



FY 2024 Delaware National Guard Bond Bill Hearing March 22, 2023 11:30 a.m.

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National Guard Dual Missions *Always Ready, Always There*

<u>State Mission</u>	<u>Federal Mission</u>
<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 	<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
- Listed as one of the top 25 employers in Delaware
- Brings over \$200 million in revenue to the local economy annually
- Key state agency
- Positive affect

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Army National Guard Readiness Centers as of October 2022

Readiness Center/Location	Construction Completion Date
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 = 48 years
Total of 7 Oldest Readiness Centers	Average age = 61 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, 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
 - \$14 million in state
- Impact
 - Federal match
 - Usage
 - State emergencies
 - State & federal missions
 - Readiness, recruiting & retention

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FY 2024 Initiatives

- \$2.5 million Minor Capital Budget Request
- Capital Improvement Projects
 - Georgetown RC

Window Replacement	\$55,000 (built in 1939)
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 - Scannell RC Sewer \$360,000 (built in 1976)
 - 198th RC Fences/Parking \$80,000 (built in 1972)
 - 198th RC Storage \$275,000 (built in 1972)
 - Dagsboro RC Vault \$250,000 (built in 1999)
 - Dagsboro RC Parking \$250,000 (built in 1999)
- *Total federal share for MCI this year is approx. \$5 million*

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FY 2024 Initiatives cont'd

- Major Capital Budget Request
- Field Maintenance Shop (FMS) #1 Conversion Project
 - \$0 federal / \$2.25 million state
 - Insufficient federal funds
 - Convert a 9,600 SF maintenance shop to an office building
 - Space needed for mission requirements

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FY 2024 Initiatives cont'd

- Minor Capital Budget Request
- \$0 federal / \$225.0 thousand state
- 11 acres recently purchased in Dagsboro
- Demolish existing structures on the property
- Perform environmental site assessments in preparation of an expansion of the Readiness Center in 2026

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Military Construction (MILCON) Projects

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

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Military Construction (MILCON) Projects cont'd

- New Physical Fitness Center
- \$3.7 million federal / \$0 state match
- 6,829 SF
- State property – Sussex County
- Supports multiple training requirements
- Nearing completion; ribbon-cutting in May

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Military Construction (MILCON) Projects cont'd

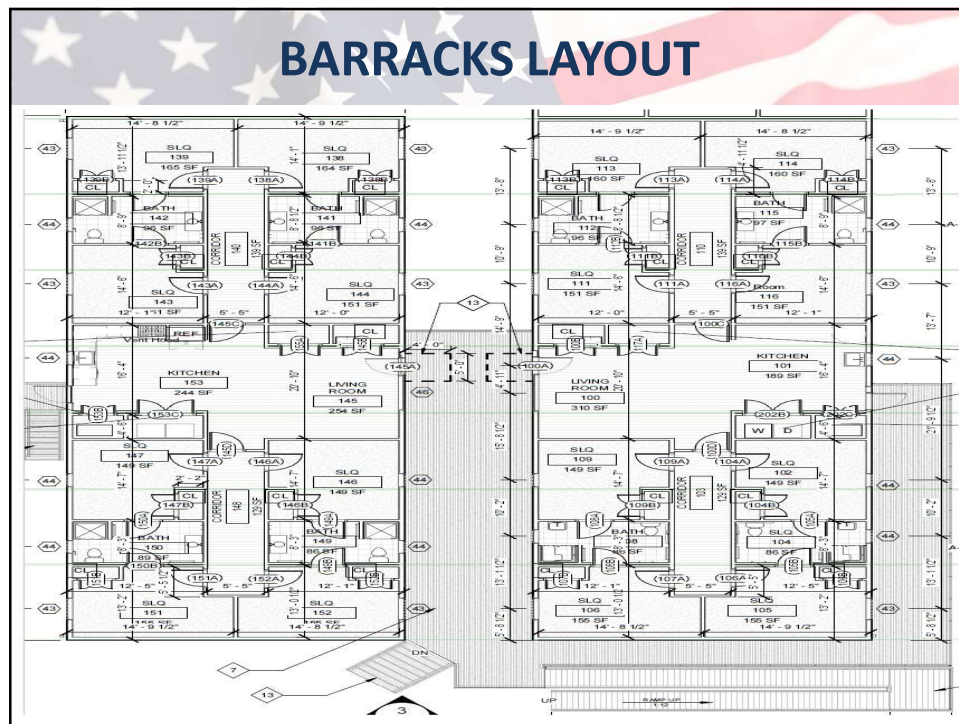
- New Transient Training Officer Barracks
- \$5.3 million federal / \$1.8 million state contribution (FY22)
- 13,440 SF state property – Sussex County
- Supports schoolhouse/accommodate Soldiers who train at Bethany Beach Training Site
- Construction completion expected by end of 2025 (design change due to inflationary costs)

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BETHANY BEACH TRAINING SITE BARRACKS



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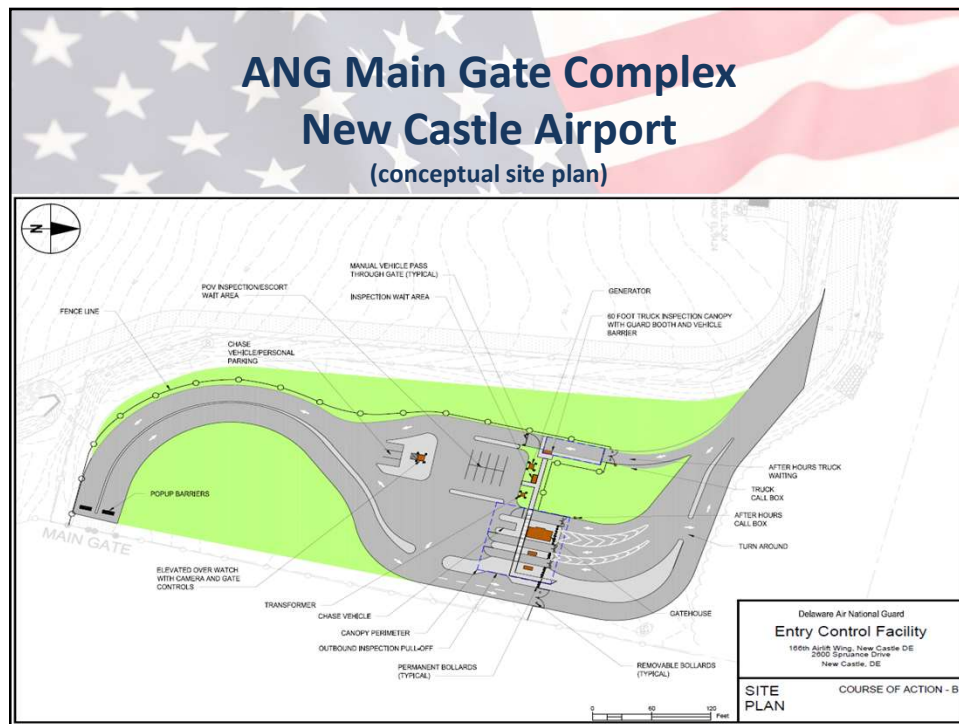


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Military Construction (MILCON) Projects cont'd

- 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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Military Construction (MILCON) Projects cont'd

- New Air National Guard Fuel Cell Hangar
- Demolish current facility
- \$24 million federal / \$1 million anticipated state contribution
- 29,600 SF; New Castle County Airport
- Supports required aircraft maintenance / new 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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