



The Need: More than 12,000 Guard members use our state's 60 armories to train and prepare equipment for support to our communities, state, and nation. Unfortunately, these facilities are deteriorating from age and lack of funds for maintenance and upkeep. Most require emergency repairs, have public health and safety concerns, and are not energy efficient. Many armories -- built in the 1950s -- have not been modernized since their initial construction.

The Plan: In 2002, Florida's Governor and State Legislature appropriated funds for the *Florida Armory Revitalization Program*. Since then, 25 armories have been renovated. These modernized facilities now meet acceptable standards, building code requirements, and are more energy efficient. Unfortunately, in 2009 and 2010, no state funds were appropriated for the revitalization program and our renovation progress has stalled. Each year of delay in funding creates cumulative repair problems and costs to the state.

The Goal: Appropriate sufficient funds to upgrade several National Guard armories a year. \$73M would be necessary to repair and renovate all aging armories. **This funding will accomplish three critical goals:**

- Jobs** – Armory renovations will provide economic benefit in communities during construction. Armories provide ongoing economic growth through full-time and part-time jobs, and money to support operation, administration, and training at the facility.
- Savings** – Current condition of armories requires higher operating cost and delay in renovation will result in greater future cost of repairs.
- Duty** – Offer our National Guard Soldiers and Airmen safe, modern, and efficient facilities to prepare for their mission and foster community partnerships.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE – 25 ARMORIES FOR RENOVATION STATEWIDE



Emergency Repairs:

- Repair and waterproof the structure (*Cost Avoidance*)
- Replace original roofs (*Building Integrity Issue*)
- Replace doors (*Security Issue*)
- Install energy efficient windows (*Security/Energy Issue*)

Public Health and Safety:

- Removing asbestos and upgrading electrical systems
- Paving walks and drives, and upgrading kitchens to comply with fire codes
- Comply with ADA (Code Compliance)

Energy Conservation:

- Upgrade heating and air conditioning (*Environment and Energy Issue*)
- Replace interior lighting (*Conservation/Safety Issue*)

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PROGRAM BENEFITS

- **Positive Economic Impact**
- **Better Prepared National Guard Units**
- **Opportunities for Community Partnerships**



BEFORE RENOVATION



Orlando Fern Creek

AFTER RENOVATION



Orlando Fern Creek

REMAINING ARMORIES FOR RENOVATION

Location	Year Built	Age Years
Chipley	1958	52
Bradenton	1971	39
Avon Park	1972	38
Lakeland	1974	36
Miami(Ballard)	1979	31
Dade City	1955	55
Plant City	1986	24
Sarasota	1957	53
St. Augustine (Lance)	1957	53
Lake City	1959	51
St. Petersburg	1958	52
West Palm Beach (Babcock)	1958	52
Jax(Cecil) Bldg 1822, 858	1987	23

Location	Year Built	Age Years
Arcadia	1969	41
Crystal River	1988	22
CBJTC Bldg 3530, 32, 40, 42	1977	33
Lake Wales	1958	52
West Palm Beach (Callaway)	1982	28
Quincy	1988	22
Brooksville	1992	18
Homestead	1985	25
CBJTC Bldg 2300	1984	26
Orlando (NTC)	1953	57
St. Augustine (RFE)	1992	18
Wauchula	1994	16