



North Dakota National Guard Update for Retirees

February 13, 2025

Brig Gen Mitch Johnson

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Overview

- TAG Transition
- Vision
- Chain of Command
- Mission, People, Teams
- Legislative Initiatives



TAG Transition

Central Minnesota Native

ROTC at Michigan Tech 1997

Pilot: T-37, C-12, C-130E/H3,
AC-130U, C-21, MQ-1, MQ-9

Hector Field, Fargo 2009-2024





TAG Transition – Wildfires

15SEP – TAG Change of Command

3OCT – Statewide Fire Emergency

6OCT – Red Card Trained Soldiers & Airmen
Activated

120,000 Total Acres Burned

215,400 Gallons Dropped / 359 Buckets





Wildfire Comparison

2021 Medora Fires

3,000 acres / 20,080 Gallons

2021 Roosevelt Creek Fires

2,000 acres / 62,100 Gallons

2022 Des Lacs Train Derailment

10,200 Gallons

2024 Wildfires

120,000 acres / 215,400 Gallons





TAG Vision & Priorities

We are the operational reserve of the Army and Air Force

- Mission
- People
- Teams





Chain of Command



Kelly Armstrong
Governor – Commander In Chief



Brig Gen Mitch Johnson
The Adjutant General



CSM Jason Magnuson
Senior Enlisted Leader



BG Jackie Huber
Deputy Adjutant General
Assistant Adjutant Gen. - Army



Brig Gen Tad Schauer
Assistant Adjutant Gen. - Air



COL Patrick Flanagan
Chief of Staff - Army



Col Teresa McDonough
Director of Staff - Air



CMSgt Levi Heller
State Command Chief

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Army National Guard Leadership Team



BG Benjamin Cleghorn
Land Component Commander



CSM Eric Binstock
State Command Sgt. Maj.



CW5 Rob Dorneman
Command Chief Warrant Officer

141 Maneuver Enhancement Brigade



COL Miller
Commander



CSM Obrigewitch
Command Sgt. Maj.

68th Troop Command



COL Volk
Commander



CSM Reed
Command Sgt. Maj.

164th Regiment



COL Baker
Commander



CSM Kachena
Command Sgt. Maj.

Camp Grafton Training Center



COL Wittrock
Commander



CSM Honeyman
Command Sgt. Maj.



Wing Leadership Team

THE
Happy Hooligans



Col Christopher Domitrovich
Wing Commander

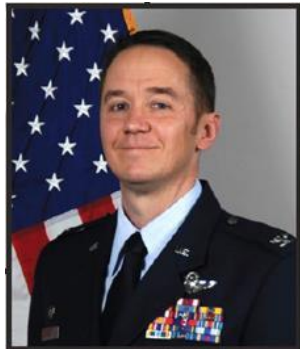


Col Ryan Ayers
Deputy Wing Commander



CMSgt Shane Amundson
Wing Command Chief

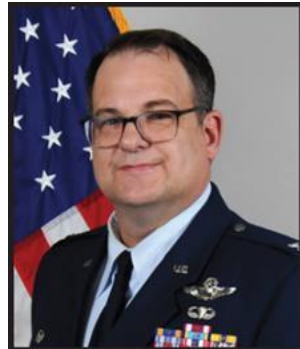
Operations Group



Col Dacy
Commander



CMSgt Mehus
SEL



Col Krapp
Commander



TBD
SEL

ISR Group



Col Silbernagel
Commander

Mission Support Group



CMSgt Appletoft
SEL

Medical Group



Col Simonette
Commander



CMSgt Woodard
SEL

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Mission

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NDNG Deployments (2024-2025)



Currently Deployed or Home station supporting Title 10 Ops (Air – 160 Airmen) ★

119th Mission Support Group:

- Germany (EUCOM)
- Nevada (Red Flag)
- Hawaii (Keen Edge)
- Oklahoma (DFT)

119th Operations Group:

- Florida (CAS 3.0)
- Romania (EUCOM – ARD)
- Saudia Arabia (OIR)
- Hawaii (Phantom Hooligan)
- Hawaii (Valiant Shield 24)
- Airmen on T10 (Home Station)

119th Intel Group:

- Airmen on T10 (Home station)
- Hawaii (Keen Edge)
- South Korea (PACAF)
- Hawaii (Valiant Shield 24)
- Nevada (SHOC-N)

- JFHQ:**
- Togo (BAO)
 - Benin (BAO)
 - Africa (SPP)
 - Hawaii (Keen Edge)
 - Japan (Valiant Shield)
- Wing Agencies:**
- Hawaii (Keen Edge)
 - Japan (Phantom Hooligan)
 - Alaska (MFAT)
 - Japan (Valiant Shield 24)
 - Africa (SPP)

- Current Deployed (Army – 54 Soldiers)** ★
- 142 Engineer Battalion:**
- Southern Border
- B-Battery, 1-188 ADA:**
- CENTCOM (OIR)
- 817 Engineer Company:**
- Southern Border
- Individuals:**
- Ghana (BAO)
 - Somalia (FORSCOM)
 - Djibouti (SETAF-AF)
 - Jordan (Operation Spartan Shield)
 - Kuwait (Operation Spartan Shield)



Range Expansion

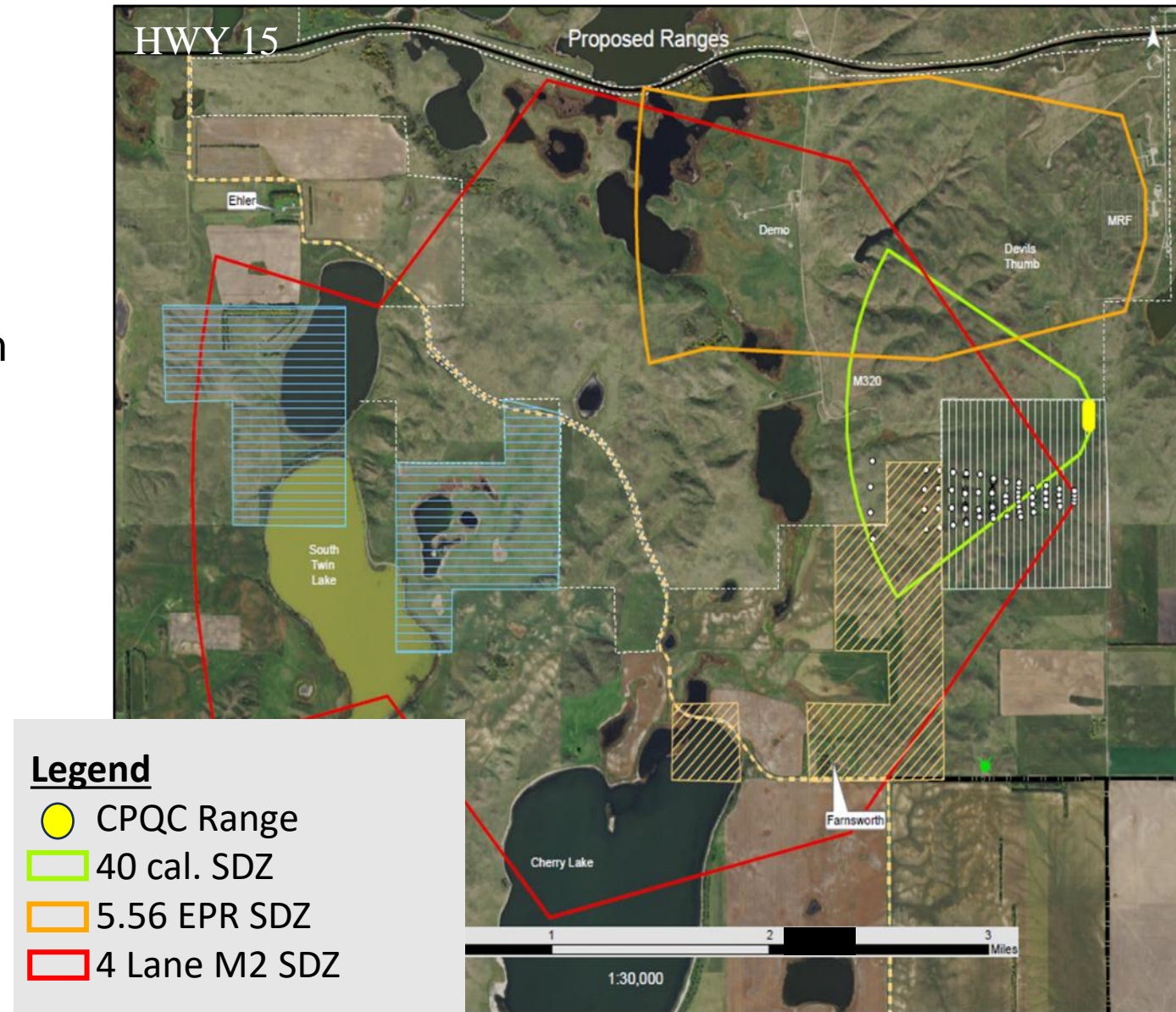
Committed to building a new Multi-Purpose Machine Gun (MPMG) range at Camp South

South of the existing Modified Record Fire (MRF) range

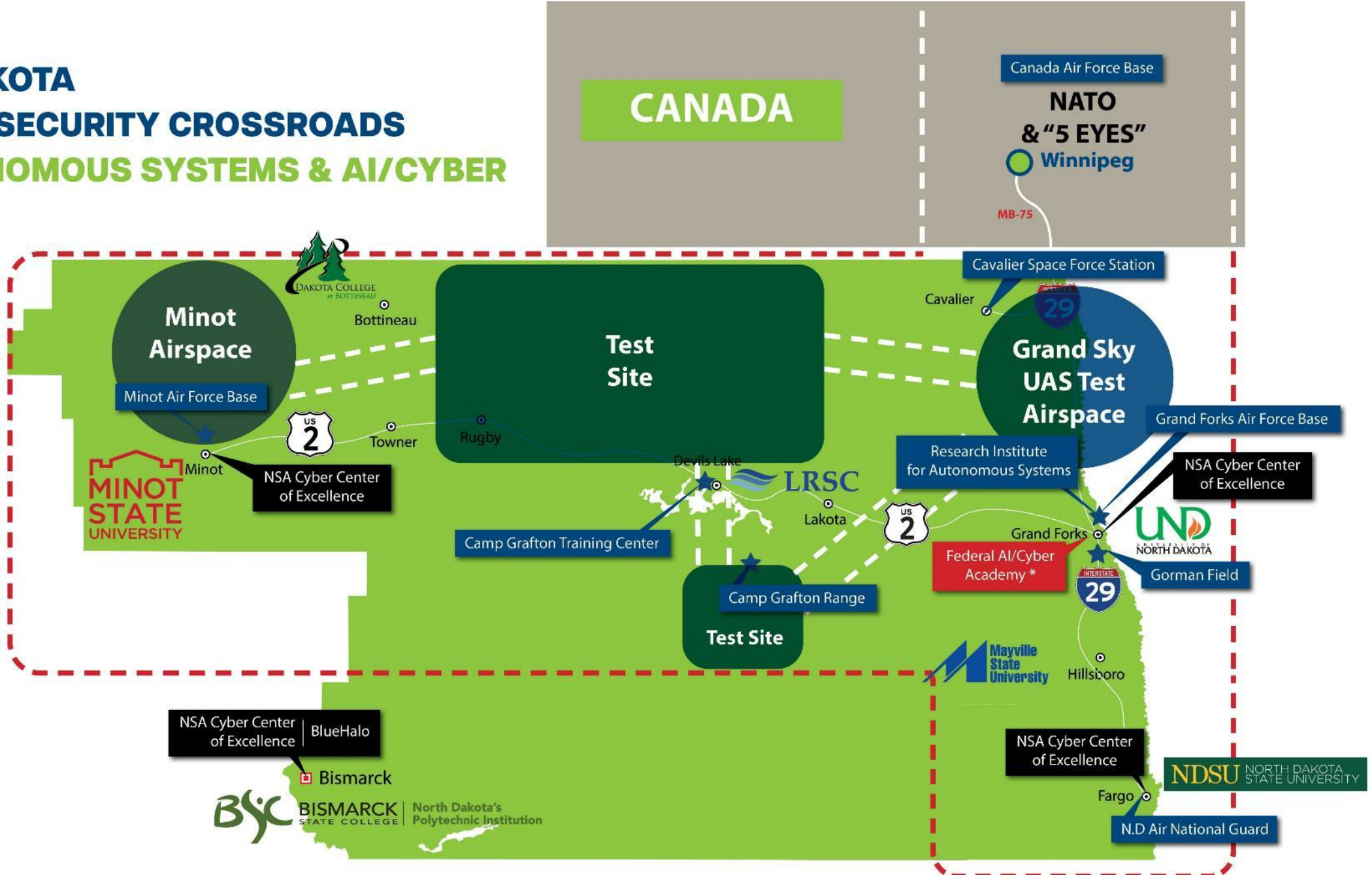
Multiple ranges will be overlaid to include:

- 6-lane Machine Gun Range
- Combat Pistol Qualification Range
- 24-lane 1000m Known Distance Range
- Law Enforcement Qualification Range

MOU with NDDOT for interim solution



NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL SECURITY CROSSROADS FOR AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS & AI/CYBER



* Legislation/Location not yet determined.



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People





People

Gunman in Fargo Attack Looked Up Mass Shootings Online, Officials Say

The slain gunman had a large stockpile of weapons and had made troubling online searches before the shooting in North Dakota that left an officer dead.

July 21, 2023



Mayor Tim Mahoney of Fargo speaking at a news conference after last week's shooting. A police officer was killed. Ann Arbor Miller/Associated Press



MSgt Andrew Dotas



MSgt Zach Robinson



Fargo officer who stopped shooter 'saved countless lives,' US attorney general says

Merrick Garland visited Fargo to discuss the needs of law enforcement in North Dakota. He met with Officer Zach Robinson and the wife of Officer Jake Wallin, who was killed in the shooting.



U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland visited with federal, state, and local law enforcement leaders Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, at the federal courthouse in downtown Fargo.



North Dakota Military Commission

Members:

- Mr. Alan Dohrmann – Chair
- Mr. Chris Schilken – Commerce Dept
- Brig Gen Mitch Johnson – Nat. Guard
- Ms. Brekka Kramer – Minot
- Mr. Peter Hankla – Minot
- Mr. Keith Lund – Grand Forks
- Mr. Thomas Ford – Grand Forks
- Mr. Ron Solberg – Fargo
- Ms. Brenda Nagel – Bismarck
- Ms. Shannon Full – Fargo
- Suzie Kenner – Devils Lake

Strategic Objectives:

- Partnership
- Promote
- Policy





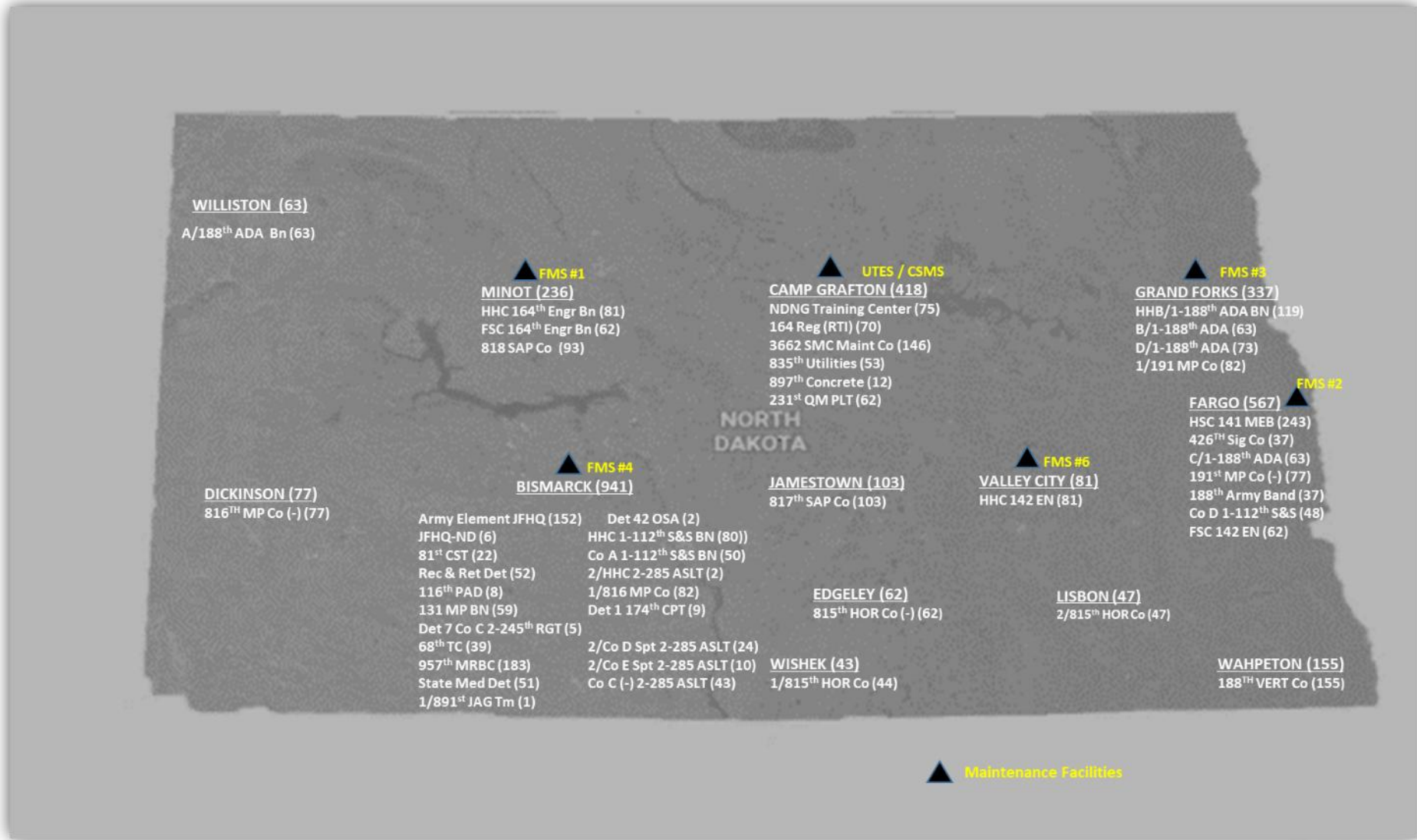
Teams

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North ND Army National Guard

(FY23 FSA:3070)





ND Army Strength in Numbers

Recruiting and Retention

Current End Strength:
2920 / 95%

#1 in Recruiting Market Share
57.8%

#18 in Reenlistment Rate
74.9%



Key Achievements

#1 in Medical Readiness for four years:
86.1%

#1 in School Seat utilization vs. allocation:
132%

#7 in Noncommissioned Officer Education System:
86%

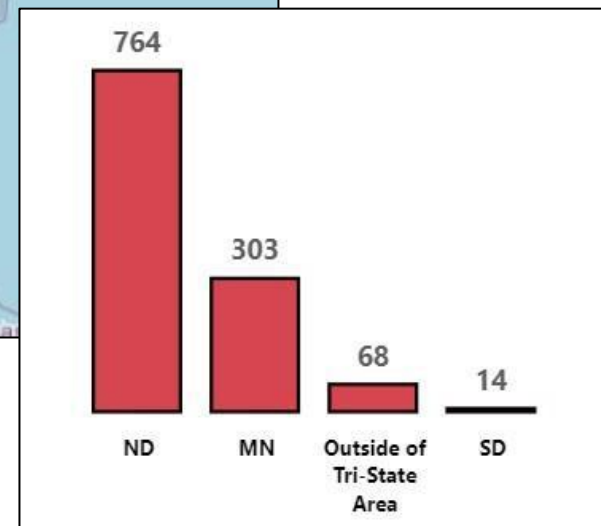




ND Air National Guard

1170 Airmen

96% End Strength





Teams – 219th Security Forces Squadron

- First Guard unit to provide complete security of a Missile Field Sector
- Located on Minot Air Force Base
- Working with Active-Duty Air Force
- Nuclear Surety Award: 219th SFS won it in 2022 and 2023





Team – State Partnership Program

3 African Countries:

- Ghana (20th Anniversary)
- Togo (10th Anniversary)
- Benin (10th Anniversary)
- Focused training on leadership and profession of arms
- Annually conduct 25 engagements
- Involving ~70 Soldiers, Airmen, agency, and private sector partners



Counter-IED Subject Matter Exchange Event January 18-25, 2025



Team – State Partnership Program

330 Events Since 2005

- 77 – Disaster Management
- 72 – Engineer (Combat/V/H)
- 22 – Air Capabilities
- 10 – Public Affairs
- 35 – Senior Leader Visits
- 15 – Medical
- 18 – Chaplain/family support
- 24 – Exercises
- 5 – Computer/Cyber
- 21 – NCO Leader Development
- 14 – Military Police
- 2 – University engagements
- 5 – Intelligence
- 2 – Band
- 5 – Best Warrior Competition
- 3 – US Ambassador visits





New Facilities

Dickinson Armory Construction

- \$27M
- 40,000 sq/ft
- 816 Military Police Company (81 Soldiers - 43 vehicles and trailers)
- 28JUL23 Groundbreaking



Dickinson Armory Maintenance Bay– 30 Jan 2025



LOC-B
21NOV24

Photo of Fitness Center at CGTC – 30 Jan 2025

Fitness Facility

- \$11M (\$9M State)
- 30,000 sq/ft
- Year around ACFT
- Groundbreaking: Spring 2024





2025 Legislative Initiatives

- Williston Readiness Center
- Critical Infrastructure Match
- Next Generation Leadership Pilot Program
- HB 1076- Payment of death benefit while on SAD



2024 Recognition – Air

Spruance Safety Award

- 119th Wing

Jones IG Award

- 119th Wing

Meritorious Service Award

- Maj Kimberly Nelson

Pitsenbarger Award

- MSgt Zachary Robinson

Theodore Roosevelt Award

- Capt Mitchell Mazaheri





2024 Recognition – Army

G9 Awards

- Best Installations Management Program
- Best Improvement Over Last Year
- Best Installations Program FEEAC Region VI



Aviation Safety Awards

- 41,000 Accident-Free Career Flight Hours
- 31 Pilots

Liz Blanc Exceptional SARC of the Year

- Erica Davidson





Stay Connected

- TAG Line
- Website: ndguard.nd.gov
- Social Media
- Da Guards Podcast
 - (YouTube)
- ND CARES
 - Military Outreach



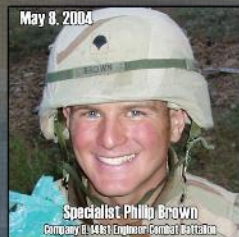


Opportunities to Connect

- 20-21 MAR – Roughrider Conference – Bismarck
- 31 MAR – Vietnam Veterans Day – Capitol
- 4 APR – Month of Military Child – Capitol
- 26 MAY – Memorial Day – ND Veterans Cemetery – Mandan
- June/July – Dickinson Readiness Center Ribbon Cutting
- Late 2025 – LOC-B Ribbon Cutting
- Late 2025 – Fitness Facility Ribbon Cutting



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