

Department of Military Affairs

July 2017

Agency Overview - Highlights

For the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

Department Head

Major General Matthew T. Quinn, The Adjutant General, appointed by the governor.
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Department Responsibilities

- **Army and Air National Guard** - oversees and supports all national guard units throughout the state, which train for and perform state and federal missions related to security and relief.
- **Disaster and Emergency Services Division** - responsible for emergency management planning, mitigation, response, and recovery from disasters, including the disbursement of federal Homeland Security and Emergency Management funds to eligible political subdivisions and tribal nations.
- **Youth ChalleNGe** - for youth ages 16 to 18 who have stopped attending secondary school before graduating. 17-month, voluntary, two-phased military modeled training program targeting at-risk youth.
- **Scholarship Program** - provides educational scholarships to eligible Montana National Guard personnel enrolled as undergraduate students in Montana colleges, universities, or training programs.
- **STARBASE Program** - for elementary school aged children to raise the interest and improve the knowledge and skills of at-risk youth in math, science, and technology.
- **Administrative Support** - Provides administrative support to Board of Veterans' Affairs and the Montana Veterans Affairs Division, which is administratively attached to the department.

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Programs, FTE, and Budgeted Funding - 2019 Biennium

Source: Legislative Fiscal Division

Programs	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Revenue	Total Funding	% General Fund
Centralized Services Division	12.32	\$1,489,892	\$0	\$985,210	\$2,475,102	60.20%
ChalleNGe Program	53.15	\$2,242,561	0	\$6,647,387	\$8,889,948	25.23%
Scholarship Program	0	\$418,818	0	0	\$418,818	100.00%
STARBASE	2.00	0	0	\$686,496	\$686,496	0.00%
Army National Guard*	45.30	\$3,407,108	\$840	\$34,032,890	\$37,440,838	9.10%
Air National Guard*	41.00	\$852,701	0	\$9,775,870	\$10,628,571	8.02%
Disaster and Emergency Services	22.89	\$2,337,523	\$113,318	\$31,686,418	\$34,137,259	6.85%
TOTAL	176.66	\$10,748,603	\$114,158	\$83,814,271	\$94,677,032	11.35%

Budget Summary - LFD Fiscal Report

The legislature approved a reduction of 0.2% or approximately \$221,000 when compared to the 2017 appropriation. Significant changes adopted by the legislature include:

- Reductions to general fund and state special revenue appropriations, which included reductions to impacted federal special revenue and personal services funding related to 1.43 FTE.
- Reductions to general fund, state special revenue, and federal special revenue appropriations due to an additional 2% vacancy savings.
- Increases in federal special revenue appropriations for 2.00 FTE for Electronic Security System and Real Property Specialist positions.
- Increases in 1.00 FTE for an Antiterrorism Coordinator position, which is a net-zero expenditure because the increase to personal services is offset by a decrease in operating expenses.

Administratively Attached Agencies

- Board of Veterans' Affairs - Montana Veterans' Affairs Division

Statutory Advisory Councils

- None

Statutorily Required Reports

- None

Most Recent Legislative Audits

- [Financial compliance for two fiscal years ending June 30, 2016.](#)
Recommendations (DMA concurred in all):
 - Improve internal controls over the grant reimbursement process in the Disaster & Emergency Services Division to ensure expenditures are allowable under grant.
 - Implement internal controls to ensure it records revenue accruals in accordance with state accounting policy.
 - Record all valid obligations in accordance with state accounting policy.
 - Comply with state law and ensure cash balances do not remain negative for more than seven working days.

Military Affairs Bills That **PASSED** During 2017 Session

* denotes By Request of DMA

- [HB 39](#)* - Bachmeier (D) - Adopt most recent federal laws applicable.
- [HB 84](#)* - Abbott (D) - Allow dissemination of confidential criminal justice information to Adjutant General.
- [HB 79](#)* - Curdy (D) - Modify when military member may be turned over to civil authorities for trial.
- [HB 150](#) - White (R) - Clarify FWP residency requirement for armed forces member, spouse, and dependent.
- [HB 307](#) - Kelker (D) - Create statutory appropriation for radioactive waste account.
- [SJ 16](#) - Caferro (D) - Resolution commemorating anniversaries of MT military experiences.
- [SJ 28](#) - Ankney (R) - Resolution recognizing the USS Billings.
- [SJ 29](#) - Ankney (R) - Resolution recognizing the USS Montana.

Military Affairs Bills That **FAILED** During 2017 Session

- [HB 171](#) - Trebas (R) - Exempt military pensions from state income tax.
- [SB 234](#) - Caferro (D) - Expedite teacher licensure for military spouses.

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SAVA Activities Since 2013

- Monitoring only

Hot Topics of 2017 Session

- None

ATTACHMENT

DMA's Organizational Chart, Phone Directory

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