

Colorado National Guard

COLORADO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD : COLORADO

The Colorado Army National Guard (COARNG) is nearly 4000 Soldiers-strong and growing all the time. The units in the state vary from the most modern, cutting-edge high-tech units such as Space support units to Mountain Infantry and Artillery units that harken to its origins in 1860.

The COARNG has Citizen-Soldiers serving in every major city in Colorado with units along the Front Range and Western Slope. The diversity of the unit locations and missions allows us to deliver on commitment to the community, state and nation.

The COARNG demonstrated its commitment and ability to support in the homeland during the summers of 2012 and 2013, where over 1500 COARNG members deployed locally in support of response to the Colorado floods, the High Park fire, the North Fork fire, the Black Forest fire, the West Fork Complex fire and the Waldo Canyon fire.



One of the latest capabilities to be assigned to the Colorado National Guard is a Cyber Protection Team. Upon fielding, there will be ten of these National Guard teams across the country, adding to the National Guard's ability to assist civilian responders.

Colorado Army National Guard Aviators, both from Buckley Air Force Base and the High Altitude Aviation Training Site (HAATS) in Eagle, CO, conduct on average 35 aerial search and rescue missions a year in partnership with county rescue teams. Their efforts are critical to the life and safety of our citizens.

COARNG units have deployed in support of our Nation's efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq, along with numerous support missions across the globe, since 9-11. COARNG soldiers are trained and ready to partner with their active component counterparts in support of national security objectives whenever called.

FAST FACTS

- » Military Personnel: **3,890**
- » Readiness Centers: **27**
- » Shared land use with state and Federal partners



Above: Colorado Army National Guard units from the Infantry and Aviation Battalions train under rigorous conditions to complete missions in any environment. (COARNG photo)

Left: Colorado Army National Guard military intelligence unit trains and operates unmanned aerial vehicles as part of their mission set. (COARNG photo)

VISION STATEMENT

Colorado's Citizen-Soldiers, the leading force for the future, connecting locally and globally, protecting what matters most... *"Holding the High Ground!"*

MISSION STATEMENT

The Colorado Army National Guard deploys ready units in defense of our nation and to protect and support the citizens of Colorado.

COARNG Priorities

- » Strengthen Personnel Readiness
- » Develop Leaders and Soldiers
- » Grow COARNG Capabilities
- » Provide Operational Forces
- » Ensure Fiscal and Property Accountability

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UNITS

- » **169th Field Artillery Battalion**
 - 3rd Battalion, 157th Field Artillery (HIMARS)
 - 147th Brigade Support Battalion
- » **100th Missile Defense Brigade**
- » **89th Troop Command**
 - 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry
 - 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group
 - 2nd Battalion, 135th Aviation
 - 117th Space Support Battalion
 - 193rd Military Police Battalion
- » **Special Operations Detachment- Korea**
- » **168th Regional Training Institute**
 - Centennial Training Site
 - Modular Training Battalion
- » **COARNG Medical Command**
- » **United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM) Mobilization Element**
- » **8th Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction Response)**
- » **8th CBRN Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP)**
- » **US Army High Altitude Aviation Training Site (HAATS)**
- » **Recruiting and Retention Battalion**
- » **Company/team level units providing communications, engineering support, security, military intelligence and maintenance**

For more information, please see <<https://co.ng.mil>>

Right: Soldiers of the 5/19 Special Forces group conduct Airborne training as part of their diverse mission set. (COARNG photo)



COMMANDER RANK

Brigadier General

TRAINING & RANGES

- » The HAATS facility is the Army's only mountain aviation training facility and trains personnel from all military services as well as numerous foreign nations.
- » The 168th RTI on Fort Carson is one of the newest and most advanced training enclaves in the US Army. It is currently teaching the Army Basic leader Course to Active Duty, National Guard and Army Reserve enlisted soldiers as a part of the One Army School System. It contains:
 - 341 Rooms; 729 Beds
 - 297 individual billet rooms
 - 42 x 10-person bays
 - 2 x 6-person bays
 - Two dining facilities (DFAC)
 - 160-seat auditorium
 - 22 classrooms
 - Multiple National Guard supported weapons ranges

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Numerous COARNG units possess specialized communications resources that facilitate civilian/military interoperability.
- » Aviators are trained and certified every year to drop water in response to wildland fire.
- » The 169th Field Artillery Brigade headquarters has demonstrated the ability to provide command, control, and communications support overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as well as Hurricane Katrina, the Democratic National Convention, and the Colorado Floods.
- » The 100th Missile Defense Brigade serves as the command and control for the Nation's only ICBM defense capability.