

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER





Friends,

It is a pleasure to introduce you to the Mississippi National Guard! Our citizen Soldiers and Airmen have served our great state with pride since 1798 and are proud to call the Magnolia State home. The Mississippi National Guard holds the distinction as the largest employer in the state and possesses a diverse workforce committed to protecting America and the state from Corinth to the Coast.

Thousands within our talented force have unparalleled experience both stateside and abroad. Over the past decade-plus, our men and women have served in several combat and peacekeeping operations and during numerous state emergencies here at home. On each occasion, they have been “Always Ready and Always There” and made us all proud!

In the pages to follow, you will have the opportunity to become more familiar with our organization. Our people, units, facilities and equipment are exceptional. Our team and can-do attitude and spirit are second to none.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mississippi National Guard. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated!

Augustus L. Collins

Maj. Gen. Augustus L. Collins
The Adjutant General of Mississippi

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We are
**MAGNOLIA
PROUD!**

Connected to Communities.
Dedicated to Families.



Serving
MISSISSIPPI
and the Nation

ALWAYS READY, ALWAYS THERE

At Home and Away

Whether it's a tornado or hurricane, or contingency operations in the Middle East, the Mississippi National Guard continues to answer the call for duty at home and across the world. Our joint Air and Army National Guard team is highly trained, well educated, and dedicated to duty in peacetime and war.

- The Mississippi National Guard is a relevant and ready force that stands ready to deploy for any contingency in Mississippi and abroad.
- We are "Always Ready and Always There" with personnel and equipment to assist our communities, state, and nation as the first military responders during a crisis.
- The MSNG is one of the leading employers in the Magnolia State with approximately 12,500 Soldiers and Airmen representing all parts of Mississippi, and with readiness centers and facilities in 72 counties.
- Our membership represents men and women from all walks of life in various professions. They represent the most diverse workforce in the state with a minority percentile of 35 percent.
- The MSNG possesses the highest educated workforce in the state and is Mississippi's largest employer.
- The Guard is exemplified by its quality workforce, but also helps the state's economy. In fiscal year 2013, \$582 million federal dollars were allocated for the MSNG.
- We continuously strive to be a dynamic, relevant force where everyone is a trained, mentored, and empowered leader.

WHO WE ARE



MAJOR UNITS AND FACILITIES

Approximately 12,500 Soldiers and Airmen

The Mississippi National Guard possesses an impressive force structure which offers a variety of strong options for state emergency and federal mobilization support. Our units and facilities cover the entire Magnolia State from Corinth to the Coast and Vicksburg to Meridian.

- 1 Theater Aviation Support Maintenance Group (TASMG), GULFPORT (1 OF ONLY 4 IN THE ENTIRE ARMY INVENTORY)
- 1 Special Forces Battalion (Airborne), JACKSON
- Regional Counter-Drug Training (RCTA), MERIDIAN
- Regional Sustainment Readiness Site (RSMS), CAMP SHELBY
- 3 Army Aviation Support Facilities, JACKSON, MERIDIAN, TUPELO
- 13 Field Maintenance Shops (FMS), LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE STATE
- Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS), CAMP SHELBY
- Unit Training Equipment Stop (UTES), CAMP MCCAIN
- Maneuver & Training Equipment Storage Site (MATES), CAMP SHELBY
- Regional Training Institute Schools (RTI), CAMP SHELBY
- Youth Challenge Program, CAMP SHELBY
- Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, CAMP SHELBY



CAMP SHELBY JOINT FORCES TRAINING CENTER CAMP SHELBY, MISS.



CAMP MCCAIN TRAINING CENTER ELLIOTT, MISS.



GULFPORT COMBAT READINESS TRAINING CENTER GULFPORT, MISS.



172ND AIRLIFT WING FLOWOOD, MISS.



186TH AIR REFUELING WING MERIDIAN, MISS.



184TH EXPEDITIONARY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND LAUREL, MISS.



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS, MSG JACKSON, MISS.



185TH THEATER AVIATION BRIGADE JACKSON, MISS.



47TH CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM FLOWOOD, MISS.



66TH TROOP COMMAND JACKSON, MISS.



168TH ENGINEER BRIGADE VICKSBURG, MISS.



155TH ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM TUPELO, MISS.



SERVING FORWARD



Magnolia Guardsmen Take the Fight to the Enemy Abroad

Mississippi National Guard Soldiers and Airmen have been very active in the War on Terrorism in numerous overseas locations for over a decade. Since the 9-11 attacks, our Guard men and women have served forward with fellow service members from both the active and reserve components in all branches of service. Mississippi's citizen Soldiers and Airmen are committed to protecting America both in the homeland and on foreign soil.

- Since 2002, nearly 20,000 Magnolia Soldiers and Airmen have deployed in support of military contingency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- We have one Silver Star recipient and more than 1,000 Bronze stars have been awarded to our Guardsmen since 9-11. Twelve of those have been with Valor.
- The MSNG has the most combat veterans today since World War II and Korea.



STATE EMERGENCIES



Saving Lives, Protecting Property



Since 2005, MSNG Soldiers and Airmen have responded to numerous state emergencies. These missions include: Tupelo and Louisville tornados (2014), Tropical Storm Karen (2013), Northeast Miss. Ricin Crisis (2013), Hurricane Isaac (2012), Mississippi River flooding (2011), Smithville tornado (2011), Yazoo City tornado (2010), Gulf Oil Spill (2010), and Hurricane Katrina (2005).

The MSNG uses cutting edge technology - such as the Mississippi Wireless Network to connect with its civilian, federal, and military partners during emergencies.



Working
TOGETHER
for Stability

FRIENDS & COMMUNITIES



State Partnership Programs

The Mississippi National Guard currently maintains State Partnership Program relationships with Uzbekistan and Bolivia. Our force's mission is to establish and sustain enduring relationships with partner nations of strategic value in conjunction with National Security Strategy, National Military Strategy, Department of State and Combatant Command Theater Security Cooperation guidance to promote national objectives, stability, partner capacity, better understanding and trust. The Mississippi National Guard's partnership with Bolivia began in 1999 and work with Uzbekistan commenced in February 2012.

The State Partnership Program evolved from a 1991 U.S. European Command decision to set up the Joint Contact Team Program in the Baltic Region with Reserve component Soldiers and Airmen. A subsequent National Guard Bureau proposal paired U.S. states with three nations emerging from the former Soviet Bloc and the SPP was born, becoming a key U.S. security cooperation tool, facilitating cooperation across all aspects of international civil-military affairs and encouraging people-to-people ties at the state level.

This low-cost program is administered by the National Guard Bureau, guided by State Department foreign policy goals, and executed by the state adjutants general in support of combatant commander and U.S. Chief of Mission security cooperation objectives and Department of Defense policy goals.

(SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.NATIONALGUARD.MIL/FEATURES/SPP/](http://www.nationalguard.mil/features/spp/))

MSNG CounterDrug Task Forces



The Mississippi National Guard CounterDrug Program is a vital member of a coalition of National Guard members, law enforcement agencies, and local communities, which are involved in a multi-front battle against drugs and drug-related violence. The mission of the program is to provide high-quality military personnel and equipment to support federal, state, and local drug LEAs as well as community-based organizations that work to reduce the demand for drugs. The MS CDTF currently consists of Army National Guard Soldiers and Air National Guard Airmen on full-time active duty status in accordance with Title 32, Section 112, United States Code. These Soldiers and Airmen are from National Guard units throughout the state and perform CounterDrug duties in a support role. Personnel strength increases during marijuana eradication season or for special mission support.

We are
READY TO PROTECT

Like No Other



DIXIE THUNDER



**FEATURED
UNITS**

155th Armored Brigade Combat Team

The 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team is the largest unit in the Mississippi National Guard with approximately 3,500 Soldiers. The “Dixie Thunder” brigade is headquartered in Tupelo and contains subordinate units covering the entire Magnolia State. The unit’s infantry battalion traces its lineage back to 1798 when the 1st Mississippi Regiment was raised. Today, the 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment carries on this legacy and is the seventh-oldest Infantry regiment in the U.S. Along with the 1-155th Infantry Regiment, the ABCT contains a brigade support, fires, special troops and two combined arms battalions (armor and infantry). The unit also possesses an armored reconnaissance squadron as well.

- Mississippi’s 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team is one of the most modern and experienced BCTs in the country.
- Eighty-five percent of the brigade’s equipment is modernized. This includes its new M1A2 SEPv2 tanks and M2A3/M3A3 Bradleys.
- The unit, headquartered in Tupelo, conducts multi-echelon training year-round to maintain our readiness as a lethal, combat-ready force.
- The 155th ABCT is close to, and trains regularly, at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center – the nation’s premier guard training site near Hattiesburg.
- The brigade’s proximity to Camp Shelby allows for increased gunnery and maneuver training time with its new combat platforms.
- Mississippi’s “Dixie Thunder” Soldiers also train regularly at the Camp McCain Training Center, just south of Grenada in north Miss.
- The unit’s formations are present in 48 readiness centers; this includes the 106th BSB’s new \$11.3 million dollar facility in Monticello.
- The ABCT possesses tremendous expertise from two Operation Iraqi Freedom mobilizations; OIF III from August 2004 to January 2006 and OIF 9.2 from May 2009 to March 2010.
- The brigade’s skill sets were also needed during several recent state emergencies; Tupelo and Louisville Tornadoes (2014), Hurricane Isaac (2012), Miss. River Flooding (2011) and the Smithville and Yazoo City tornadoes (2011 and 2010).





47th CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM



Weapons of Mass Destruction



Flowood's 47th CST is composed of 22 Active Guard-Reserve personnel from both the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard. The unit's mission is to assist civil authorities with identifying chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high yield explosive agents at state incident sites.

Specifically, their support includes providing consequence management and immediate CBRNE response operations for events that can result in catastrophic life and property losses. The joint group operates on a 24-hour-a-day deployment cycle and has responded to almost every state disaster since it was established in 2005.



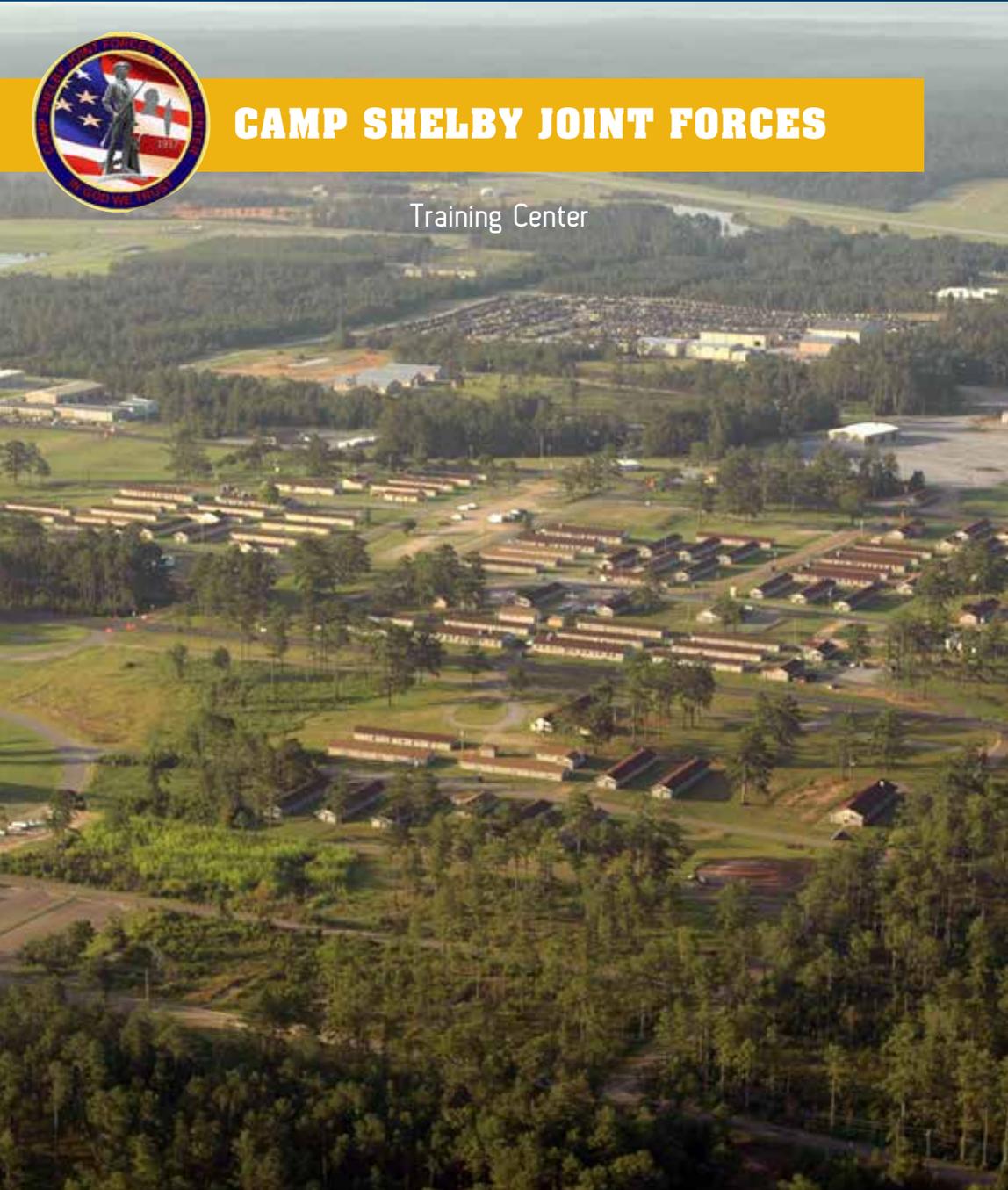
We are
READY TO TRAIN

In Mississippi



CAMP SHELBY JOINT FORCES

Training Center



The Nation's Premiere Guard Training Site



Founded in 1917, the 135,000 acre installation was named after Isaac Shelby, a Revolutionary War hero and the first Governor of Kentucky. Camp Shelby has served as a training and mobilization site for American troops from World War I and World War II, all the way to current Overseas Contingency Operations in locations all around the world.

Camp Shelby is the largest state-owned mobilization site in the nation, and supports a wide variety of training and logistical support activities, including heavy maneuver and collective gunnery, multiple battalion field artillery fire ranges, realistic environmental training, air-to-ground combat training capabilities and theater-specific mobilization training for reserve and active components of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. It is located just south of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Camp Shelby mobilized and demobilized over 200,000 troops since beginning the execution of its mission as a U.S. Army Forces Command Primary Force Generation Installation in June 2004.

The Unmanned Aircraft System Support Facility at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center has been named the nation's only Unmanned Aircraft Regional Flight Center. The \$72 million dollar facility opened in 2009, and its new mission expanded to support the Army's flying program for active duty and National Guard units utilizing both AAI RQ-7 Shadow and RQ-11 Raven unmanned aircraft systems.



Camp Shelby also includes two Operational Readiness Training Complexes at Camp Shelby valued at \$41.4 million. Each ORTC is an Army standard design featuring two, four-story buildings for Soldier billeting.

Camp Shelby by the Numbers



The mission of the National Guard Youth Challenge Academy at Camp Shelby is to improve the education, life-coping skills and employment potential of 16-18 year old high school dropouts so they may become productive members of their communities and society in general.

Range Facilities (M9 - MLRS)	36
Crew Served Range Capacity	100 crews per day
Crew Served firing positions	10 Firing Points
Zero Positions (Individual/Crew)	286 Firing Points
Individual M4/M16 Range Capacity w/Iron Sites/CCOs	768 PAX per day
Individual M4/M16 Firing Positions	48 Firing Points
Total M9 Training capacity CPQC/Alt C	200/4,560 PAX per day
Non-lethal Familiarization Training Capacity	200 PAX per day
Village Complexes (13 Total)	2,500 PAX per day
Counter IED Defeat Lanes (3 lanes)	300 PAX per three day course
Combined Arms Collective Training Facility	40 targets
Multi-Purpose Range Complex	14 crews day/night
Unmanned Aircraft System Regional Facility	2 PLTs per week
Urban Assault Course (UAC)	300 PAX per two day course
Live Fire Shoot House (1 Instrumented/1 Non-Instrumented)	400 PAX per day
MRAP Driver's Course	25 PAX per six day course
Detention Facility	150 PAX during 10-or-21 day course
Billeting Capacity	Over 8,000
COL Capacity (Four COLs)	3,082
DFAC Capacity Cantonment/COLs	9,450/3,212
Central Issue Facility	300 PAX per day
Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) in support of Mob/DeMob	250 PAX per day
Soldier Readiness Checks (SRC) Personnel, Chaplain, Finance, JAG	400 PAX per day
Medical	400 PAX per day
Dental	400 PAX per day



CAMP MCCAIN

Training Center



Accessible Training, Wonderful Accommodations!

Camp McCain, in Elliott, Miss., is a National Guard training site that covers 13,000 acres. Training at the facility includes tank maneuvers, artillery training and general training for National Guard troops. Camp McCain was one of several training sites that sprang up throughout Mississippi during World War II. In 1942, the United States Army opened a major training facility on a 42,000-acre site at Elliott, Miss. in Grenada County. Camp McCain is named in honor of a famous family of military men from neighboring Carroll County, including Carroll county native Major General Henry P. McCain. Troops for the army's 87th and 94th divisions trained at Camp McCain before being sent into combat in Europe. At the peak of its expansion, Camp McCain served as many as 50,000 troops.



- 6,000 acres available for maneuver training
- Nine live fire ranges are available from 9mm to 7.62mm
- Camp McCain's Multipurpose Training Facility is 10,000 square feet and offers one conference room, two classrooms, six offices, and outside space for tactical operations center operations
- The site's Aviation Operations area offers 32 helipads, two Hotfuel pads, and a Flight Operations Center
- Barracks, administration and mess facilities contain 1,158 beds with central air, heat, and a mass notification system
- 113 maid service quarters are available with cable television and Wifi internet capability
- Three separate land navigation courses covering 60 points
- Three HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainers
- McCain's Mounted Urban Terrain site offers a 6.5 mile IED defeat lane
- Camp McCain's Distance Learning Center provides 49 workstations, two classrooms and VTC capability





GULFPORT COMBAT READINESS

Training Center

TRAINING
CENTERS

Comprehensive Military Training in a Destination Location

The Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, an asset of the Mississippi Air National Guard, is a truly unique facility among traditional United States Military resources. Offering robust capabilities and multi-faceted training opportunities, the mission of the CRTC is to provide all service branches an integrated forum for military-based conferences, training, and special events. Combining world-famous Mississippi hospitality and a location on the gorgeous Mississippi Gulf Coast, the Gulfport CRTC offers military clients a comfortable training environment any time of year. We are co-located with Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport, which offers affordable fares and enables convenient access for personnel utilizing commercial transport. Contact us to arrange a tour, access additional information, or make reservations.

AIRFIELD, AIRSPACE AND TRAINING FACILITIES

The Gulfport CRTC is proud to offer world-class airfield facilities to support up to three wings. The ramp space is substantial and can accommodate up to 100 fighters, 22 KC-135s, 17 C-17s, 26 C-130s, or 8 C-5s. Two operations facilities are available along with one maintenance hangar. Gulfport CRTC is one of only two CRTCs boasting a 5th Generation Aircraft Debrief Facility, and the CRTC Fire Department provides fire support for the entire airfield.

In addition to airfield facilities, Gulfport CRTC's location provides incomparable airspace capabilities. Directly adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico, the CRTC has available 11,000 square miles of air space from surface to 60,000 feet altitude. This airspace provides prime opportunities for Joint Maritime Operations training and Air-Sea Battle exercises and includes access to the Tactical Training Range at Camp Shelby, 70 miles north.



COMBAT SKILLS

Gulfport CRTC offers a full range of training opportunities sure to meet your unit's needs. On site, we provide a Water Survival Training Facility as well as a Small Arms Range for live-fire training. We also offer a dedicated Medical Training Facility on base, and our Airfield Damage Repair site is available for civil engineer and airfield security training. In every facet, Gulfport CRTC strives to be your 'one-stop shop' for training and skills development.

CONFERENCE CENTER

The Gulfport CRTC offers spacious meeting areas, capable of accommodating almost any requirement. Among the CRTC's assets are the CRTC Conference Center which includes a 300-capacity auditorium, mid-size meeting rooms throughout the campus, and a host of smaller classrooms which can be configured to meet any need. Meeting areas and classrooms are equipped with audio/ visual equipment, white boards, and wireless capability. Whether you need space for small instructional classes or require the entire campus for comprehensive training exercises, the CRTC can accommodate.

The Shelby Range offers 1,100 square miles for Air-to-Ground and Close Air Support training, including targets and strafing zones, laser capability and multiple radio frequencies, and an on-site Range Control Officer. Shelby provides more than 2,000 acres of ground training area (500 acres in the target zone), 20 miles of tank trails available for day/night training, 10 miles of foot trails for LandNav (and an additional 60 miles within the adjacent DeSoto National Forest), as well as mock villages and urban assault facilities. Shelby's Auxiliary Field supports C-17, C-130, and C-27 flights and includes 4,000 feet of runway, a Landing Zone Safety Officer, and Fire Support. Further, we possess full ACMI capability at the Range as well as throughout our Gulf air space.

BILLETING AND DINING

Whatever the purpose of your stay, the Gulfport CRTC is able to comfortably accommodate your billeting needs. Its 452 rooms and three barracks can house 1,100 personnel. All rooms offer flat screen/ cable television, microwaves, and refrigerators, and full maid service is available. Along with comfortable billeting, Gulfport CRTC's dining facility seats 300 people and has a fully operational kitchen. The dining room includes a large stage and head table along with audio/ visual equipment.

RECREATION

When the training day is done, you will not find a training environment with more opportunities for fun and recreation than the Gulfport CRTC! Like most training facilities, Gulfport CRTC offers the on-base amenities you expect – gyms (with strength/cardio equipment, locker rooms, sauna/steam, and showers), basketball/tennis/volleyball courts, a swimming pool (available for water survival training), and numerous outdoor pavilions. But step off base, and you'll know you're somewhere special. The Gulf of Mexico and our beaches are beautiful any time of year, and our barrier islands are surrounded by crystal waters perfect for swimming and sunbathing. The Gulf is renowned around the globe for its prolific fisheries, and charters are available year around

for some of the most exciting angling opportunities imaginable. New Orleans is only 45 minutes away where you can enjoy world-class dining, the famous French Quarter, or professional sporting events. *Laissez les bon temps rouler!* If you want to really 'let the good times roll,' Mississippi Gulf Coast casino resorts offer gaming excitement second only to Las Vegas. Beyond gaming, the resorts offer five-star dining, luxurious spas, headline entertainers, as well as plenty of family-friendly fun. If you want to hit the greens, you should know that Forbes Magazine called us "Golf's Best Kept Vacation Secret." Visit www.gulfcoast.org to learn more about our many attractions. If on-base social events fit your needs, our after-hours social and recreational club offers dining-ins, shrimp boils, or an evening barbecue in a safe and relaxed environment.

Regardless of your idea of entertainment, you'll find plenty of off-duty relaxation opportunities at the Gulfport CRTC.

We are
READY TO FLY
For the Nation



172nd AIRLIFT WING

Flowood, MS



World Class Airlift for America

A significant portion of America's military strength is vested in its reserve forces. Coupled with its federal mission to provide the U.S. Air Force and Department of Defense with a trained combat-ready strategic military airlift force, the 172d Airlift Wing provides the State of Mississippi support in the event of national emergency, maintains peace and order and supports civil defense and pre-attack planning.

The 172d AW is based at Allen C. Thompson Field in Jackson, Miss. The Air Guard facility is named after Charles L. Sullivan, the former Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi and long-time member and pilot in this unit. The wing operates eight C-17 Globemaster aircraft and was the first Air National Guard unit in the nation to receive the planes. Approximately 500 full-time personnel are assigned to the 172d and more than 1,100 traditional Air Guard personnel are attached to the unit.



MISSION

To constantly improve our combat capability to defend our nation and support our state.

VISION

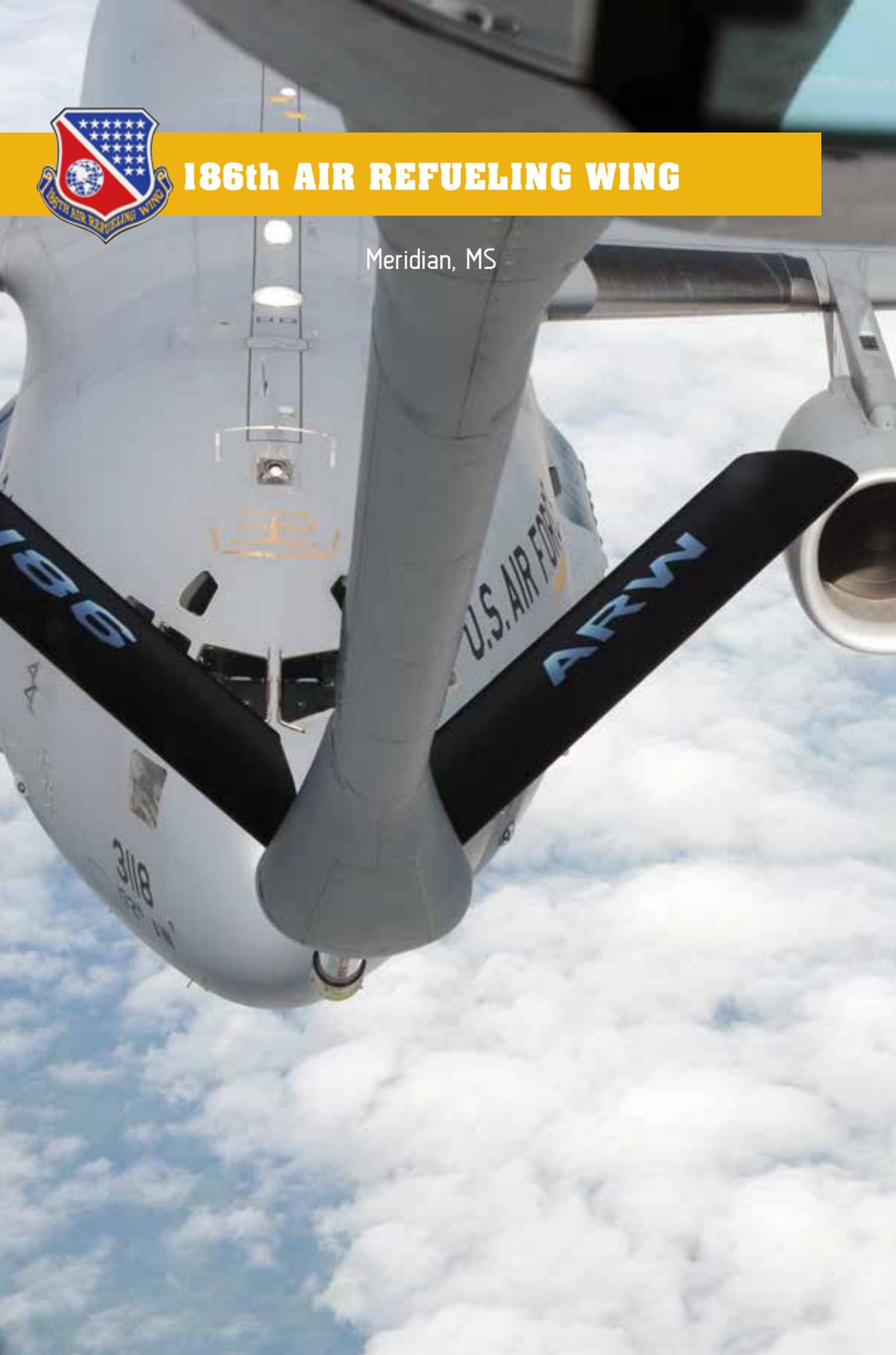
To always be the most responsive, most resourceful, and most respected airlift wing on the planet.





186th AIR REFUELING WING

Meridian, MS



The Birthplace of Air Refueling

Currently, the 186th Air Refueling Wing flies the KC-135R Stratotanker. The plane provides the core aerial refueling capability for the United States Air Force and has excelled in this role for more than 50 years. This unique asset enhances USAF's capability to accomplish its primary mission of global reach. It also provides aerial refueling support to Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and allied nation aircraft. The KC-135 is also capable of transporting litter and ambulatory patients using patient support pallets during aeromedical evacuations.

With over 1,200 personnel, the 186th includes mostly traditional guardsmen who live and work throughout Mississippi and surrounding states, but about one third

of our members are full-time Air technicians or Active Guard/Reserve. Tenant units on Key Field include the 238th Air Support Operations Squadron, the 248th Air Traffic Control Support, and the 286th Air Operations Group as well as two Army National Guard units located next to our base.

The 238th Air Support Operations Squadron began in 1954 as a communication service flight and has undergone numerous changes, but the most recent designation of Air Support has added new excitement at Key Field. The unit's mission is to provide the interface between the Army units it supports and the Air Force units that provide combat air support.





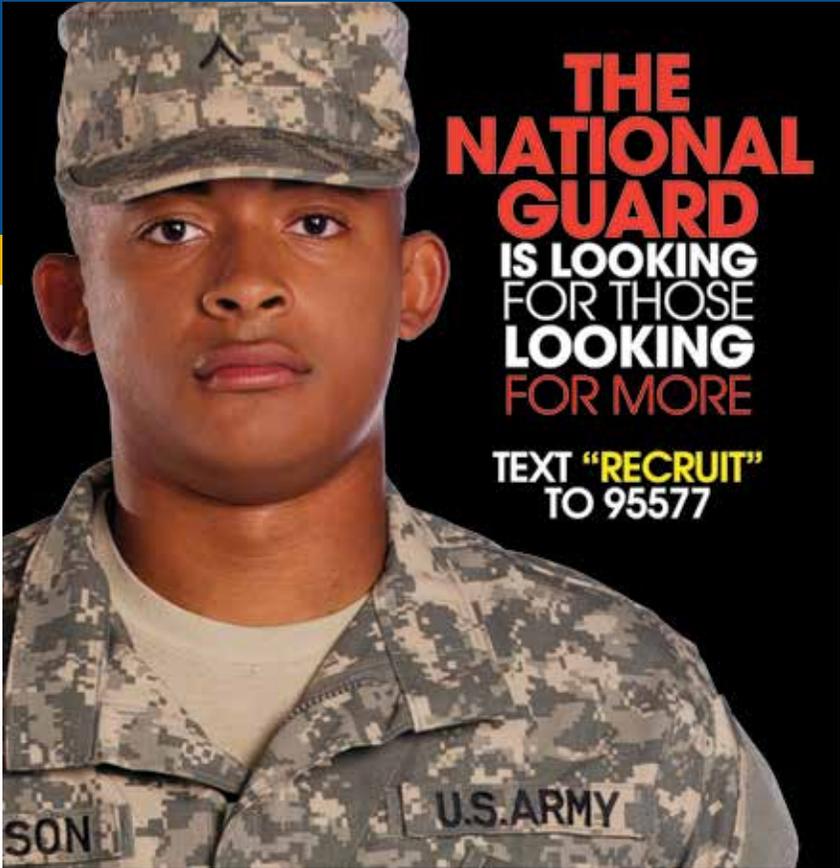
The squadron advises the ground commander on the capabilities and limitations of combat aircraft weapons and assists in planning for combat air support. Since becoming fully operational in 2003, the ASOS has participated in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom as well as numerous joint service exercises.

The Wing's 248th Air Traffic Control Squadron was commissioned on Oct. 1, 1997. The squadron consists of approximately 90 members who are responsible for all air traffic control operations at Key Field including military, commercial, and civilian flights. Assets include a Mobile Tower, Mobile Radar and Mobile TACAN.

The 286th Air Operations Group acts as a force multiplier by providing integral support at the operational level of command and control of Air and Space Forces. Members serve as the focal point for planning, directing and assessing operations across the spectrum of Air, Space, Maritime and Cyber Operations.

The unit's most recent work includes support during Hurricane Irene efforts. The 186th has been and is determined to be "The best Total Air Mobility Unit, the Standard by which others are measured." Over the years, the 186th has been depended on to serve in Operation Display Determination, Operation Provide Relief, Operation Restore Hope, Operation Support Justice, Operation Deny Flight, and Operation Northern Watch. With the national tragedy experienced on Sept. 11, 2001, the 186th Air Refueling Wing has been called upon to provide support in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn.





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