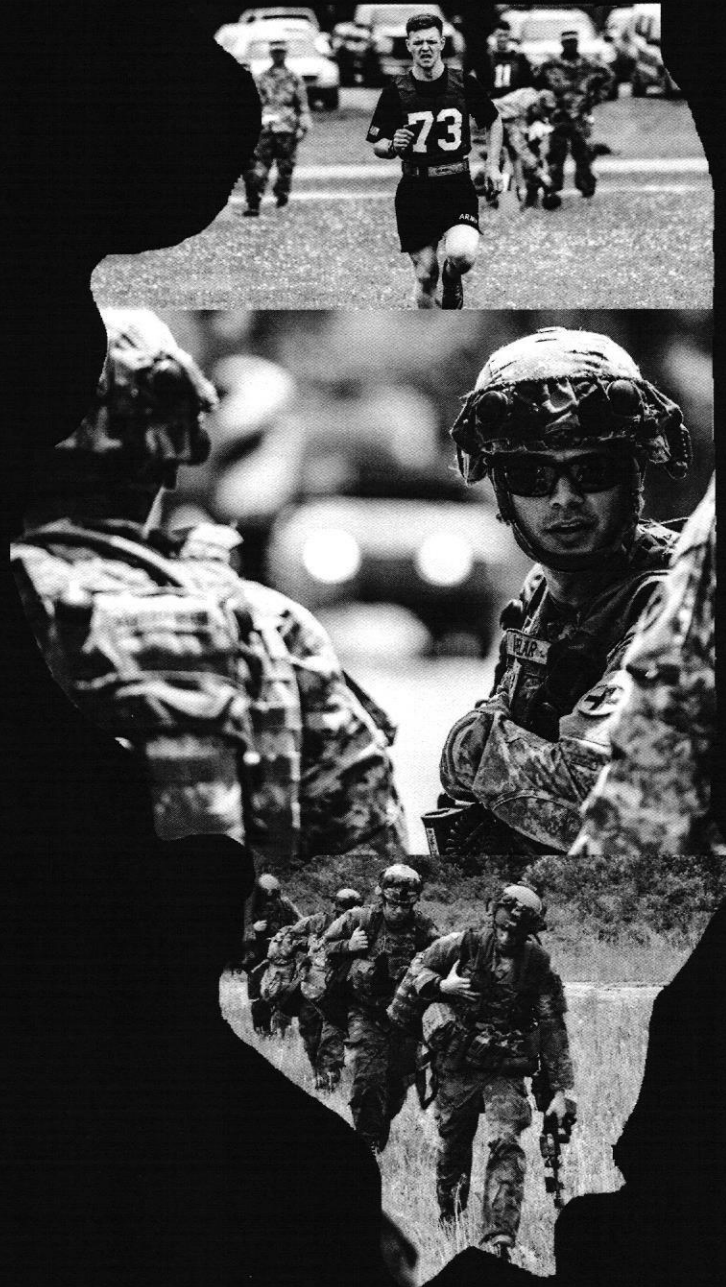


Illinois Department of Military Affairs



2021 Annual Report

Message from The Adjutant General

Dear Governor Pritzker ...

In the Illinois Department of Military Affairs 2021 Annual report, you will read about the accomplishments of Illinois National Guard Soldiers and Airmen during fiscal year 2021. As required, this report will show you our state fiscal support and expenditures by county during the reported period. However, I am especially honored to highlight some of our successes.

2021 followed on the heels of the Illinois National Guard being on the frontline against COVID-19 response where approximately 1,650 Illinois National Guard members mobilized to perform a myriad of missions from COVID testing to call center operations, fatality management, and support of a multiple health care facilities across the state. These 1,650 Guardsmen performed over 95,000 duty days in support of COVID operations achieving the following:

- Conducted over 250,000 COVID tests on Illinois citizens by National Guard-run Community Based Testing Sites*
- Delivered 8-million masks and almost 5-thousand pallets of personal protective equipment.*
- Two hundred Guardsmen supported IEMA and 40 health departments providing medical planning support, logistical support and liaison officers to ensure immediate statewide response.*
- Managed and delivered 3.3 million cloth masks to schools*

In 2021, the Illinois National Guard didn't just play an important role in testing, but also vaccinating. With more than 1,700 Illinois Soldiers and Airmen on duty, almost 1.9 million vaccinations were administered in 241 Illinois communities.

In addition to the ILNG COVID-19 re-

sponse, Illinois Soldiers and Airmen supported flood response efforts in Illinois and wildfire response in California.

The Illinois National Guard also played a pivotal role in supported law enforcement agencies to restore peace following violent demonstrations. Approximately 500 Soldiers and Airmen spent nearly 3 months in Washington D.C. supporting security efforts around the U.S. Capitol Complex.

In total, the Illinois National Guard expended more than 260-thousand man-days supporting operations here at home. All the while the ILNG had more than 1,000 troops deployed overseas.

In 2021, Lincoln's Challenge Academy continued to change the lives of some of our state's at-risk youth. The program graduated 90 cadets in the last year and continues to have a major impact across the state.

Fiscal year 2021 was busy. Our service members performed exceptionally well while fulfilling our missions at home and abroad, and we have improved our professional and tactical skills to be ready for future missions. I could not be more proud to have led such a world class organization and the extraordinary men and women who serve our great State and Country.



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