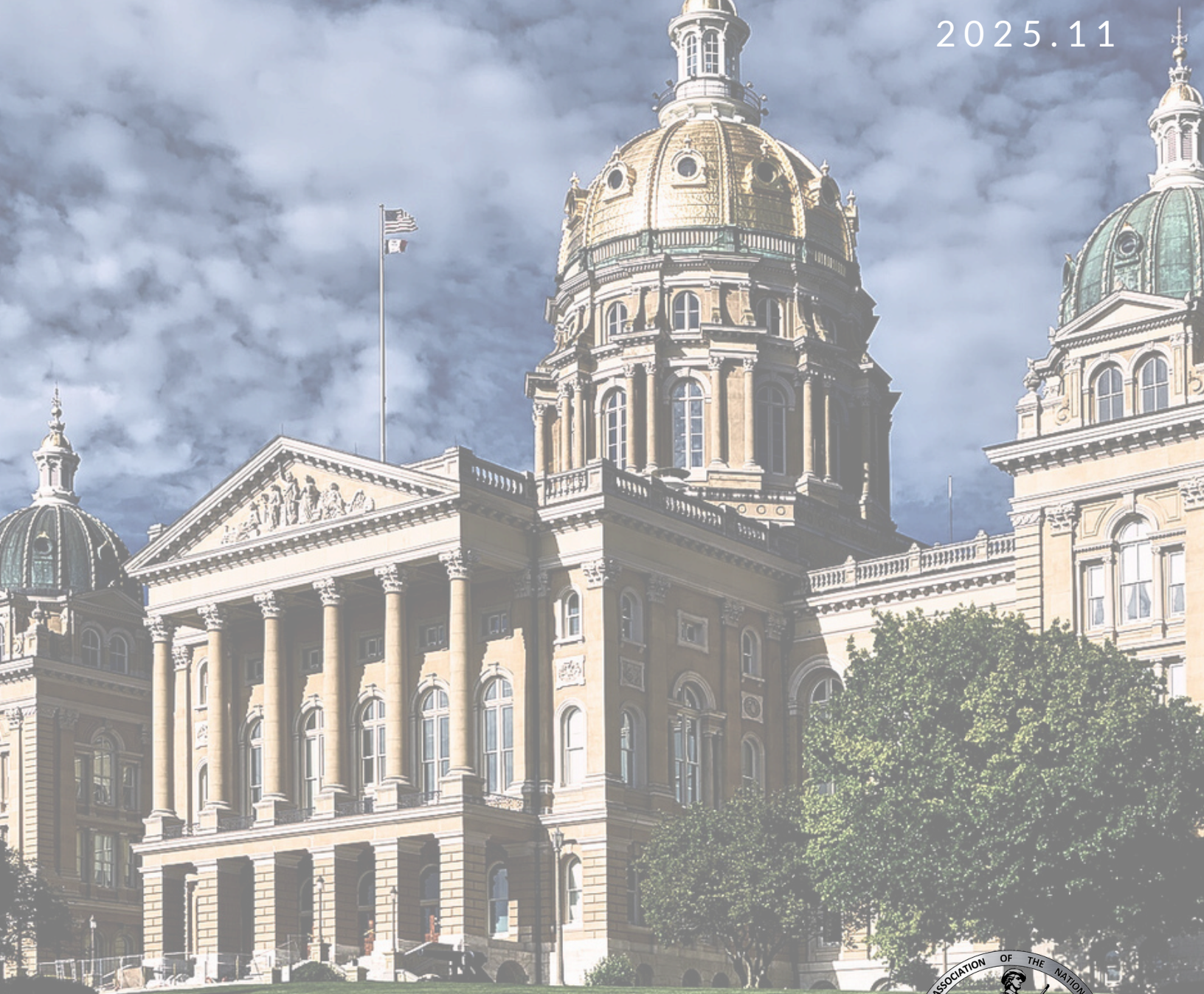


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PETER MOELLER

To our dedicated Airmen and Soldiers of the Iowa National Guard,

As we close out another year of service and reflection, I want to begin by extending my sincere appreciation for all you have helped our Association accomplish. 2025 was an exceptional year for EANGI, and that success is owed entirely to your passion, commitment, and willingness to stay engaged. Together, we supported more than a dozen events across the state, strengthened our community presence, and raised tens of thousands of dollars to directly benefit Iowa's enlisted service members and their Families. More importantly, we continued standing firmly beside our units at home and abroad, ensuring that those who serve never face their challenges alone.

Our Soldiers and Airmen deployed overseas, especially within the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, have remained at the forefront of our thoughts and efforts this past year. You have shown extraordinary resilience, professionalism, and dedication while representing our state on the global stage. EANGI is proud to support you and your Families throughout this mission, and we look forward with great anticipation to welcoming you home safely. Your service continues to inspire the entire Iowa Guard community.

In addition to our community efforts, 2025 was a year of meaningful progress at the legislative level. Through the collective voice of our members and the hard work of our delegation, we advanced and supported legislation that will benefit enlisted Soldiers and Airmen for years to come. Whether advocating for improved benefits, expanded opportunities, or stronger support systems, your participation gave Iowa a stronger voice nationally, proving yet again that our state remains a leader among the Enlisted Associations across the country.

As we look toward the horizon, we recognize that 2026 will bring its share of challenges and critical decisions. We face the final stretch of negotiations on the FY26 National Defense Authorization Act, which will set the tone for training, benefits, and resourcing in the years ahead. We also look forward to the safe return of our 2nd Brigade Combat Team, whose reintegration and support will require the coordinated efforts of leaders, Families, and communities across Iowa.

In the midst of these challenges, one constant remains clear: we are strongest when we come together. That is why I want to personally encourage every member to attend the 2026 Annual Business Meeting and Command Senior Enlisted Appreciation Dinner. The value of your presence cannot be overstated. This gathering is more than an event; it is a chance to hear directly from senior leaders, strengthen relationships across the force, celebrate the enlisted corps, and ensure that every voice is part of shaping our path forward.

As always, I remain grateful for your service, humbled by your trust, and motivated by your resilience. Together, we will meet the challenges of 2026 and continue strengthening the enlisted force that makes the Iowa National Guard one of the best in the nation.

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PETER MOELLER
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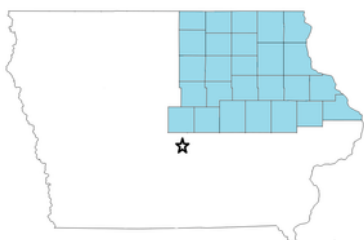
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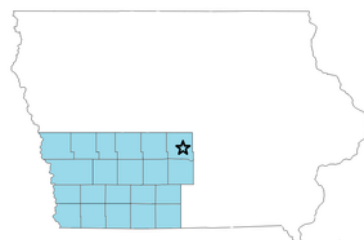
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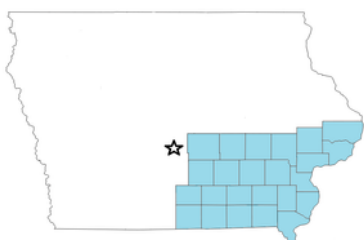


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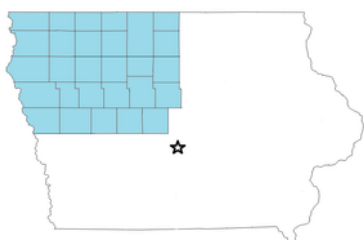


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IOWA'S 132D CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON PARTICIPATES IN EXERCISE TOXIC SWELL 25

Story by Staff Sgt. John Johnson



Airmen from the Iowa Air National Guard's 132d Civil Engineer Squadron traveled to Oahu, Hawaii, in August to participate in Exercise Toxic Swell 25, a joint chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) training event involving multi-branch Active-Duty, Reserve, and National Guard components.

While Iowans back home enjoyed salt on their corn at the state fair, the Airmen from Des Moines found themselves dealing with a different kind of salt—sweat, sand, and simulated chemical threats—on the beaches and training sites of Oahu.

The intent of Exercise Toxic Swell is to enhance joint-force readiness and interoperability in responding to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) threats in complex environments. The exercise simulates real-world scenarios where military units must identify, secure, and mitigate hazardous materials while coordinating across

service branches. By training together in a dynamic and realistic setting, participants build critical skills in communication, threat assessment, and mission execution under pressure.

Exercise Toxic Swell 25 culminated on Aug. 21, 2025, in a complex scenario involving opposition forces and civilian role players. Participants patrolled into a mock town, secured a hazardous laboratory, and defended against simulated enemy threats in a high-stress, joint training environment.

The Iowa Airmen were split into two main groups and performed a variety of roles, including machine gun overwatch, CBRN lab seizure, and outer perimeter security.

"The mission was intense but rewarding," said Tech. Sgt. Jon Linn of the 132d Civil Engineer Squadron. "Working alongside Marines and other Airmen helped us improve our skills and build confidence in real-world scenarios."

Marine Corps leadership praised the professionalism and adaptability of the Iowa Airmen, noting their work ethic and willingness to take on critical roles during the exercise. Tech. Sgt. Linn was specifically recognized for going above and beyond to support the joint mission.

Chief Master Sgt. Sean Augspurger, senior enlisted leader for the 132d Mission Support Group, commended the Airmen's performance.

"The defining characteristic of the Iowa Guard team in joint

training is their seamless integration and collaborative spirit," said Augspurger. "They actively seek learning opportunities in every interaction, fostering a culture of mutual respect and shared expertise that elevates the performance of all participating forces. We could not be prouder."

The 132d's participation in Exercise Toxic Swell reflects the unit's ongoing commitment to readiness, joint interoperability, and mission success in complex environments.



YOUR INVITATION TO CONNECTION, CAMARADERIE, AND PURPOSE:

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE 2026 EANGI ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND COMMAND SENIOR ENLISTED APPRECIATION DINNER

Each year, the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Iowa brings together the Soldiers, Airmen, families, retirees, and supporters who make our force what it is: capable, resilient, committed, and united. But in 2026, the gathering will be more than a meeting, it will be a milestone. On 27-28 March 2026 at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn, we will come together for a weekend built around connection, celebration, professional development, and honoring the leaders who shape our enlisted corps.

If you have attended an EANGI event before, you already know the impact of bringing our community together. If you haven't, this is the year to make the decision to join us. The 2026 Annual Business Meeting and Command Senior Enlisted Appreciation Dinner is engineered to be energizing, meaningful, and memorable. From the fun and fellowship of Friday night's icebreaker to the music, networking, and late-evening hospitality rooms that close out Saturday.

This is your invitation not simply to attend, but to participate in a weekend designed uniquely for you: the enlisted Soldiers and Airmen who give the Iowa National Guard its strength and character.

Below is everything you need to

know and all the reasons this is the one weekend you won't want to miss.

A Weekend That Strengthens Our Force

EANGI exists for a purpose: to advocate for enlisted personnel, preserve benefits, support Families, and strengthen the future of the Iowa National Guard. But purpose isn't sustained through emails or policy alone, it is reinforced through people gathering, collaborating, and investing in one another.

This event is where enlisted professionals learn what's ahead for the Guard. It is where ideas are exchanged, relationships deepen, and new leaders emerge. It is where we gather not as units or ranks, but as one Iowa National Guard family.

The 2026 meeting is intentionally designed to strike the perfect balance between professional value, personal enjoyment, and community connection. Every element from the joint session with senior leaders to the beauty bar to the live jazz performance creates touchpoints for building relationships, refreshing motivation, and feeling truly valued in your profession of arms.

Whether you are a junior enlisted Soldier looking to

understand your future, a seasoned NCO shaping young leaders, a spouse or partner supporting the force, or a retiree who helped build the foundation we stand on, this weekend is for you.

Friday Evening Icebreaker (27 March 2026): The Perfect Start to the Weekend

The moment you arrive, you will feel the energy of the weekend setting in.

The Warrant Officer Association is hosting Friday evening's icebreaker, and they are pulling out all the stops. Expect:

- Free drinks
- Appetizers
- Music Bingo
- A relaxed atmosphere to reconnect with old friends or make new ones

Music Bingo has become one of the most popular social games at National Guard gatherings across the country. Whether you're competitive or just enjoy the music, it's a guaranteed source of laughter and fun.

This night sets the tone for the entire weekend: welcoming, informal, and full of camaraderie. You'll feel immediately at home among peers from across the state. For many attendees, the icebreaker is the highlight of the weekend. Not because of any single

activity, but because you realize you're surrounded by people who get it. The shared experiences, the sacrifices, the deployments, the drills, the late nights, the early mornings. The icebreaker puts you among your people.

Saturday Morning: A Joint Session That Shapes the Future

Saturday launches with one of the most impactful sessions of the weekend: a joint gathering featuring remarks from The Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard and the Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

These leaders don't often have the opportunity to speak directly to such a broad audience of enlisted Soldiers and Airmen. This session is your chance to hear:

- How the Guard is evolving
- What strategic priorities are ahead
- Where resources are focused
- What challenges we face
- What opportunities exist for the enlisted force
- How changes in the Army, Air Force, and National Guard Bureau affect us in Iowa
- Initiatives to improve readiness, training, benefits, and quality of life

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Enlisted Association Annual Business Meeting

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Hearing directly from senior leaders helps us understand our role in shaping the future force. It ensures every Soldier and Airman leaves more informed, more connected, and more empowered to succeed.

For junior enlisted members, this session is a rare opportunity to sit in the same room with top decision makers and hear exactly how your service fits into the state and national picture. For NCOs and senior enlisted professionals, it is a chance to hear strategic intent firsthand so you can guide your formations accordingly.

And for retirees and family members, it provides valuable insight into how the Guard continues to evolve and the role you still play in supporting it.

Saturday Afternoon: A Beauty Bar Experience Like No Other

After a meaningful morning of professional dialogue, the afternoon offers something refreshing, relaxing, and uniquely enjoyable. A free Beauty Bar, complete with:

- Champagne
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Stations with beauty products available
- Bring-your-own makeup, styling tools, and preferred products
- A space to unwind, socialize, and enjoy some self-care

This is not a spa day, it's a chance to enjoy time together, try new products, and feel appreciated. Whether you're preparing for the evening's dinner, looking for a moment of relaxation, or just want to enjoy a glass of champagne with friends, the Beauty Bar is a perfect mid-day break.

The event is designed to be inclusive and welcoming.

It's about offering a fun experience to anyone who wants to take part, whether you enjoy makeup, want your hair touched up for photos, or simply want to socialize in a relaxed setting.

This is also another opportunity to meet attendees from across Iowa. People you may serve with digitally but rarely see in person. Conversations here often lead to networking, mentorship, and friendships that last long after the weekend ends.

Saturday Evening: The Command Senior Enlisted Appreciation Dinner

The crown jewel of the weekend is Saturday evening's Command Senior Enlisted Appreciation Dinner, a formal gathering built around recognition, camaraderie, music, and celebration.

This year's theme: Moonlight Serenade: An Evening of Ivory—sets the tone for an elegant night filled with warm lighting, sophisticated ambiance, and a deep appreciation for the enlisted force.

What Makes This Dinner Special?

- It honors the enlisted Soldiers and Airmen who carry the weight of our missions.
- It recognizes our senior enlisted leaders for their mentorship, sacrifice, and service.
- It brings together every level of the force—from E1s to E9s, spouses, retirees, and supporters—in one unified space.
- It provides a night of celebration after a long year of training, deployments, and operations.

This isn't just another banquet. It is the one evening each year

we pause, look around the room, and say: "We built this together."

The dinner is intentionally crafted to be a night to remember with excellent food, thoughtful remarks, meaningful presentations, and the kind of classy atmosphere you rarely get in a Guard setting.

Entertainment by Heather Gillis: Jazz, Soul, and Unforgettable Talent

One of the most exciting parts of the evening will be our featured performer: Heather Gillis, an incredibly talented musician known for her soulful piano work, expressive vocals, and vibrant jazz-influenced style.

Heather brings a unique blend of energy and sophistication that perfectly matches the theme "An Evening of Ivory." Her music will elevate the atmosphere, setting a tone that is both relaxing and inspiring.

Her performance is not background music but it is part of the experience. It's a treat rarely seen at a National Guard event, and it adds a level of elegance that makes the night feel truly special.

Whether you're a jazz lover or simply enjoy great live performance, Heather Gillis' presence alone makes the evening worth attending.

After Dinner: Music, Hospitality Rooms, and the 34th Army Band

The night doesn't end with dessert. The Iowa National Guard's own 34th Army Band will provide post-dinner entertainment, bringing the upbeat, high-energy music they are known for. Their performances

consistently impress, and they know exactly how to get a crowd engaged.

After the band, the evening transitions into hospitality rooms, the traditional gathering spaces where units, associations, and groups host informal social rooms. These rooms are legendary for their friendliness, humor, and opportunity to unwind.

This is where you reconnect with old battle buddies, share stories, laugh, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere that only the Iowa National Guard can create.

It's not mandatory. It's not formal. It's simply fun and it's often where the most meaningful conversations take place.

A Weekend You Will Remember

Every detail of the 2026 EANGI Annual Business Meeting and Command Senior Enlisted Appreciation Dinner has been crafted with purpose. It blends the professional with the personal, the formal with the fun, the serious with the celebratory.

It is a weekend to learn from leadership. A weekend to reconnect with friends. A weekend to celebrate the enlisted force. A weekend to simply enjoy yourself.

But more than anything, it's a weekend that reminds us why we serve and why the Iowa National Guard remains one of the strongest, most dedicated forces in the nation.



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CENTCOM – Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Iowa Army National Guard, nicknamed the “Red Bulls,” and the 396th Field Hospital out of Washington state are sustaining readiness by teaching and certifying soldiers through Combat Life Saver (CLS) training while deployed to the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility.

The 396th Field Hospital Forward Detachment 1, 2nd Medical Brigade, 807th Division has already conducted three CLS classes in theatre, certifying 57 graduates from 14 different units, and with the help of the Iowa Red Bulls, they will have graduated fifteen more students. The 40-hour training gives non-medical soldiers the skills they need to provide lifesaving care at the point of injury until higher-level medical support can arrive.

“CLS is the most important training we need to be focused on,” said Staff Sgt. Travis Wersky, combat medic assigned to 396th Field Hospital and the

main instructor for the course. “There’s not always going to be a medic there. There’s not always going to be a doctor there. CLS, out of all the tiers of Tactical Casualty Combat Care, is usually the least trained on or used.”

The tiers of Tactical Casualty Combat Care range from tier one, the basics each soldier is trained in, up to tier four, combat paramedics. CLS, which falls under tier two, fills the gap between a soldier’s basic aid and the advanced interventions of medical professionals.

During the course, students learn to treat the three leading causes of battlefield death: massive bleeding, airway obstruction, and tension pneumothorax. They also practice evacuation procedures and how to communicate effectively with leadership to ensure patients are moved quickly to the right level of care.

“Most of the time, all we are doing is plugging holes and getting them to a higher level of

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PRIORITY IN COMBAT ZONE

Story by Staff Sgt. Rachel White

care,” Wersky said. “Surgeons can take care of those holes.”

Sgt. Joe Seydel, a combat medic specialist from West Branch, Iowa, assigned to Charlie Company 334th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Iowa Army National Guard volunteered to instruct a portion of the class.

“This is my third time teaching CLS,” Seydel said. “I did it on my last mobilization to Poland. I taught it again before we left Fort Polk, and now I’m teaching it here.”

Seydel emphasized that CLS raises the standard of care a soldier can provide and strengthens unit survivability.

“CLS bridges the gap between all servicemembers and (combat medic specialists),” Seydel said. “They can’t quite do medical interventions, but they can get close. Whereas all a servicemember can do is apply a tourniquet, head tilt, chin lift. These guys are trusted more

with hemorrhage control items. They are trusted with more airway interventions. They are trusted with chest seals.”

The instructors recognize the challenge of condensing lifesaving training into four days, but stress the value in ensuring soldiers have practical, hands-on skills.

“The most challenging is that (the course) is forty hours. It’s a lot of information in 40 hours,” Wersky said. “Retaining the knowledge is going to be the hardest.”

Still, both instructors believe it’s worth it.

“The options for hemorrhage control is the most critical skill students will take from this course,” Seydel said. “Massive hemorrhage is the leading cause of preventable death for service members in combat zones.”

By training soldiers as CLS, these medics are ensuring that lifesaving care is a priority.





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IOWA NATIONAL GUARD BREAKS GROUND ON VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP

Story by Staff Sgt. Tylon Chapman

Iowa National Guard leaders and local community leaders broke ground on a new vehicle maintenance facility for the Army National Guard's 1-113th Cavalry, 334th Brigade Support Battalion and 2168th Transportation

Company today.

"This project is about more than just modernizing our equipment facilities," said Maj. Gen. Stephen Osborn, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, "it's about ensuring our Soldiers have the tools they need to succeed while continuing to strengthen the communities where they live and serve."

Projected to be more than 25,000 square feet, the new facility will have drive-through maintenance bays, enhanced storm drainage, expanded parked and geothermal energy systems.

The new structure will support double the current mechanic staff,

allowing 18 soldiers to work and maintain vehicles.

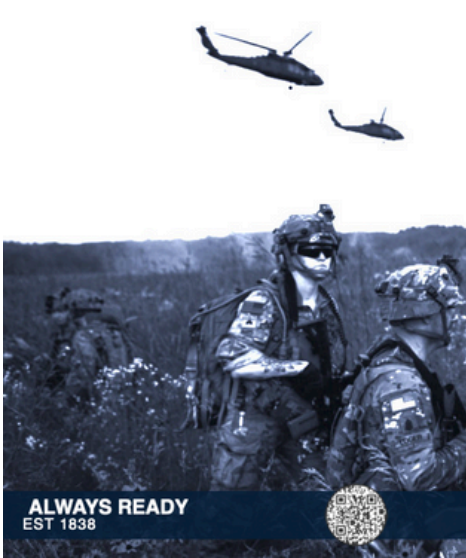
The facility will be built to last at least 50 years.



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Reading our story is essential to understanding the purpose and progress of our organization—and the incredible leadership behind it. The Adjutant General and Senior Enlisted Leader are making significant strides to strengthen the Iowa National Guard through bold vision, clear priorities, and genuine care for our Soldiers, Airmen, and Families. Their leadership sets the tone for excellence, readiness, and resilience across our force. By staying informed, you stay connected to the mission and the momentum driving our success.




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Dear Fellow Iowans,


As I reflect on the past year and the many accomplishments of the Iowa National Guard, it is my honor to share this annual report, which highlights the dedication and commitment of our service members, their families, and our civilian employees. Throughout the year, our Soldiers and Airmen have answered the call, making a direct and lasting impact across our state and nation.


At the heart of our success is our people. We are a professional force, composed of citizen Soldiers and Airmen from every corner of Iowa who have volunteered to serve. Whether called upon to respond to a natural disaster, protect our borders, or support national defense, the efforts put forth through our training, discipline, and commitment ensures the Iowa National Guard is always prepared to respond.

Readiness of the Iowa National Guard remains unwavering as we continue to evolve and adapt to the demands of an ever-changing world. In 2025, we will again strive to improve upon the lessons learned this past year. Our focus will remain on improving the skill and resiliency of our Soldiers and Airmen, developing competent leaders, and building units with the collective capability and agility to fight and win.

In 2025, the Iowa Air National Guard will continue to provide constant operational support to U.S. Air Force missions directly from our bases in Des Moines and Sioux City while providing individuals for small scale deployments around the world. The Iowa Army National Guard will conduct a demanding 21-day rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Johnson, Louisiana. This training event will involve nearly 4,000 Iowa Soldiers and replicate the rigor and stress of combat through a continuous high-paced exercise against the U.S. Army's world class







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PRISTINA, Kosovo - Members of the Iowa National Guard and Kosovo Security Force conduct a radio operations and cyber defense training, Sept. 9-11, 2024. The training was part of an ongoing relationship through the State Partnership Program to enhance military readiness.

By Sgt. 1st Class Jason Everett


are the families who support us. To our spouses, as, though often unseen, are never bers is built upon the strength of our families. You omen in uniform, and we are deeply grateful for and mission-ready.

of the support we receive from leaders and nt to personally thank each of you for the men and women in uniform. Their nmitment have made this force stronger than ever nd whenever, wherever, and however needed.

Stephen E. Osborn

Maj. Gen. Stephen E. Osborn

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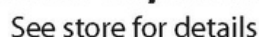
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