

FLORIDA'S INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Increased deployments over the past decade have produced better trained and equipped Florida National Guardsmen, capable of responding to missions at home and abroad. However, the armories to support these Guardsmen have not advanced since the mid-1960s.

With a deficit of more than 1 million square feet throughout the state and an average facility age of 46 years, current armories are inadequate. Population growth and urban sprawl are encroaching on existing National Guard facilities. Armories need to expand and grow. Some current armories are located in flood zones or storm surge areas; this affects units' ability to respond locally to disasters.

The Florida National Guard armory is a community touchpoint; a gathering spot, a reassuring symbol to residents that they are not in it by themselves, and a place to train those who serve our community at home and abroad.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- The Florida National Guard needs access to suitable land for new armories in communities where Guardsmen live and work. They must be able to effectively respond to disasters.
- Visit our armories. Encourage local, state and federal leaders to build new facilities where needed and rebuild those not meeting today's requirements.



“**The foundation of this organization’s ability to train and deploy Guardsmen is its infrastructure of armories and readiness centers throughout the state.**”

Maj. Gen. Emmett R. Titshaw Jr.
The Adjutant General of Florida

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