

FLORIDA'S INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES

STATE 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.

The Florida National Guard has 61 armories in 39 counties. 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. **Without adequate MILCON funding, Florida National Guard readiness is at risk.**

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READY, RESOURCED, AND OPERATIONAL.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- The Florida National Guard needs congressional advocacy for Military Construction (MILCON) funding for new armory construction. This will bring an average of \$10-20 million in economic benefit to these Florida communities.
- The Florida National Guard needs access to suitable land for new armories in communities where Guardsmen live and work.
- Florida is leading the way in armory renovations due to Florida Armory Revitalization Program (FARP) funding. Continued funding of this program provides a bridge until new armories are built.

“**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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