni Ernst visited the 133rd Test Squadron. It is the only Air National Guard unit that performs testing and evaluation for the Air Force.

In April, 110 Airmen, along with 4 aircraft, deployed to the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) area of responsibility where they will provide aerial refueling support for Air Force and partner nation aircraft.

In April, the 185th hosted the first of its kind high school Career Fair, allowing 120 students to attend and view the more than 90 career specialties the base has to offer. The following day, 46 members of the Leadership Siouland Organization had the opportunity to visit the 185th and witness an in-flight refueling aboard a KC-135.

Additionally in April, the 185th Recruiting Team began working with the Siouland Chamber of Commerce to create military graduation stoles for high school graduates. On May 12th, the 185th hosted an event in which the Chamber unveiled the graduation stoles to the public and announced the program that honors high school graduates who are headed to military service.

A complete remodel of the Wing operations building is estimated to be completed in December 2022. The \$11 million project consists of a complete renovation to the existing structure and addition of new systems.



# LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Iowa National Guard would like to thank the 89 th General Assembly for appropriating nearly \$11.7M in support of Governor Reynold’s recommended budget for the Department of Public Defense. The General Fund budget for the department is now at \$6,916,601 with a full-time employee authorization of 248; this is an overall General Fund increase of nearly \$500,000. I would personally like to thank the members of the Justice Systems Appropriations Subcommittee for their efforts and hard work in appropriating the General Funds necessary to effectively execute all the requirements within the Department of Public Defense. I would also like to thank the legislators on the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriation Subcommittee who worked tirelessly to fund the maintenance and infrastructure requirements within Camp Dodge and around the state. Without these state matching funds totaling \$4.75M, we would have been unable to leverage the federal funding in excess of \$21M to meet a portion of our maintenance and construction needs.

As we move forward toward the next legislative session, I would like to highlight the growing demand of the Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship (INGSS). This program has been an outstanding recruiting and retention tool since its inception over a decade ago. Since 2018, the appropriation of \$4.7M for INGSS has not changed while other costs and interest in the program have. As demonstrated in the table on page \_\_\_, during academic year 2021-2022, with the help of Iowa College Aid Commission and the governor’s staff, the Iowa National Guard was able to award in excess of \$5.9M in INGSS funds at the 100% rate. Currently, academic year 2022-2023 is projected to spend nearly \$6.4M while maintaining the award at 100%. In order cover increased INGSS usage and tuition rates, I have asked Governor Reynolds to include in her recommended budget an increase the INGSS appropriation from \$4.7M to \$6.4M.



Maj. Gen. Benjamin Corell, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, gives the annual Condition of the Guard address at the Iowa State Capitol on Jan. 13, 2022. Corell emphasized four lines of effort for the organization to focus on in the coming year, which includes developing and maintaining sustainable infrastructure across the state. In the past 21 years, the Iowa Army National Guard has completed major modernization projects on 33 of its readiness centers and maintenance facilities across the state. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tawny Schmit)

# ECONOMIC IMPACT

In 2022, more Iowa National Guard Soldiers and Airmen used the Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship to help pay for college than ever before.

On average, around 700 service members have requested scholarship funds each year. That number increased to around 1,000 this year.

Iowa National Guard leaders attribute the increase in usage to the end of the recent deployment cycle and the needs of today's young recruits.

"The modern recruit is joining for education support," said 1st Lt. Brandon Donoho, education services officer. "It absolutely becomes a cornerstone component or benefit of the Iowa Guard experience."

Historically, \$4.7 million has been appropriated annually through the Iowa legislature. To ensure the organization could fully support every student who applied for education benefits this year, the Iowa National Guard requested and received an additional \$1.6 million in funding.

Sgt. Austin Rognes, a human resources specialist assigned to Joint Force Headquarters and Iowa State University student, is one of the hundreds of service members who are benefiting from the scholarship.

"It is nice to have a cushion and not have to worry about [paying for] groceries and stuff while I am at school or have to work a job," said Rognes. "I can just focus on academics."

Service members must be residents of Iowa, apply by the deadlines and be considered in good standing with their military service to qualify for the scholarship. Funding is typically awarded to students enrolled in undergraduate programs.

## IMPACT TOTALS

### Assigned Personnel

8774

### Federal Master Cooperative Agreement

\$45,719,230

### State Impact

11,174,895

### Federal Impact

240,715,509.38

### Federal Tuition Assistance (People)

539

### Federal Tuition Assistance

\$1,762,261

### State Tuition Reimbursement (People)

1001

### State Tuition Reimbursement

5,963,269.00



|                    | Assigned Personnel     | Federal Drill Weekend Pay | Maintenance and Utilities Cost Share Fed-State | Construction Federal Share | Construction State Share | NG Service Scholarship Recipients | NG Service Scholarship Payments |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| AUDUBON            | 41                     | \$197,031.09              | \$3,019.86                                     |                            |                          | 5                                 | \$31,735.00                     |
| BOONE              | 417                    | \$2,804,444.21            | \$77,534.87                                    | \$126,706.04               | \$43,277.72              | 38                                | \$231,955.00                    |
| CARROLL            | 64                     | \$189,246.32              | \$7,074.27                                     | \$10,654.50                | \$10,654.50              | 6                                 | \$36,837.00                     |
| CEDAR RAPIDS       | 314                    | \$1,256,697.34            | \$62,542.20                                    | \$4,359.85                 | \$1,780.78               | 50                                | \$251,944.00                    |
| CHARLES CITY       | 49                     | \$229,675.49              | \$13,674.35                                    |                            |                          | 12                                | \$70,504.00                     |
| CLINTON            | 54                     | \$215,661.96              | \$16,221.26                                    | \$8,779.50                 | \$8,779.50               | 6                                 | \$37,794.00                     |
| COUNCIL BLUFFS     | 220                    | \$1,000,275.65            | \$20,602.90                                    | \$8,417.40                 |                          | 17                                | \$108,560.00                    |
| DAVENPORT          | 339                    | \$1,594,402.93            | \$71,706.46                                    | \$993,473.45               | \$60,403.55              | 64                                | \$407,143.00                    |
| DENISON            | 55                     | \$178,668.33              | \$2,667.41                                     | \$19,310.00                | \$19,310.00              | 4                                 | \$23,904.00                     |
| DES MOINES AREA    | 2394                   | \$10,945,882.79           | \$285,939.83                                   | \$17,476,209.64            | \$2,891,008.39           | 330                               | \$1,967,912.00                  |
| DUBUQUE            | 164                    | \$623,910.12              | \$19,905.31                                    | \$23,007.50                | \$23,007.50              | 16                                | \$114,132.00                    |
| ESTHERVILLE        | 79                     | \$329,776.97              | \$10,049.41                                    |                            |                          | 10                                | \$48,173.00                     |
| FAIRFIELD          | 114                    | \$521,547.16              | \$13,906.92                                    |                            |                          | 6                                 | \$41,152.00                     |
| FORT DODGE         | 95                     | \$419,651.69              | \$19,522.16                                    | \$19,136.50                | \$19,136.50              | 29                                | \$194,096.00                    |
| IOWA CITY          | 443                    | \$2,381,985.34            | \$23,957.76                                    | \$26,468.50                | \$26,468.50              | 69                                | \$406,180.00                    |
| IOWA FALLS         | 58                     | \$239,605.72              | \$4,171.00                                     | \$51,765.32                | \$51,765.32              | 11                                | \$69,694.00                     |
| KEOKUK             | 54                     | \$222,272.31              | \$11,092.00                                    |                            |                          | 7                                 | \$32,186.00                     |
| KNOXVILLE          | 59                     | \$198,742.00              | \$9,129.14                                     |                            |                          | 2                                 | \$12,207.00                     |
| LE MARS            | 92                     | \$404,485.68              | \$13,400.08                                    |                            |                          | 13                                | \$68,068.00                     |
| MARSHALLTOWN       | 68                     | \$208,884.22              | \$4,196.60                                     |                            |                          | 8                                 | \$43,759.00                     |
| MASON CITY         | 85                     | \$464,153.72              | \$29,786.32                                    | \$2,345,070.00             | \$931,330.00             | 6                                 | \$25,562.00                     |
| MIDDLETOWN         | 116                    | \$521,871.37              | \$42,332.62                                    | \$15,880.00                |                          | 22                                | \$155,747.00                    |
| MOUNT PLEASANT     | 59                     | \$234,354.50              | \$3,746.29                                     |                            |                          | 5                                 | \$27,287.00                     |
| MUSCATINE          | 45                     | \$166,936.86              | \$29,174.91                                    | \$8,300.21                 | \$3,905.98               | 15                                | \$66,920.00                     |
| OELWEIN            | 47                     | \$175,777.03              | \$10,776.32                                    |                            |                          | 9                                 | \$52,037.00                     |
| OSKALOOSA          | 60                     | \$124,452.38              | \$9,853.09                                     | \$3,285.50                 | \$3,285.50               | 0                                 | \$0.00                          |
| OTTUMWA            | 103                    | \$376,666.95              | \$5,974.01                                     |                            |                          | 6                                 | \$31,382.00                     |
| PERRY              | 74                     | \$315,221.39              | \$3,454.58                                     | \$9,729.00                 | \$9,729.00               | 10                                | \$81,617.00                     |
| RED OAK            | 84                     | \$313,713.02              | \$30,391.55                                    |                            |                          | 4                                 | \$24,043.00                     |
| SHELDON            | 81                     | \$356,666.46              | \$8,817.19                                     |                            |                          | 7                                 | \$35,242.00                     |
| SHENANDOAH         | 40                     | \$187,078.19              | \$26,528.24                                    |                            |                          | 2                                 | \$9,112.00                      |
| SIoux CITY         | 245                    | \$1,059,101.88            | \$21,913.03                                    |                            |                          | 122                               | \$739,109.00                    |
| SPENCER            | 48                     | \$207,783.56              | \$5,679.53                                     |                            |                          | 5                                 | \$28,875.00                     |
| STORM LAKE         | 103                    | \$545,022.32              | \$18,710.88                                    |                            |                          | 14                                | \$70,254.00                     |
| WASHINGTON         | 82                     | \$308,310.91              | \$3,649.19                                     |                            |                          | 17                                | \$104,156.00                    |
| WATERLOO           | 417                    | \$2,042,508.34            | \$76,629.37                                    | \$225,680.59               | \$151,942.81             | 54                                | \$313,991.00                    |
|                    | 6862                   | \$31,562,466.20           | \$1,017,730.91                                 | \$21,376,233.50            | \$4,255,785.55           | 1001                              | \$5,963,269.00                  |
|                    |                        |                           |  |                            |                          |                                   |                                 |
| AIR NATIONAL GUARD | AIR ASSIGNED PERSONNEL | MILITARY PAY              | CIVILIAN PAY                                   |                            | ARMY NATIONAL GUARD      | MILITARY PAY                      | CIVILIAN PAY                    |
| DES MOINES         | 1002                   | \$40,966,030.00           | \$18,126,102.00                                |                            | All Locations            |                                   | \$63,620,605.00                 |
| FORT DODGE         | 95                     | \$2,637,071.53            | \$1,855,455.86                                 |                            |                          |                                   |                                 |

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