

WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION BOOKLET & MEDIA GUIDE



Greetings,
Thank you for your interest in the Washington Military Department. This booklet will give you a broad overview of our agency and our important mission.

“Safeguarding Lives and Property in Washington State.”

It’s a mission statement that our employees live and breathe.

Since its beginning, the Washington National Guard has provided assistance to citizens in need. From the Mount St. Helens eruption in 1980, to the worst wildfire season in our state’s history, our Soldiers and Airmen have provided a critical helping hand. At the same time, they stand side-by-side with our Active Duty partners to support the ongoing fight against all enemies foreign and domestic.

Our Emergency Management Division continues to prepare our state for all types of disasters – including fires, floods and a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami. Following a disaster, EMD quickly stands up the State Emergency Operations Center to ensure an efficient and effective emergency response.

The Washington Youth Academy is an innovative program that truly changes lives. The Academy provides a promising future for Washington high school students on the brink of dropping out.

Finally, our State Guard is an important component of our agency. Made up entirely of volunteers, the State Guard plays a significant role during an emergency response.

Again – thank you for your interest in the Washington Military Department. Together, we’ll create secure communities and a stronger future for our state and nation.

Maj. Gen. Bret Daugherty
The Adjutant General

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Air Force ready to serve at a moments notice, either in state or across the globe.

JOINT FORCES

Ready to respond to any emergency, any time, anywhere in Washington.

**OPERATIONS
CENTER**

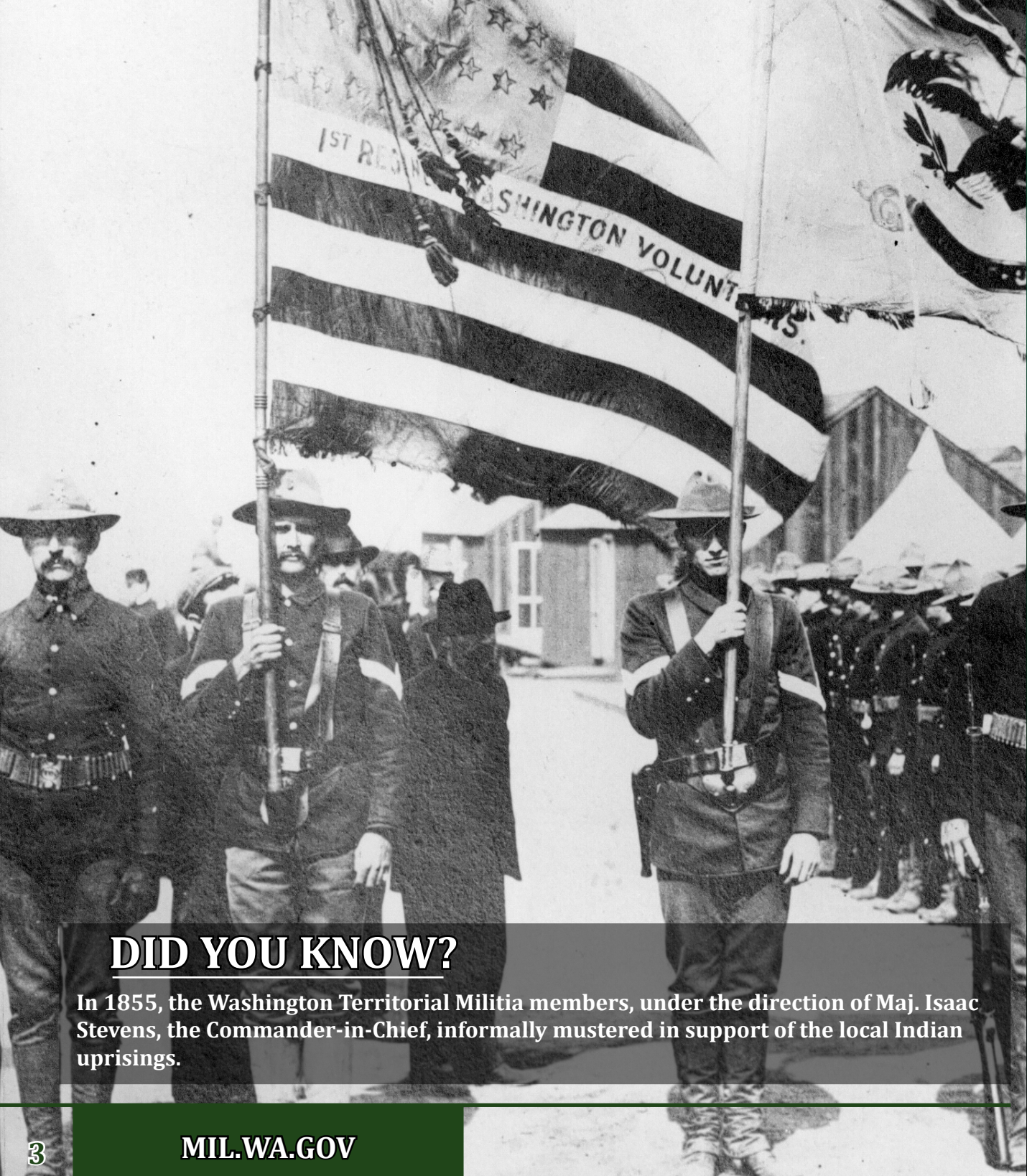
When the unthinkable occurs the Emergency Operations Center is ready to bring order to chaos.

**YOUTH
ACADEMY**

Providing at-risk youth with new opportunities to pursue their education goals.

**STATE
GUARD**

An all-volunteer militia, the State Guard is ready to serve Washington.



HISTORY

For more than 160 years, the brave citizen-soldiers and airmen of the Washington National Guard have safeguarded lives and property in the Evergreen State and have served the entire nation in times of need and distress.

In 1941, the state Legislature created the Washington State Defense Council to help coordinate statewide and local activities related to national and state defense. After several name changes, the Emergency Management Division became a part of the Military Department in 1995.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1855, the Washington Territorial Militia members, under the direction of Maj. Isaac Stevens, the Commander-in-Chief, informally mustered in support of the local Indian uprisings.



AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Washington Military Department's mission is to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters on people, property, environment and the economy of Washington state by providing trained and ready forces for state and federal missions. The department also provides structured alternative education opportunities for at-risk youth.

The Washington Military Department is made up of four major divisions:



Emergency Management Division



Washington National Guard



Washington Youth Academy



Washington State Guard



DID YOU KNOW?

The Washington Military Department is one of the most unique state agencies in Washington. Between civilian and uniformed members, the full-time work force is more than 2,000 spread across the Evergreen state.

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

More than 6,200 citizen-soldiers make up the ranks of the Washington Army National Guard, serving faithfully in their mission of safeguarding lives and property in Washington state and serving our nation in locations around the world. Our Guardsmen are an integral part of Washington state's communities and will continue to be for generations to come.

Units of the Army National Guard:



56th Information
Operations Brigade



66th Theater
Aviation Command



81st Brigade
Combat Team



96th
Troop Command



205th Regimental
Training Institute

DID YOU KNOW?

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 14,000 Washington National Guard members have deployed in support of operations in the Middle East, including the 3,000 members of the 81st Brigade Combat Team in 2004-2005 and 2008-2009.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The Washington Air National Guard is comprised of two Wings and an Air Defense Sector: The 141st Air Refueling Wing (headquartered at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane), the 194th Wing (headquartered at Camp Murray) and the Western Air Defense Sector (headquartered at Joint Base Lewis-McChord). The citizen-airmen serve the state and nation in diverse military occupations performed at home and overseas.

Units of the Air National Guard:



141st Air Refueling Wing



194th Wing



Western Air Defense Sector



DID YOU KNOW?

The Washington Air National Guard has a long-storied history. The 141st Air Refueling Wing can trace their roots back to the early 1920s. The unit was also the first Army-Air aviation unit west of the Mississippi River.

JOINT FORCES

The Washington National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters, located on Camp Murray, exercises command and control over all assigned, attached or operationally aligned forces as a standing Joint Task Force within the state. The JFHQ provides situational awareness for developing or ongoing emergencies and activities to federal and state authorities. The JFHQ provides trained and equipped forces and capabilities to support Emergency Support Functions as identified by the Washington state response plan. In this capacity, the Washington National Guard serves in a supporting role to the local incident commander.

Units of the Joint Force Headquarters:



10th Civil Support Team



Homeland Response Force



CounterDrug Programs

DID YOU KNOW?

The National Guard State Partnership Program is also part of the Joint Forces Headquarters. In 2002, Washington joined the program with the Kingdom of Thailand. The program offers training and relationship building opportunities for both countries.

ARMORY LOCATIONS

A community based organization, the Washington National Guard has units located in 23 cities across the state.

National Guard armories and readiness centers provide multiple resources to the citizens of Washington during state emergencies.

The Washington National Guard is also committed to the accommodation of public and private use of armories. The facilities are rented by the public and hold a number of different events throughout the year.



WASHINGTON ARMY
NATIONAL GUARD

DID YOU KNOW?

The Washington National Guard has opened three new state-of-the-art Readiness Centers since 2007, replacing older World War II era armories that were no longer functional for the growing mission of the National Guard.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

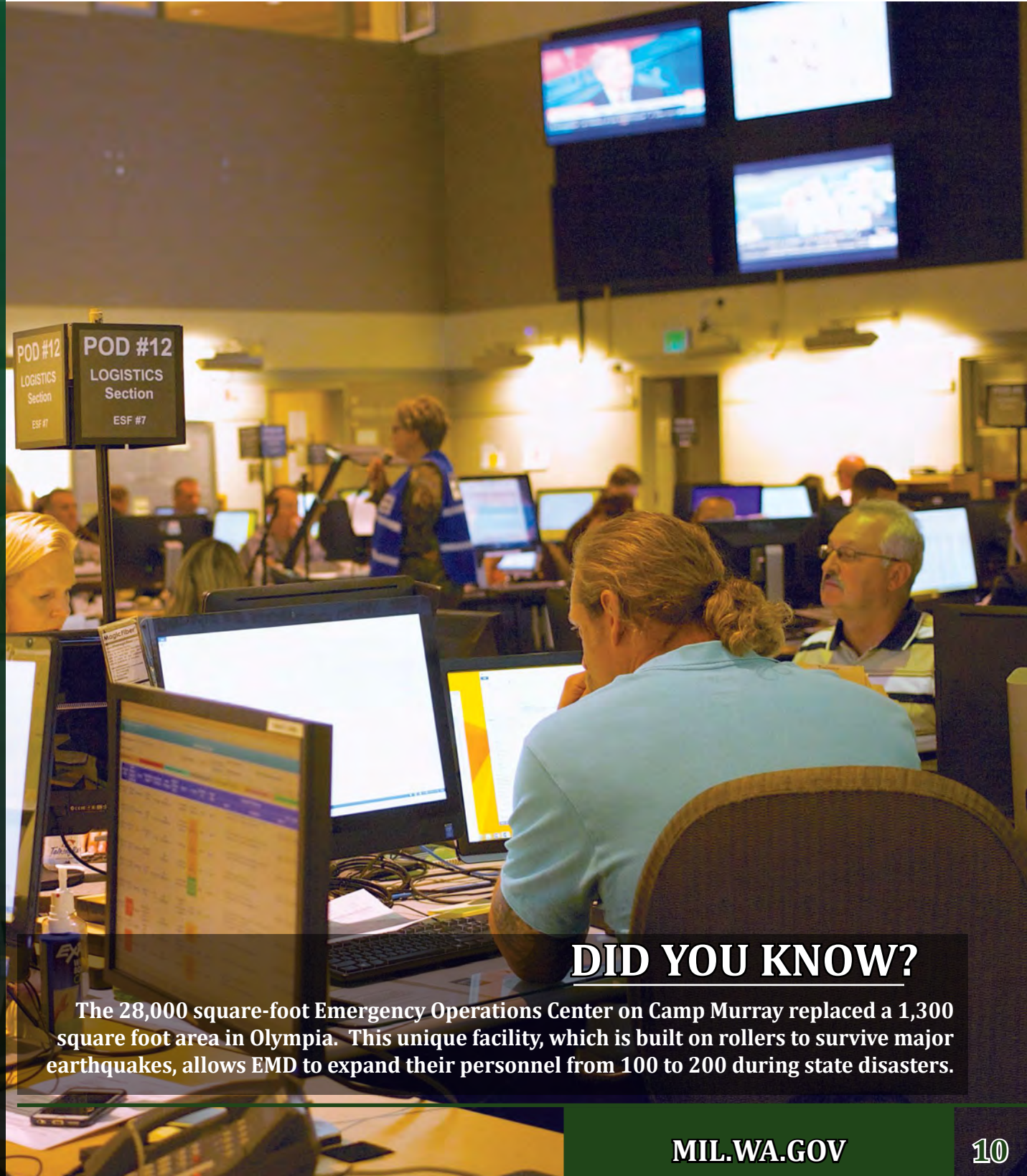
The Washington Emergency Management Division provides mitigation advocacy, planning requirements and guidance, training and exercises, response coordination and administration of recovery programs for the civil sector of the state, regardless of the type of hazards. The Washington Emergency Management Division's organizational structure mirrors the functions that take place in the life cycle of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, and response and recovery.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Emergency Management Division coordinates the state's response to emergencies and disasters, manages emergency situations, homeland security and disaster recovery grant programs, and coordinates operation of the statewide Enhanced 911 system.

OPERATIONS CENTER

EMD operates the State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray. The facility is the state's central location for issuing alerts and warnings of impending emergencies and disasters, information gathering, disaster analysis and response coordination. Other state, federal and voluntary agencies with emergency response roles report to the State EOC to assist in the response. Coordinating the state's response from this facility ensures help is provided as quickly and effectively as possible to communities that need it.



DID YOU KNOW?

The 28,000 square-foot Emergency Operations Center on Camp Murray replaced a 1,300 square foot area in Olympia. This unique facility, which is built on rollers to survive major earthquakes, allows EMD to expand their personnel from 100 to 200 during state disasters.



YOUTH ACADEMY

The mission of the Washington Youth Academy is to provide a highly disciplined, safe, and professional learning environment that empowers at-risk youth to improve their educational levels and employment potential and become responsible and productive citizens of the state of Washington. The vision of the Washington Youth Academy is to provide at-risk youth a quality education, positive values, and life and job skills training that will change their lives and give them hope and opportunity for a new future.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Washington Youth Academy, located in Bremerton, WA, is recognized as a national leader, consistently graduating more cadets than the national average. The school has only existed since 2009 and has already had more than 1,500 cadets graduate from the program.



YOUTH ACADEMY

The Washington Youth Academy is a division of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program. Established under authority of both federal and state law, the WYA is a state-run residential and post-residential intervention for youth who have dropped out of high school or are at risk of dropping out.

The Washington Youth Academy is a quasi-military training and mentoring program that incorporates a highly structured format, with an emphasis on student discipline and personal responsibility to provide a positive, safe, and secure learning environment.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Youth Academy is a two phase program that includes a 22-week intensive residential phase, and a 52-week post-residential phase. During the latter, graduates receive mentoring & placement follow-up for 12 months following graduation.





STATE GUARD

The Washington State Guard is an all-volunteer unit organized under the Military Department. Its members come from all walks of life. They normally serve without remuneration and meet monthly, or more often as needed, within organized units stationed at strategic locations throughout the state. Members often volunteer to help respond to state disasters and emergencies.

DID YOU KNOW?

In May of 1960, Washington Gov. Albert Rosellini restored the Washington State Guard to augment the Washington National Guard as an additional internal security force for the state.



MILITARY DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

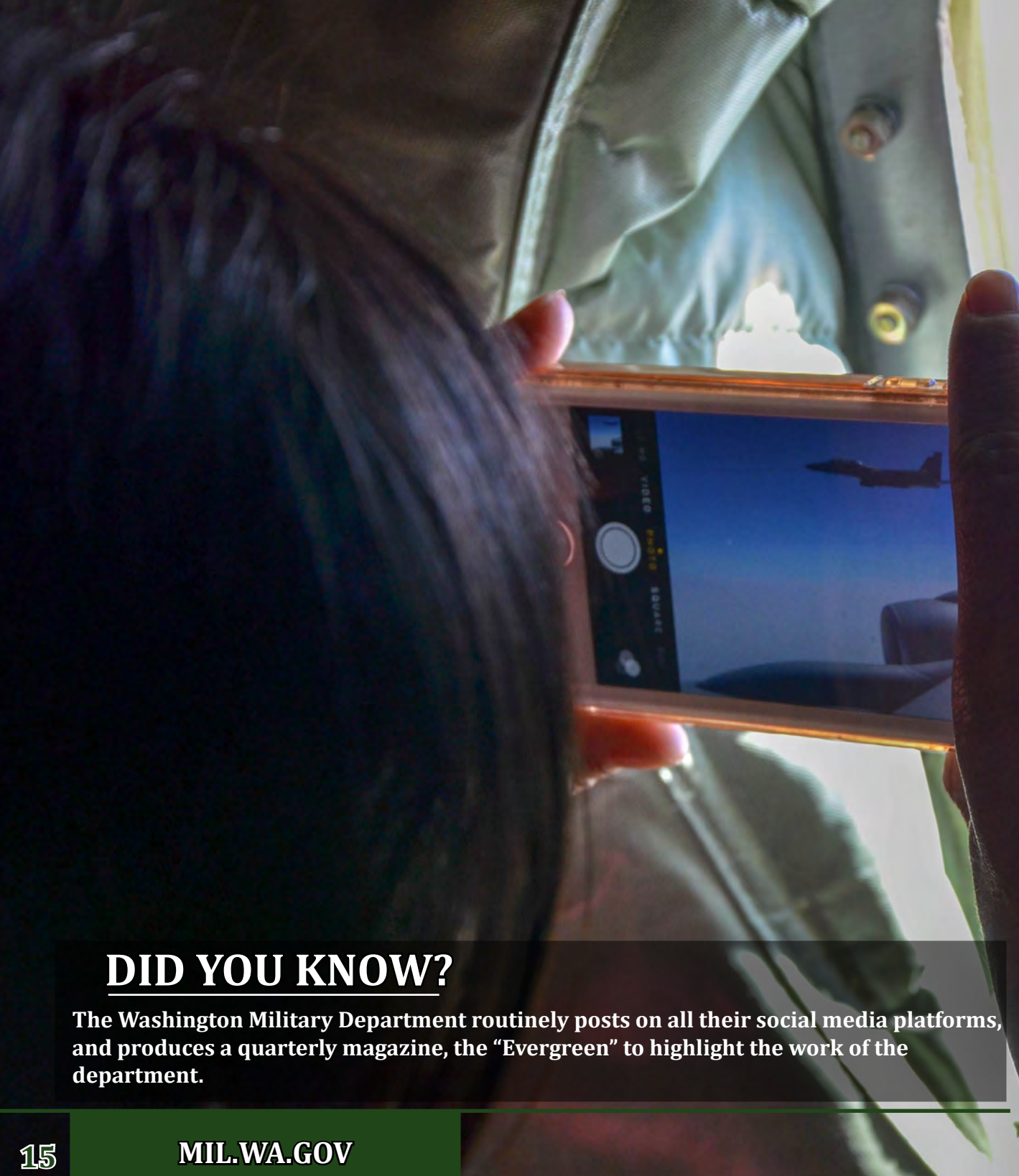
The Washington Military Department has some of the most diverse and knowledgeable leaders, with years of experience in both state emergency and federal deployment missions. The organization also contains a mix of state civilian employees, federal technicians, and active Guard and Reserve soldiers, traditional Army and Air National Guard members and volunteer State Guard members.

Maj. Gen Daugherty's Official Bio



DID YOU KNOW?

Major General Bret Daugherty assumed duties as The Adjutant General on July 28, 2012. He also serves as Homeland Security Advisor to the Governor of Washington and as State Administrative Agent for all U.S. Department of Homeland Security grants.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Washington Military Department routinely posts on all their social media platforms, and produces a quarterly magazine, the “Evergreen” to highlight the work of the department.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Washington Military Department maintains a variety of social media outlets, highlighting the great work of our organization.



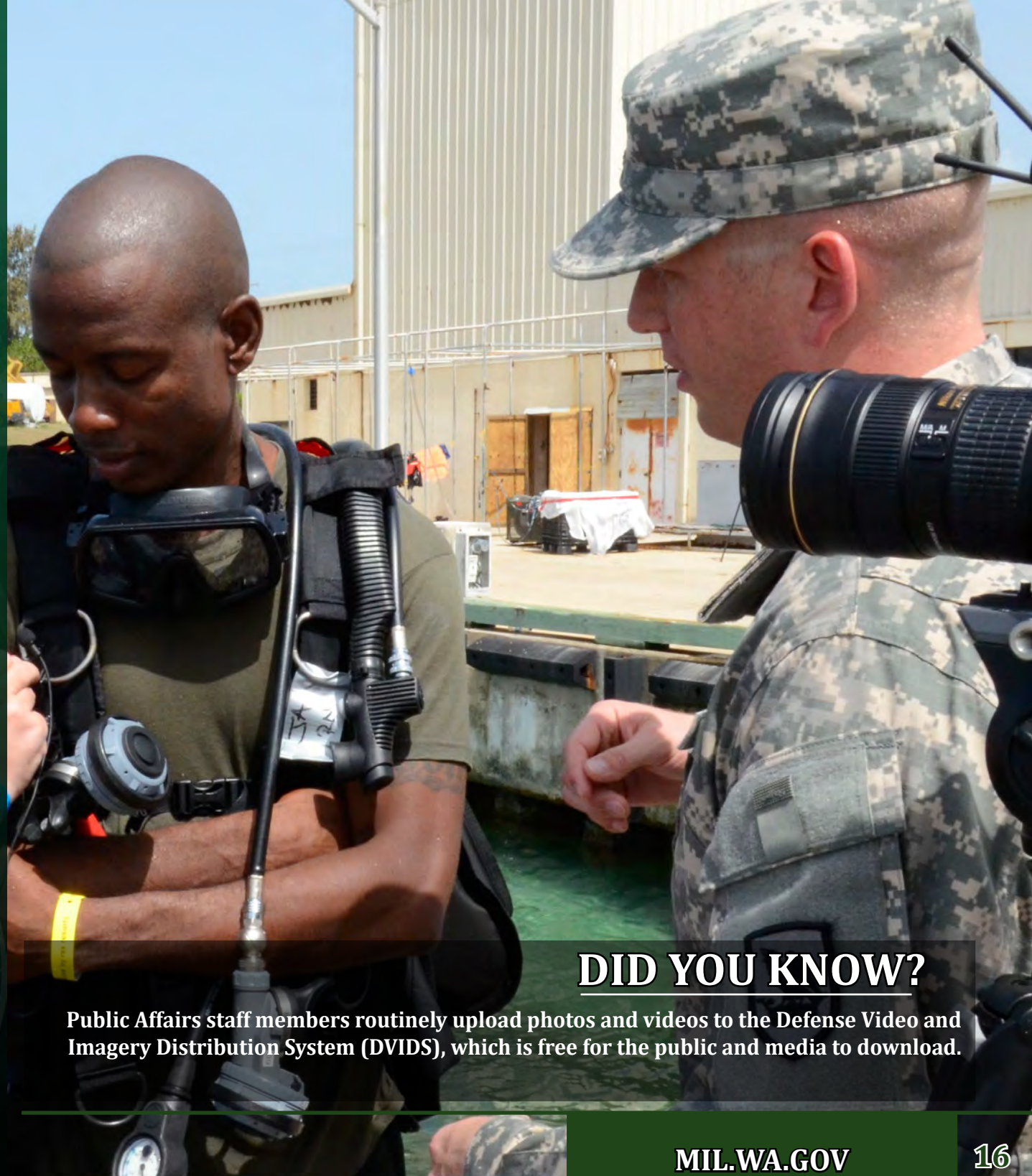
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DID YOU KNOW?

Public Affairs staff members routinely upload photos and videos to the Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS), which is free for the public and media to download.



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