

# FLORIDA'S INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES

## MILITARY LEADERS

The global requirements of the past decade have evolved the Florida National Guard into an operational force with advanced equipment and training requirements. Yet Florida's infrastructure has not advanced at the same pace.

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. The Miramar Readiness Center funded in the 2013 budget will be the first constructed with MILCON in 13 years. There is a backlog of much-needed and unfunded projects.

At the current rate of replacement, it will take Florida more than 100 years to replace only 1/3 of its oldest facilities. The State of Florida is uniquely vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters; facilities must be constructed to preserve combat power and emergency response capabilities for the state and nation. **Without adequate MILCON funding, Florida National Guard readiness is at risk.**

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# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Florida is a crucial provider of combat power and emergency response capabilities. Investing in infrastructure through funding for National Guard Military Construction projects will increase the Florida National Guard's overall readiness.
- Florida requires one MILCON armory project added to the FYDP every budget period for the next 40 years. This will maintain its overall readiness and ability to respond in the most effective and efficient manner to the nation's needs.



“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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