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Brief to **Joint State, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee** 17 December 2013

Attachment B

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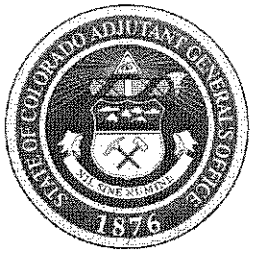

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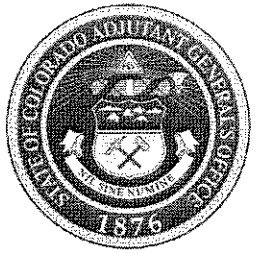

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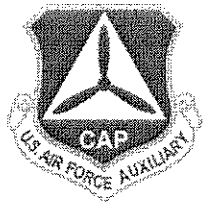

Strategic Plan

The DMVA Strategic Plan is part of our iterative process of developing a comprehensive and measurable strategy in compliance with the SMART Act.

The main program areas are the divisions of the department: the Colorado National Guard, the Division of the Veterans Affairs and the Colorado Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Our goals focus on maintaining readiness to perform our state and national missions and our ability to respond immediately to preserve the lives of Coloradans in distress.

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Strategic Policy Initiatives

Strategic Policy Initiative 1 – Improve Disaster Response Coordination

One Year Goal: Translate lessons learned from both fire and flood response missions into policies and procedures which improve the speed at which the Department can respond in coordination with other response partners. This will include ensuring that the appropriate tools and the means to distribute them are available.

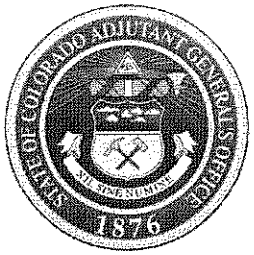
Three Year Goal: Incorporate the lessons learned into the state response plan that covers those disasters most commonly dealt with in Colorado (i.e. fire, flood, tornado) in coordination with other state response agencies.

Strategic Policy Initiative 2 – Expand Services Provided to Underserved Veterans Through Planning

One Year Goal: The Department seeks to improve coordination across strata of government and non-profit support to veterans by creating a state-wide strategic plan through a working group in coordination with The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA).

Three Year Goal: Increase the focus of the Veterans Trust Fund and the Veterans Assistance Grant in support of student veterans and those who live in rural areas. Provide for greater access to programs by supporting rural and campus distribution and/or supporting transport options to existing programs in high-density population centers.

State Military Overview



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Statewide Military Issues

The Colorado National Guard has developed a comprehensive model for utilizing active duty forces in domestic response under dual status command. The Black Forest Fire and flood response are perfect examples of this ability.

The Department is taking a proactive approach to the concerns of a BRAC in 2017 or later. We are working with the Governor's office and OEDIT to approach this issue with a three phase initial operation.

1. A Washington DC presence
2. A defense/aerospace industry "champion" in OEDIT to attract new industry and missions
3. A study to assess the state-wide military impact and resources

Future: An awareness campaign to ensure that all Coloradoans understand the role of the military in the Centennial State.

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Military Installations in Colorado

Installation	Economic Impact	Personnel *does not include contractors
Fort Carson	$2.2 billion	26,000 (mil)/5,800 (civ)
Peterson AFB	$1.46 billion	5,900 (mil)/4,013 (civ)
Schriever AFB	$1.2 billion	8,200 (mil/civ)
US Air Force Academy	$0.9 billion	5,730 (mil)/3,475 (civ)
Buckley AFB	$1.02 billion	7,100 (mil)/2,400 (civ)
Total All numbers are approximate.	**$6.78 billion**	**48,830 (mil)/19,788 (civ)** **68,618 (total)**

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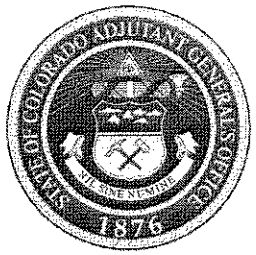
National Guard Overview

Colorado National Guard

The Colorado National Guard is made up of the Army Guard and the Air Guard which are commanded by Brigadier General Dana Capozzella and Brigadier General Rick Martin respectively.

The federal government provides for the equipment, operations and maintenance and payroll for this state military force. The federal government pays a portion of the facilities costs for readiness centers.

The Colorado National Guard is a state force that is funded by the federal government for a federal mission, but can be utilized at a moments notice by the State of Colorado. During state active duty missions, the state must pay for the equipment and personnel utilized.



Department Overview

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National Guard
CY 13 Highlights

Army National Guard Deployments

Past: Since 2002, the Colorado Army National Guard has mobilized over 4,780 Soldiers in support of Overseas Contingency Operations

Present: The Colorado Army National Guard currently has 89 Soldiers deployed in support of operations in Afghanistan

Future: During the next 18 months, the Colorado Army National Guard is scheduled to mobilize and deploy over 300 personnel in support of Overseas Contingency Operations

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National Guard
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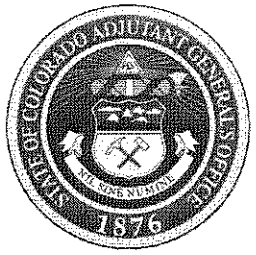
Air National Guard

Past: Since 2002, the Colorado Air National Guard has mobilized over 2,900 Airmen in support of Overseas Contingency Operations

Present: 4 personnel are currently deployed as part of individual taskings in Afghanistan and Kuwait.

- Aerospace Control Alert at Buckley AFB: 71 Personnel, 3 F-16s (24/7mission) including approximately 90 sorties (during the year).

Future: The 140th Wing's next window for a large group tasking is in October 2015. Individual deployments will continue to be tasked as needed by higher headquarters.



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State Partnership Program

Slovenia since 1993

Jordan since 2004

Colorado is one of 7 states with two state partners and the only state with a Middle Eastern partner.

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Colorado National Guard Joint Operations
FFY 13 Highlights

Black Forest Fire: 254 Guard Members, 48 Active Duty Members
Who: 1,837 man days, 4 x UH-60, 2 x LUH-72, 5 firefighting vehicles; Title 10: 2 x UH-60, 2 x CH-47, 4 x Dozer, 1 x FARP
What: Assist in Firefighting efforts both on ground and in the air and provide security checkpoints
When: June 11, 2013 – June 22, 2013
100.8 flight hours, 383 bucket drops, 176,160 gallons of water dropped

East Peak Fire: 150 Guard Members
Who: 921 man days, 4 x UH-60, 1 x LUH-72, 2 x CH-47
What: Assist in Firefighting efforts both on ground and in the air and provide security checkpoints
When: June 20, 2013 – July 12, 2013
76.7 flight hours, 174 bucket drops, 131,058 gallons of water dropped

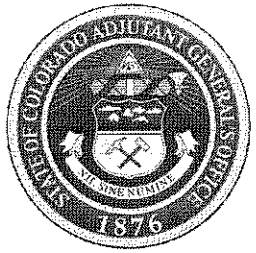
Lime Gulch Fire: 9 Guard Members
Who: 15 man days, 1 x UH-60 (standby mission)
What: Conduct rescue operations as needed
When: June 22, 2013 – June 26, 2013

West Fork Fire: 197 Guard Members
Who: 971 man days, 2 x UH-60 with Bambi bucket (standby mission), 5 firefighting vehicles
What, Assist in Firefighting efforts both on ground, in the air and with imagery and provide security checkpoints
When: June 22, 2013 – July 12, 2013

Centennial Raging Waters (Flood Response): 980 Guard Members, 130 Active Duty Members
Who: 5,592 man days, 4 x UH-60, 3 x LUH-72, 3 x CH-47, 200+ Military Vehicles; WYARNG: 5 x A/C; Title 10: 7 x A/C, 1 x FARP
What: Air and Ground Search and Rescue, sandbagging operations and security checkpoints
When: September 12, 2013 – September 30, 2013
3,233 people and 1,300 pets were evacuated by either military aircraft or vehicles

Search and Rescue Missions Conducted in FFY 2013

Missions	Saves	Crews
34	18	87



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Colorado National Guard Joint Operations
State Emergency Response and EMAC

"The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) is the first national disaster–relief compact since the Civil Defense and Disaster Compact of 1950 to be ratified by Congress. Since ratification and signing into law in 1996 (Public Law 104-321), 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands have enacted legislation to become EMAC members.

EMAC offers assistance during governor-declared states of emergency through a responsive, straightforward system that allows states to send personnel, equipment, and commodities to help disaster relief efforts in other states. Through EMAC states can also transfer services, such as shipping newborn blood from a disaster-impacted lab to a lab in another state." (SOURCE: www.emacweb.org)

External state response via EMAC:

Operation Centennial Raging Waters (Immediate flood response): Wyoming, Iowa

Operation Sapper Fury (Flood infrastructure response): Utah, Montana and Kansas

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Colorado National Guard Joint Teams

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, through the Colorado National Guard provides federally funded emergency response teams that fulfill the National Guards' Defense Support to Civil Authority (DSCA) mission. Teams include:

CERFP: (Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package) 200 volunteers Army/Air

8th Civil Support Team: 22 Army and Air Guard full-time personnel; specialist training in the CBRNE spectrum; Supports FBI, DHS, and local authorities

Counter Drug: est. 1990; Supports drug seizures; surveillance; educates Colorado youth

NGCE: (National Guard Communications Element) enables local responders and federal agencies to communicate during a disaster or terrorist strike

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Colorado National Guard
24/7/365

Aerospace Control Alert – 140th Wing at Buckley Air Force Base (COANG)

Ballistic Missile Detection – 233rd Space Group at Greeley Air National Guard Station (COANG)

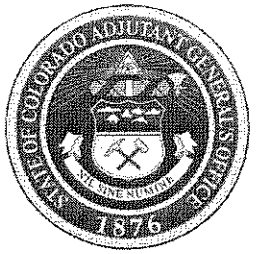
Ballistic Missile Defense – 100th Missile Defense Brigade in Colorado Springs (COARNG)

CY 13 National Guard Family Programs

- 33 (Federal Funds) staff members as part of Family Programs. This includes 1 Personal Financial Consultant and 2 mental health counselors.

- Conducted 20 Yellow Ribbon pre-deployment and post-deployment events for service members and their families.

- Received $155,866.00 from the 2012 Tax Check-Off for Military Relief Fund. Since 2005 the fund has received a total of $1,574,148.66 and provided $1,359,101.19 in grants to service members and their families.



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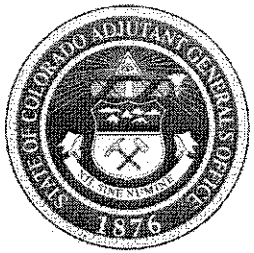
CY 13 Division of Veterans Affairs Highlights

- 14,907 Client visits, a 47% increase over CY12.
- 17,715 DVA-assisted claims submitted to the federal VA .
- $106 million in previous claims completed by US Department of Veterans Affairs (State FY11-12).
- Administered Referendum E (Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption).
  - ➢ 518 validated applications, 5,011 veterans are currently using this benefit.



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CY 13 Division of Veterans Affairs Highlights

Veterans Assistance Grant

- 18 grants totaling $970,000 have been awarded by the Department from general fund for veterans services to non-profit and veteran service organizations.
- The improved administrative funding has been adequate to support grant-related salary and operations costs.
- Grants were selected by the Department in consultation with the Division of Veterans Affairs and the Board of Veterans Affairs.
- The Department has requested this grant in the 2014-15 budget request.

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CY 13 Division of Veterans Affairs Highlights

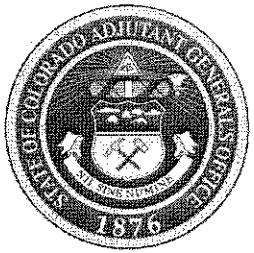
Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Located in Grand Junction, CO, this facility is the only State Military Veterans Cemetery (by federal VA definition) in the state.

"Cemeteries established under the grant program must conform to the standards and guidelines pertaining to site selection, planning and construction prescribed by VA. Cemeteries must be operated solely for the burial of service members who die on active duty, veterans, and their eligible spouses and dependent children. Any cemetery assisted by a VA grant must be maintained and operated according to the operational standards and measures of the National Cemetery Administration." (SOURCE: www.cem.va.gov)

Tax check-off – The cemetery's tax check-off has decreased in recent years. The Department believes that several factors are responsible to include the passing of WWII veterans and their family members, the drawdown in public awareness of current military efforts and the slow-down of the economy.

The Department is contemplating working with community stakeholders to develop a "Friends of the Cemetery" type group to attempt to increase gifts, grants and donations.



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Veterans Trust Fund

39 grants totaling $867,808 have been awarded from the Veterans Trust Fund in SFY 2013.

CBVA Key Initiatives

- Student veteran issues
- Veterans homelessness/veterans stand downs
- Veterans transition and employment
- Veterans transportation issues

CY 13 Civil Air Patrol

- Conducted 23 searches for overdue/missing aircraft, lost/missing persons and emergency beacons
  - Located a missing hiker in Larimer County
- Flew 60 counterdrug sorties with county sheriffs and federal law enforcement agencies
- Conducted 49 flights and 55 ground sorties in support of Army UAV operations at Pinon Canyon
- Sent one advisor to North Carolina to support a NORAD-Northcom UAV project at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point
- Flew 3 sorties on the CO Vital Connection Communications Exercise portion of Vigilant Guard
- Flew 1 air defense target mission

Equipment

- 1848 Volunteers (adults and cadets) – 1 FTE
- 16 Cessna C-182s, 1 Gippsland GA-8, 3 gliders
- 22 vans and 4WD vehicles

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CY 13 Civil Air Patrol

Flood Support

•Over 100 cadet and adult members have put in more than 3,000 volunteer hours to the flood effort

•Aerial photography – 77 sorties, 142 flying hours, took nearly 10,000 geo-tagged photos for both CDHSEM and FEMA, all of which were uploaded to a FEMA public website

•Aerial damage assessment – 75 sorties, 112 flying hours, this mission continues, as of 4 November, have flown 100 FEMA, state and Red Cross personnel over the flood area

•Donations support – 50 CAP members provided over 600 volunteer hours to the donation center in Loveland

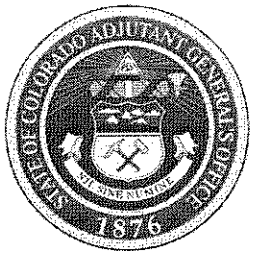
•City of Colorado Springs Highway 24/Waldo Canyon - flew 6 sorties to photograph damage after heavy rains

•Ground photography – CAP ground teams were used only one day because areas FEMA wanted ground photos of were inaccessible

Wildfire Support

•Douglas County Fire Watch, June through September - 16 sorties, CAP was first to report one fire and monitored others, including the Black Forest Fire

•Black Forest Fire – CAP chaplains were available to provide pastoral care and counseling ; took high resolution, geo-referenced imagery post-fire for a state wildfire mitigation study



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Readiness Center Construction Overview

The following readiness centers are designated to support the 1st Battalion -157th Infantry Regiment's Soldiers:

Site	Status	Fed Share	State Share	State Share Returned
Fort Lupton	Complete	$10.9M	$5.3M	$364,000
Grand Junction	Complete	$11.2M	$4.0M	$350,000
Windsor	Complete	$9.0M	$5.5M	$87,000
Alamosa	Complete	$7.7M	$3.6M	$50,000
N. Colorado Springs	Ongoing	$21.5M	N/A	N/A
	Total:	$60.3M	$18.4M	$851,000

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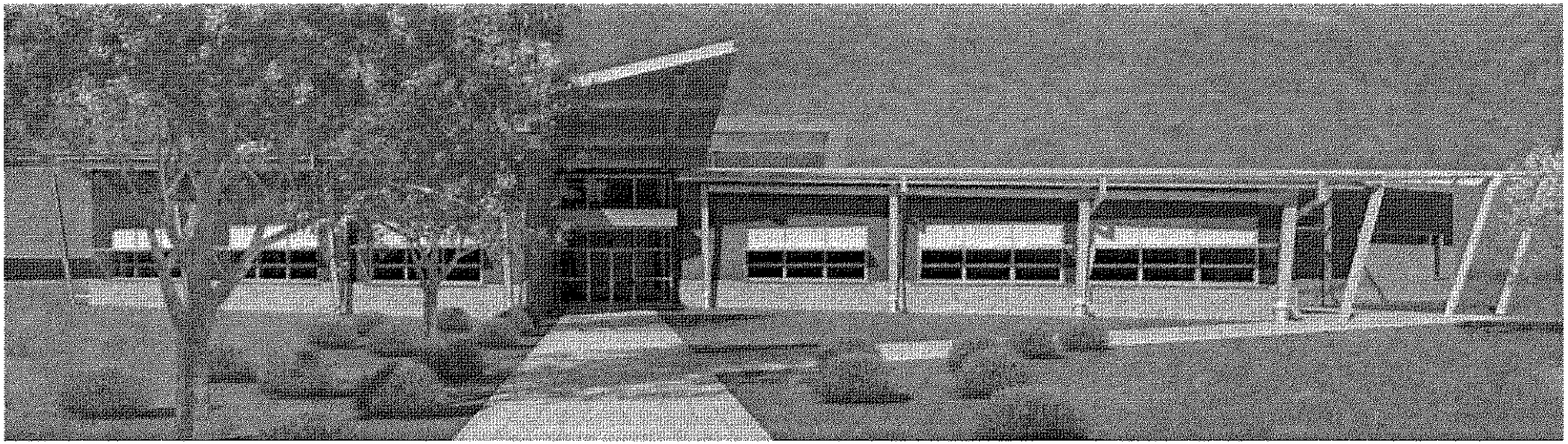
Alamosa Readiness Center



Project Cost: $7.7M (Fed) $3.6M (State)
Milestones: Construction Completion October 2013
Jobs: Project 335 total badged employees, 40 average workers per day
Area: 27,153 Sq. Ft.
Sustainable initiatives: Will Pursue LEED Certification, Photo Voltaic, Geo Thermal, Transpired Solar, Solar Hot Water
Veterans Trust Fund Supported Land Acquisition

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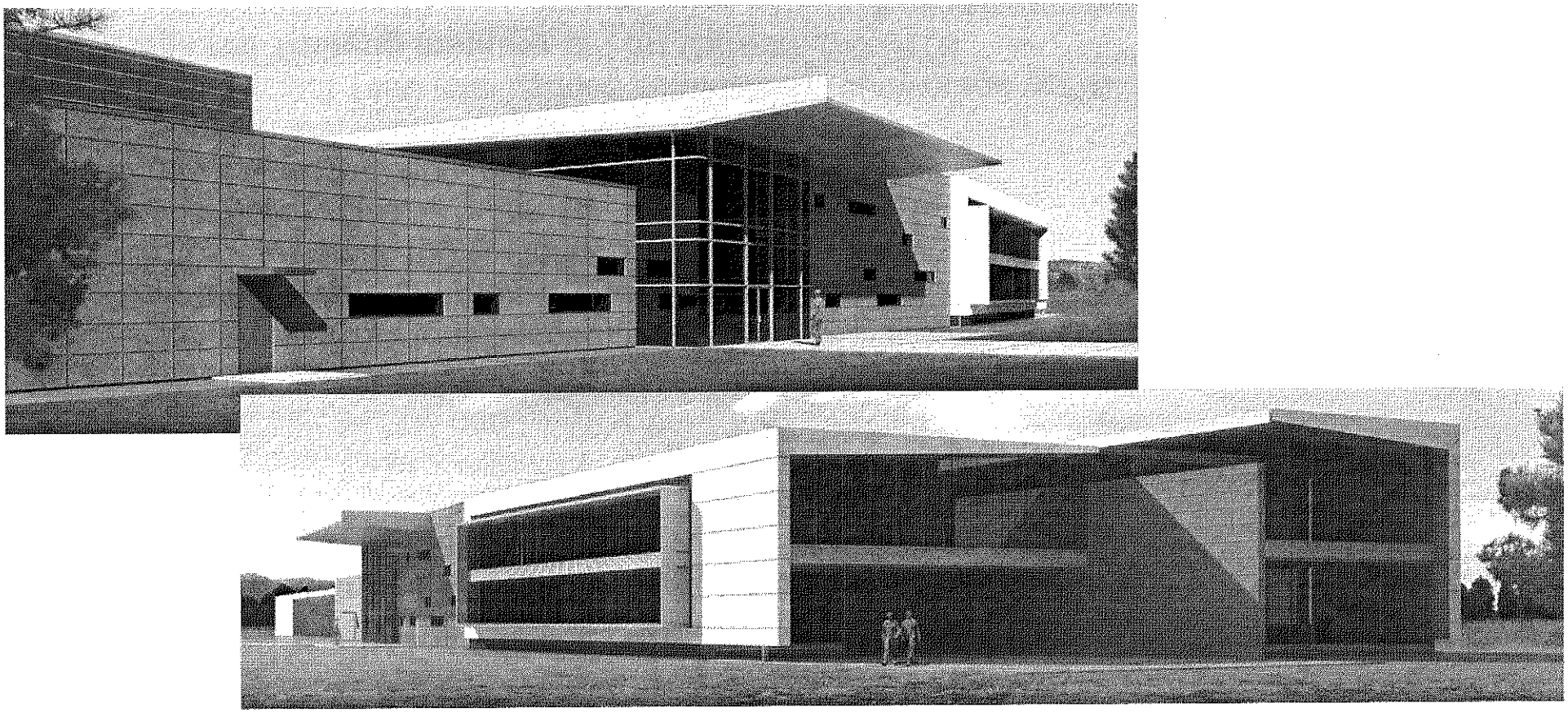
North Colorado Springs



Project Cost: $21.5M (Fed) $0 (State)
Milestones: Construction Completion June 2014
Jobs: Project 725 total badged employees, 80 average workers per day
Area: 63,458 Sq. Ft.
Sustainable initiatives: Pursuing LEED Certification, Photo Voltaic, Geo Thermal, & Transpired Solar

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Federally Funded Projects (Colorado Army National Guard)

Tactical Unmanned Aircraft System @ Buckley AFB, CO (TUAS)

- Status: Design at 100%
- Status: Construction at 61%
- Construction: Oct 12 – Mar 14
- Project Cost: $4,200,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: Project 125 total badged employees, 25 average workers

Training Center Complex @ Fort Carson, CO (TCC)

- Status: Design at 100%, Construction at 29%
- Construction: Dec 12 – Jan 15
- Project Cost: $49,000,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: Project 1400 total badged employees, 150 average workers per day

Regional Training Institute @ Fort Carson, CO (RTI)

- Status: Design is 100%, Construction at 81% (including expanded scope)
- Construction: Nov 11 – Nov 14
- Project Cost: $54,700,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: Project 1350 total badged employees, 150 average workers per day

COARNG
$107.9M
COANG
$56.2M
Total:$164.1M

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Federally Funded Projects (Colorado Air National Guard)

Repair Runway 14/32

- Status: 16% Construction
- Construction: Sep 2013 - Sep 1014
- Project Cost: $39,400,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: 250 badge employees, 50 per day

Repair Main Apron Access and Alert Pavements

- Status: 100% Designed
- Construction: April 2014- Dec 2014
- Project Cost: $12,000,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: 175 badge employees, 45 per day

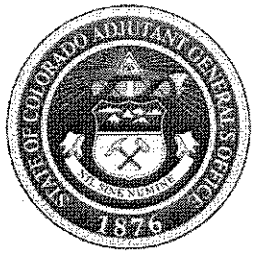
Construct Range Control Facility & Fitness Center

- Status: 30% Designed
- Construction: FFY17
- Project Cost: $830,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: 40 badge employees, 12 per day

COARNG
$107.9M
COANG
$56.2M
Total:$164.1M

Refurbish Bldg 700, Security Forces, Buckley AFB, Aurora CO

- Status: 78% Construction Complete
- Construction: May 2013-May 2014
- Project Cost: $4,000,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 80% Federal funded / 20% State funded
- Jobs: 250 badge employees, 35 per day



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FY14-15 Budget Priorities

- Conduct capital construction on the Veterans Memorial Cemetery to serve the Western Slope through 2025 and beyond

- Provide consistent and sustainable funding for Veterans Memorial Cemetery to ensure a continued level of professional service to Western Slope Veterans and their families

- Maintaining appropriate funding to support operations and maintenance

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FY 2014-15 Budget Request

- $7.9M General Fund for Personal Services, Common Policies, Tuition Assistance, Civil Air Patrol, County Veterans Service Offices, Veterans Assistance Grant, and Operations and Maintenance for Army National Guard (Armories).
- $1.2M Cash Funds for Veterans Trust Fund Grants, Veterans Cemetery in Grand Junction, and Local Armory Incentive Program.
- $0.8M in Re-appropriated Funds from Higher Education for National Guard Tuition Assistance.
- $378.8M Federal Funds comprised of $205.6M for the Air and Army National Guard federal mission (Training, Salaries, Equipment Maintenance) and $9.1M for Air and Army Cooperative Agreements with the Department. Additionally there are approximately $164.1M in Federal Funds planned for the construction and improvement of the Colorado Springs Readiness Center, the Regional Training Institute, the Training Center Complex, the Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Readiness Center and repair projects at Buckley AFB.

$7.9 million in General Fund the State generates $378.8million in Federal Funds