

## A Historic Year for the National Guard as it turns 384 years old

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On December 13, the National Guard will celebrate its 384th birthday, marking an historic year of support to its communities.

Currently, 366 National Guard students are enrolled in the US Army War College resident and distance education programs.

The National Guard is America's oldest military organization and has 450,000 citizen, Soldiers and Airmen located in communities across all 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia.

2020 has been a historic year for National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, who have logged more than 8.4 million days serving on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response. As part of the historic response, the National Guard

nas worked to bring calm and compassion to civil disturbances across the country; flown into raging wildfires to save hundreds of people, and responded to prevent loss of life and property from hurricanes and natural disasters across the country.

Guard men and women helped distribute over 580 million meals to neighbors in need; delivered more than 380 million pieces of protective equipment to essential workers, and tested and screened over 9 million people for COVID-19.

In June 2020, the National Guard mobilized nearly 120,000 Soldiers and Airmen in support of overseas and homeland operations -- meeting every challenge, answering every call, and performing every mission. Today, more than 57,000 Guard members remain on duty in their communities and around the globe, living up to their motto: Always Ready; Always There.

Happy 384<sup>th</sup> Birthday, National Guard!