

**FY 2025 Delaware National Guard
Bond Bill Hearing
April 29, 2024
11:30 a.m.**

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Adjutant General, Delaware National Guard




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**National Guard Dual Missions
*Always Ready, Always There***

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>State Mission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Governor may call individuals or units into state service during emergencies or to assist in special situations • To provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise provided by state law 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Federal Mission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President serves as Commander-In-Chief • Provide properly trained and equipped units for prompt mobilization for war, National emergency or as otherwise needed
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National Guard Impact

- Continues to be a great value to the state of Delaware and the Nation
- Top employer in Delaware
- Brings millions in revenue to the local economy annually
- Key state agency
- Positive impact

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Army National Guard Readiness Centers as of October 2023

<u>Readiness Center/Location</u>	<u>Construction Completion Date</u>
Joseph R. "Beau" Biden National Guard/Reserve Center	2013
Smyrna Readiness Center	2003
Dagsboro Readiness Center	1999
Scannell Readiness Center (Delaware City)	1976
Duncan Readiness Center	1975
198th Regimental Armory (1401 Newport Gap Pike)	1972
Wilmington Readiness Center ¹	1959
Stern Readiness Center	1954
Pigman Readiness Center (Seaford) ²	1950
Georgetown Readiness Center	1939
Total of 10 Readiness Centers of which 9 are state-owned	Average age = 49 years
Total of 7 Oldest Readiness Centers	Average age = 62 years

Note 1 - Acquired from Department of Education in 1979

Note 2 - Federally-owned - ongoing license from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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National Guard MCI Program

- Support ongoing maintenance, restoration, repair and replacement projects
- Improve safety of facilities; comply with building codes
- Maintain building envelopes; upgrade equipment
- Replace HVAC systems, roofs, sidewalks, parking lots, electrical systems and lighting
- Renovations

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Federal & State Capital Funds

- Last five years
 - \$90 million in federal
 - \$29.2 million in state
- Impact
 - Federal match
 - Usage
 - State emergencies
 - State & federal missions
 - Readiness, recruiting & retention

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FY 2025 Initiatives

- \$2.3 million Minor Capital Budget Request
- \$200 thousand for Maintenance and Restoration
- Minor Capital Improvement Projects
 - Biden NGRC Gates/Barriers \$440,000
 - Biden NGRC Addt'l Bathrooms \$550,000
 - Stern RC Fence/Gates \$385,000
 - FMS #4 Standby Generator \$330,000
 - RRTS FMS #1 Standby Generator \$550,000
- *Total federal share for MCI this year is approx. \$5 million*

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Dagsboro Readiness Center Expansion Project

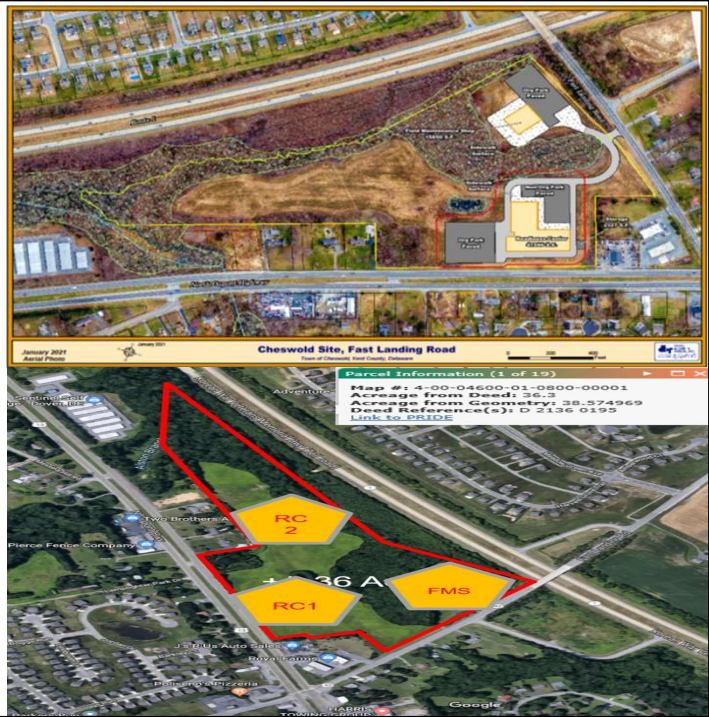
- Major Capital Budget Request
- \$6 million federal / \$2 million state
- Build a 16,000 SF addition to existing structure
- Meet C2 Quantity rating



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Cheswold Readiness Ctr Fast Landing Rd.

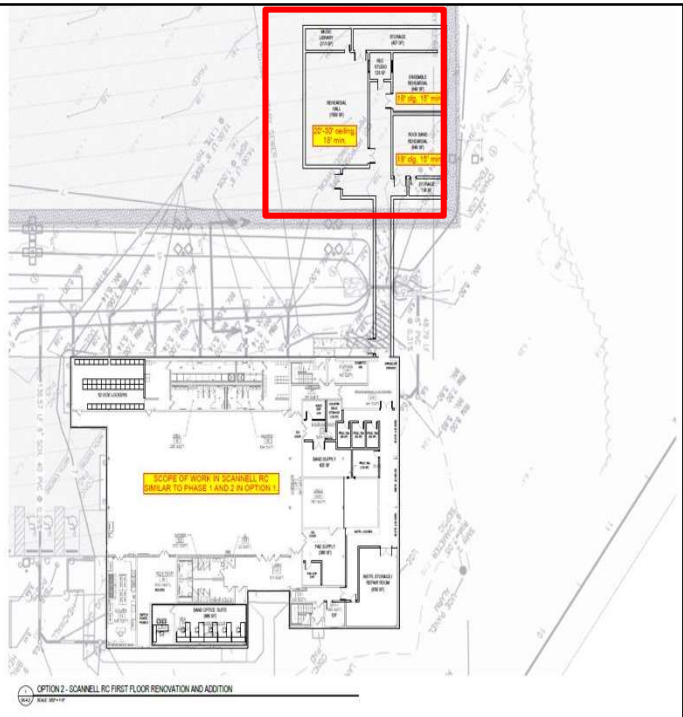
- Major Capital Budget Request
- Funding for design, site prep, and construction
- 44,829 SF facility
- \$27.6 million federal / \$6.8 million state (FY25 \$300 thousand; FY26 \$3.7 million; FY28 \$2.8 million)
- Supports 1049th Transportation Company



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Scannell Readiness Center Expansion/Renovations Project

- Major Capital Budget Request
- Sustain existing 25,000 SF and expand by 10,000 SF
- Enhance readiness levels by addressing space shortages while lowering operations and maintenance costs
- Projected cost of project completion is estimated at \$9 million. State funding of \$3 million will be used to leverage federal funding



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Ongoing Army Military Construction (MILCON) Projects

Wilmington
New Castle
Delaware City
Smyrna
Georgetown
Dagsboro

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River Road Readiness Center

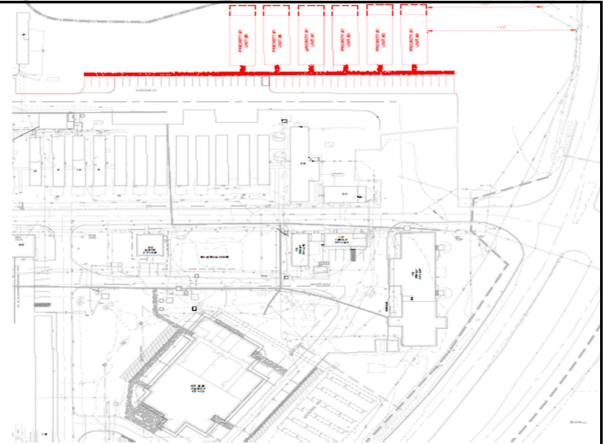
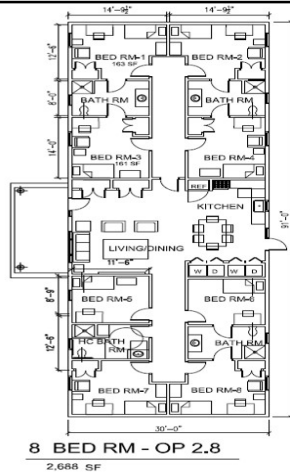
- \$16 million federal / \$8.7 million state match (FY23)
- 52,619 SF (Units-153rd Military Police and new 302nd Field Feeding Team)
- Provide administrative, training, and materiel storage
- Build on federal property – New Castle County
- Project completion expected in 2026

Labels on site plan include: RIVER ROAD / HIGHWAY 9, CONTROLLED WASTE, UNHEATED STORAGE, SLIDING VEHICULAR GATE, MILITARY EQUIPMENT PARKING, SLIDING VEHICULAR GATE, VEHICULAR GATE, BATTLE RANGE, PISTOL RANGE, ACCESS ROAD, EST, CON PARKING, CON PARKING, CON PARKING, FENCE, GATE, CONTROL, ESTER, MILAR, TH, GATE, FENCE.

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New Transient Training Officer Barracks

- \$8.1 million federal / \$2.5 million state contribution (FY22 & FY24)
- 16,073 SF; on state property – Sussex County
- Supports schoolhouse & accommodates Soldiers who train at Bethany Beach Training Site
- Design changed from hardstand construction to modular based on funding constraints (5 units, with 8 sleeping quarters per unit (40) rooms, with potential 6th unit)
- Construction completion expected by end of 2025

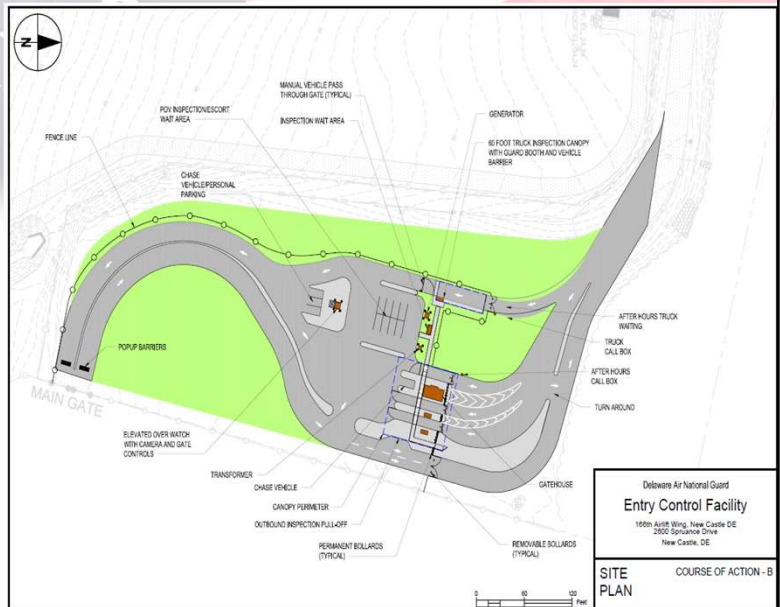


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Ongoing Air Military Construction (MILCON) Projects

New Air National Guard Main Gate Complex

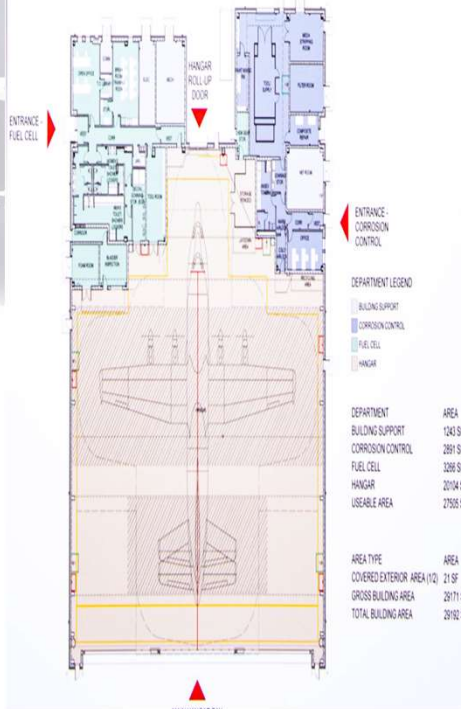
- Demolish current facility
- \$5.6 million federal / \$0 state match
- New Castle County Airport
- Provide a DOD compliant access control point
- Critical to the Air Guard's security plan; safety of personnel and resources
- Design to begin in 2023 with construction start date in 2024



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166th Airlift Wing Fuel Cell Hangar

- Demolish current facility
- \$24 million federal / \$1 million state contribution (FY24)
- 29,600 SF; New Castle County Airport
- Supports required aircraft maintenance / corrosion control, fully enclose C-130H & C-130J aircraft
- Critical in sustaining the tactical airlift mission of the 166th Airlift Wing
- Completion expected end of 2026



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Closing Remarks

- Continued support & state collaboration
- Remain competitive; deliver high quality services
- Maintain current posture; plan for future growth
- Sustain operational readiness and effectiveness
- Proud to serve the Citizens of this Great State & Nation
- *“Always Ready, Always There”*



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