

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
INFORMATION SHEET
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Department of Military Affairs - Overall

The next major disaster response exercise will be at Fort Peck, in June 2010.

ChalleNGe Academy

Currently 86 students are enrolled in the ChalleNGe Academy. This is significantly higher than several previous sessions at this point in the program.

StarBase

As of today, 208 elementary students have completed the STARBASE Program for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Army Program

The 143d Military Police detachment (Livingston) returned home from deployment to Iraq on Saturday, November 31, 2009. The 45 Soldiers have been released, and are currently using the balance of their leave accumulated during deployment. They were deployed to Iraq for nearly a year, performing law enforcement duties on military facilities in that country. They will begin the Yellow Ribbon program in January 2010, with both Soldiers and spouses in attendance, and will go back to normal drill status in April.

In January 2010, we will re-deploy Co A, 1-189th Aviation (Helena), from Iraq, with approximately 65 Soldiers. Additionally, we will deploy 2 additional small units to Iraq. This will amount to approximately 55 Soldiers.

During 2010, we currently project up to an additional 5 units will be deployed to Iraq and/or Afghanistan. This will bring totals of Soldiers deployed from Montana, to somewhere around 1100.

Military Construction

The Missoula Armed Forces Reserve Center is currently under construction on Highway 93 North of Missoula. Expected occupancy date of that facility is June 2010. This project is 100% Federally funded as a Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC).

The Miles City new armory has been bid, and is awaiting federal funding for contract award.

Stimulus Projects: (Federal and State Funded)

25 of the 28 ARRA projects have been awarded, with the last 3 awaiting an energy study being conducted by DEQ.

Air Program

The 219th REDHORSE Squadron is preparing to deploy approximately 130 Airmen in support of Overseas Contingency Operations to Iraq/Afghanistan theater during the late summer of 2010.

The Air National Guard current end strength is 102.7% of authorized manning.

The 120FW is preparing for a training deployment to Tyndall AFB, FL during the month of April in support of a COMBAT ARCHER exercise. The Wing is planning on conducting an Operational Readiness Exercise in conjunction with the deployment .

Centralized Services

No report

Disaster & Emergency Affairs

No report.

Veteran Affairs

The three FTE for veterans services program as veterans service officers, to be stationed in Billings, Great Falls, and Missoula have been hired.