DID YOU KNOW?

The Air Guard serves both the state and federal governments with a unique dual mission: To protect the lives and property of citizens during times of natural disaster and to preserve the peace, order and public safety at the direction of the governor. The Air Guard also assists the federal government in defending the sovereign interests of the United States.

The 172nd Airlift Wing from Jackson, Miss., delivered 140,000 pounds of food, water and juice to Homestead Air Force Base, Fla., in its C-17 Globemaster to those affected by Hurricane Wilma.

The Air National Guard responded with the largest and most rapid humanitarian airlift in US history when Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck the US Gulf Coast. There were 30,412 Air Guard airmen deployed to help during Hurricane Katrina.

The Air National Guard supports state and local civil authorities with aircraft, search and rescue, aerial firefighting and aerial reconnaissance. In addition, they provide critical capabilities in medical triage and aerial evacuation, civil engineering, infrastructure protection and hazardous materials response.

Air National Guardsmen can serve their country part time while maintaining a fulfilling civilian life, by serving one weekend a month and two weeks a year near their home.

The 105th Airlift Wing from Newburgh, N.Y., flew 160,000 pounds of produce and fruit to Fargo, N.D., after flooding forced thousands from their homes.

The 129th Rescue Wing from Silicon Valley, Calif., performs a wide variety of civilian search and rescue missions, including assisting distressed persons aboard ships and lost or injured hikers and performing medical evacuations. The 129th Rescue Wing has saved 909 lives in California.

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