

THE FOUNDATION REPORT | 2021-2022







There are many people in the state of Louisiana who have benefited from the efforts of the Louisiana National Guard. The Guard goes into communities all over the state and touches the lives of people when they are their most vulnerable, after a disaster or emergency.

The mission and importance of our Louisiana National Guard has never been more evident than over the past few years with multiple major hurricanes, the Covid-19 pandemic and several other state emergencies. During these events, the Louisiana National Guard provided extensive and unprecedented support to the people of Louisiana. The members of the Guard leave their own families to assist others in our state during a time of great need.

The Guard also plays a major role in the defense of our country by supporting U.S. forces all over the world.

The Louisiana National Guard Foundation's (LANGF) mission is to support the Louisiana National Guard (LANG) and its families. The Foundation assists the military, veterans, and their families through various financial initiatives and grants, while also working to uphold the Louisiana National Guard's mission. The Foundation's work supports the LANG in its mission to provide trained ready soldiers and airmen for deployment in support of our nation's military objectives.

On the state level, the Louisiana National Guard ensures peace of mind by saving lives and property in defending Louisiana especially during times of natural disasters. This includes being on the ground directing recovery efforts within local communities as well as to enhancing community relationships and providing mutually beneficial support.

The work of the Foundation upholds the Louisiana National Guard's mission to preserve and protect life, property, peace, order, and public safety during times of natural disaster. The Louisiana National Guard's mission is far-reaching, but their local impact is individually felt. The National Guard is often the first on the scene during national disasters—including the hurricanes and floods Louisiana knows all too well. LANGF works to support this important service to Louisiana communities.

In the words of Major General Keith Waddell, Adjutant General, Louisiana National Guard, "The ability of the National Guard to continue to respond to support Louisiana is directly tied to adequate funding. The Louisiana National Guard Foundation was created for the purpose of finding a way to supplement the federal and state resources allocated to the Guard and enable the National Guard to be more successful during emergency response missions and to support its service members and families."

The Foundation also provides scholarships to dependents of active members of the Louisiana National Guard. In addition, the Guard has an Emergency Relief Fund that provides financial support on an emergency basis to members of the Louisiana National Guard and their dependents when financial hardship has been or triggered by an emergency event.

In addition to financial support to individuals and families, LANGF provides funding for improvements and upgrades to guard facilities around the state. During the 2021-22 fiscal year, Camp Beauregard received new gym equipment to assist training the troops, and Camp Minden received new items for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Building on the post.

Through our mission, projects, emergency relief fund, scholarship program or in support of the heritage of the Guard through museums, we are able to give back to the ones who deserve the most, our citizen soldiers.

The work of the Louisiana National Guard Foundation would not be possible without all the support it receives from constituents. At the Foundation, we are extremely grateful to all who have provided that support.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Niclosi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael R. Niclosi  
Executive Director



"The Louisiana National Guard Foundation plays an important role in the

accomplishment of the Louisiana National Guard's mission. In the past year, with the Foundation's support, twelve of LANG's readiness centers received large fans to provide comfort during the summer months to our Soldiers and Airmen. Improvements were made to Camp Minden's MWR Facilities and Jackson Barracks Billeting with Foundation financial support. Through its Emergency Relief Fund, the Foundation has made an impact on the lives of individual Soldiers and Airmen when they experience financial hardship triggered by an emergency event.

The contributions listed above are just a small sampling of the tremendous support provided by the Louisiana National Guard Foundation to the Soldiers and Airmen of the Louisiana National Guard. As the Foundation continues to grow, its contributions to the mission of the Louisiana National Guard will only increase, which will benefit the citizens of Louisiana."

MG Keith Waddell  
Louisiana National Guard  
The Adjutant General

# The Foundation



The Louisiana National Guard Foundation's mission is to serve military, veterans, their families as well as the museums and education programs of the Louisiana National Guard. The Foundation's work supports the mission of the Louisiana National Guard (LANG) to provide trained and ready soldiers and airmen for deployment in support of state and national military objectives.

On the state level, LANG ensures domestic tranquility by saving lives and property and defending Louisiana, including being on the ground during recovery after natural disasters. LANG's mission within local communities is to enhance community relationships and provide mutually beneficial support.

The Louisiana National Guard Foundation (LANGF) was formed in 2016 as a 501(c)(3) private foundation. In early 2017, The Friends of the Louisiana National Guard Museums and the Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Foundation were merged into LANGF. Shortly thereafter, The Military Education and Training Enhancement Fund, Inc. was also merged into LANGF. These four entities had crossover



with purpose and board members, so the merging into a single private foundation was the most efficient and effective way to support LANG in its mission.

The LANGF assists in managing the self-generating operations of the Louisiana Military Department on its property throughout the state. This includes billeting, two museums that are free and open to the public, as well as providing scholarships to cadets of the Youth Challenge Programs. The Foundation has developed relationships with local and national film groups to utilize numerous locations for movies, documentaries, and network programs.

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natural disaster. The LANG's mission is far-reaching, but its local impact is individually felt. The Guard is often first on the scene during national disasters—including the hurricanes and floods Louisiana knows all too well. The LANGF works to support this important service for Louisiana communities.

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# The Foundation

The Louisiana National Guard Foundation (LANGF) exists to support the mission of the Louisiana Military Department (LMD), which it accomplishes through a board of directors and the generous support of members, donors, and partners.

Additionally, through the services of LMD, the Foundation assists in enabling the mission of the Louisiana National Guard (LANG) to “deploy prepared military forces to safeguard the homeland, foster local and international partnerships, and win America’s wars”.

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The Foundation supports two museums—the Jackson Barracks Military Museum and the Louisiana Maneuvers and Military Museum. Both are free and open to the public.

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## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Louisiana National Guard Foundation is to exclusively support the Louisiana Military Department in the implementation of the its mission and goals.

## OUR VISION

We are dedicated to provide soldier and airmen support through the highest quality training and educational environments to foster learning, growth, and morale amongst the members, students, and guests of the Louisiana National Guard. This includes support to members, veterans, and families as well as the educational programs and the museums of the Louisiana National Guard.





## OUR VALUES

We embody and promote the Army and Air Force combined core values of duty, honor, respect, integrity, service, and excellence in all we do. These core values exemplify the legacy of professional military service throughout history and are realized through both internal management and external support practices.



### DUTY

We fulfill obligations and accomplish all tasks under our charge.



### HONOR

We are strong in our values and consistent in their use.



### RESPECT

We treat people as they should be treated and include everyone.



### INTEGRITY

We do what is right without compromise to ensure unwavering trust.



### SERVICE

We are selfless in everything we do for the benefit of our purpose.



### EXCELLENCE

We are accountable for high standards of ethical and moral practices.

# Guard Posts

## JACKSON BARRACKS

The headquarters of the Louisiana National Guard, Jackson Barracks, provides billeting, a museum, and courtroom facilities for rental.

A hero of the Battle of New Orleans, President Andrew Jackson knew firsthand the importance of a strategically located post in South Louisiana. In 1832, he signed a Congressional bill providing \$87,000, plus an additional \$107,500 was appropriated by Congress. These funds were used to purchase the site for Jackson Barracks on December 16, 1833. Because of the barracks' close proximity to New Orleans, it was known simply as New Orleans Barracks until 1866 when it was renamed in honor of its advocate.

Today, Jackson Barracks serves as a command and control center for emergency operations. The Barracks is located in the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans at the boundary of St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

## CAMP BEAUREGARD

Known for its major role in WWII, Camp Beauregard's long history of supporting the training and mobilization of United States military personnel dates back to the Great War.

Today, this installation serves as the primary training post for the Louisiana National Guard. Camp Beauregard also serves as a staging

base for various agencies and services during times of state and federal emergencies. Located in Pineville—the heart of Louisiana—the post is approximately ¼ mile east of the U.S. Highway 165 and LA Highway 116.

## CAMP MINDEN

The newest military training site, Camp Minden, is less than 20 miles from Shreveport, Louisiana. The Louisiana National Guard acquired Camp Minden from the U.S. Army in January 2005, and it consists of 14,995 acres formerly known as the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant. In an effort to become more self-sustainable, Camp Minden now has its own water system and wastewater treatment plant.

An integral part of the Guard's training mission, Camp Minden is home to the 199th Leadership Regiment and Regional Training Institute (RTI). The RTI prepares members in leadership training as well as military occupational and skill qualification courses. There are more than 100 miles of convoy training routes and 11,000 acres of training areas for maneuvers. Camp Minden also serves as the Reception, Staging, and Onward Integration (RSOI) for Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) units during emergency response events. A Youth Challenge Program takes place at Camp Minden, as well as a post exchange and billeting.

## GILLIS W. LONG CENTER

The historic Gillis W. Long Center in Carville, Louisiana, was built to serve East Baton Rouge, Ascension, and Iberville parishes. Once a sugar cane plantation named Indian Camp, the Gillis W. Long Center is named for General Camp, a War of 1812 veteran who first owned this land.

The architect Henry Howard—responsible for Nottoway Plantation in White Castle—built the main house in the 1850s. This mansion was called “Woodlawn” and is visible when you enter the main gates of the Center. This post is responsible for providing operational and training support and resources in support of the units of the Louisiana National Guard.

The property is also home to the National Hansen's Disease Museum. This historical site served as an international quarantine for patients afflicted with Hansen's disease (leprosy). The museum honors these individuals and celebrates its former medical staff. Admission is free.







# Museum Support

## ANSEL M. STROUD JR. HISTORY AND WEAPONS MUSEUM

The Louisiana National Guard Museum at Jackson Barracks tells the story of Louisiana citizen - soldiers from the colonial period to current operations.

The vivid story of Louisiana’s militia begins with early French settlement, moves through Spanish involvement in the American Revolution, the United States’ purchase



of the territory, statehood, the Battle of New Orleans, the Mexican War, the Civil War, both world wars, the Cold War, and the Global War on Terror. The ever-evolving history also covers National Guard involvement in peacetime operations such as many natural and man-made disasters. Louisiana guardsmen and their families have been making sacrifices, for the state and nation for centuries now.



The museum, located at Jackson Barracks, originated as The Louisiana Military History and State Weapons Museum, established by Louisiana Acts 1974, No. 688, 1 which designated the location of the museum



as Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, LA under the management and supervision of a nine-member board of managers appointed by the governor.

In 1977, the museum moved into the newly renovated historic 1837 powder magazine at Jackson Barracks. Ten years later The Friends of the Jackson Barracks Museum incorporated, established their board of directors and obtained federal recognition as a non-profit organization.

Throughout the 1980s and 90s, the museum continued to grow, expanding its exhibit, storage, conservation, restoration, and library spaces into seven buildings. The Museum structure changed again in 2005 as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Several years of stabilization activities ensued, and in 2012 a newly constructed Museum facility opened its doors on the same grounds as the previous complex.



## LOUISIANA MANEUVERS AND MILITARY MUSEUM



The Louisiana Maneuvers and Military Museum is a quiet, often-bypassed gem in the rough. The museum proper has been in existence for nearly 30 years. Housed in a replica WWII barracks, located on Camp Beauregard, in Pineville, the museum pays tribute to service members and civilians of Louisiana, with portions of the collections dating back to colonial Louisiana.

The initial groundbreaking ceremony was conducted on December 9, 1995. Contents of the museum however, can be traced back to a display that was located in the famous Bentley Hotel in Alexandria, LA.



When the hotel came under new management the display was scheduled for disassembly. MG Ansel Stroud, the Louisiana National Guard Adjutant General at the time, was approached and asked if Camp Beauregard would consider hosting a site for a museum that would cover the famous Louisiana Maneuvers in addition to recognizing past and future operations of our military forces? MG Stroud agreed, and a plan was set into motion.

The Louisiana National Gaurd Foundation (LANGF) serves as the primary benefactor for the Louisiana National Guard Museums through the execution of annual grants. During this calendar year the LANG Foundation made possible the Spanish American War, History of Jackson Barracks, and Pelican State Goes to War Exhibits at Jackson Barracks as well as enhancement of the Internment Camp Exhibit at the Camp Beauregard Museum. Additionally, through the LANG Foundation, the LANG Museum was the recipient of a Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities grant, facilitating the long-awaited conservation of two historic paintings



and restoration of an WWII era, WC56 1942 Dodge Command Car. All three items were previously damaged as a result of natural disasters. The LANG Foundation's fiscal support is also evidenced through the continued development of the other upcoming exhibit enhancements, restoration activities, training, and software acquisition.

# Emergency Relief Fund



This fund was established by the Louisiana National Guard Foundation to provide financial support on an emergency basis to members of the Louisiana National Guard and their dependents in times of financial hardship. Applications for funding from the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) must be verified and endorsed by the member's chain of command and routed to the Office of The Adjutant General. The final recommending authority for all funding from the (ERF) is The Adjutant General (TAG)

These funds are available to members – active or retired, but still working for the Louisiana Military Department in some capacity. Dependents of a member: spouses,

children, step-children, foster children, under the age of 19, or living in the household of the member, or 23 if in college, or any age if permanently disabled, are also eligible to apply for funds.

Assistance is provided, normally as an interest-free loan or as a grant in certain case-by-case situations. The amount of the assistance will be proportionate to the emergency need.

Assistance can also be a combination of a loan and a grant, which will be made when the individual's situation precludes them from repaying the entire amount of the loan and a partial repayment can be made without undue hardship.

# Youth Challenge Program



The National Guard Youth Challenge Program is a nationwide program whose mission is to “intervene in and reclaim lives of 16- to 18-year-old youths producing program graduates with the values, life skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens.” Youth Challenge is an alternative program that offers young men and women who have dropped out of high school or are not progressing the opportunity to change their future. Participants looking for a way to succeed outside of a traditional school setting learn self-discipline, leadership, and responsibility while working to obtain their high school diploma or equivalency.

The National Guard Youth Challenge Program, a preventive rather than remedial at-risk youth program, targets voluntary participants, 16 to 18 years of age, who have dropped

out of school or are not satisfactorily progressing, are unemployed or under employed, drug-free, and crime-free.

The program is a community-based endeavor that leads, trains, and mentors 16-18-year-olds so they may become productive citizens in America’s future.

The program is administered at Camp Minden, Camp Beauregard, and the Gillis W. Long posts of the Louisiana National Guard. There are approximately 1,850 students in the program annually and a 65% graduation rate.

Louisiana National Guard Foundation provides scholarships to graduates of the program who are interested in continuing their education. Scholarships are provided for all types of institutions, from truck driving schools to four-year universities. The goal being to provide assistance for the graduate to assimilate into the working world in whatever capacity suits them.

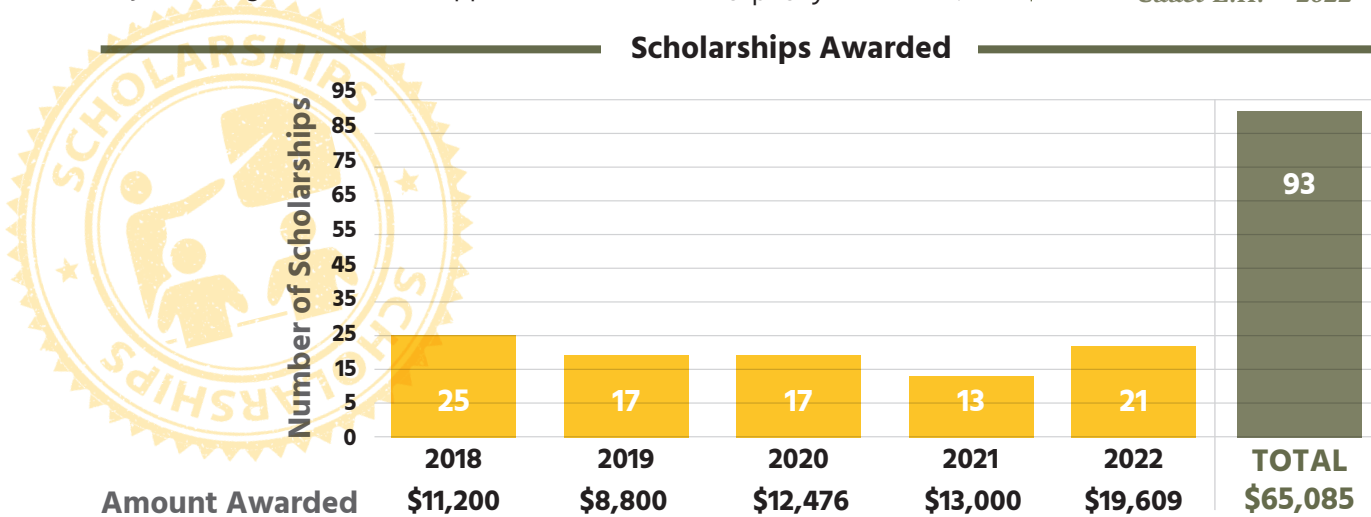
## Testimonials

*“The Youth Challenge program has taken my situation and flipped it on its head. Now I am so much better equipped and further along than if I had done anything else, I have scholarship opportunities, high ACT and SAT scores and couldn’t have done that without the YCP. I’ve grown as a person, advancing my values and upgrading my self-discipline, social skills and self-worth. I’ve grown so much in such a short period of time”*  
 – Cadet J.A. – 2021

*“Challenging, inspiring and all helpful. Helped me to get back on track and to find the skills I needed in life”*  
 – Cadet A.A. – 2021

*“My experience of YCP was everything good. It didn’t matter how difficult it was, didn’t matter where I was, ... the most important thing is to do my best. I was able to become a 5 star cadet and went on to become cadet of the year. Everyone at YCP noticed the effort and spoke for me.”*  
 – Cadet E.H. – 2022

## Scholarships Awarded

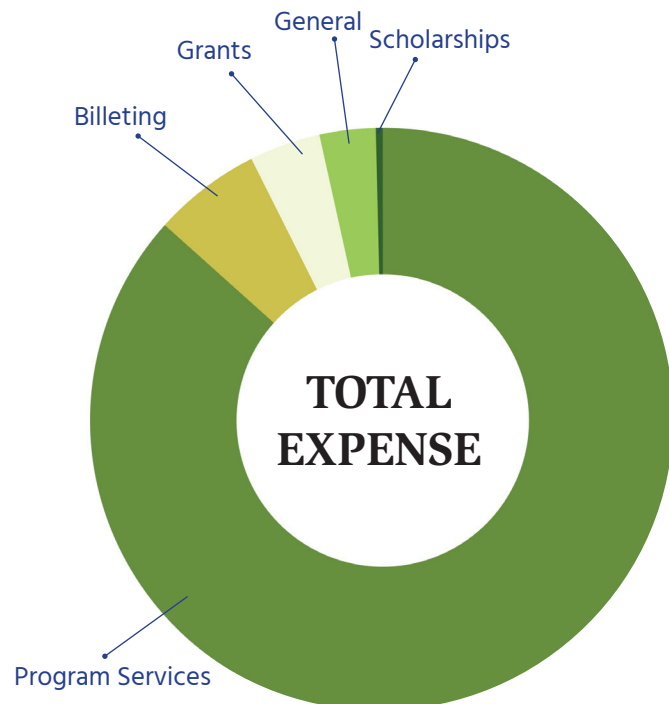
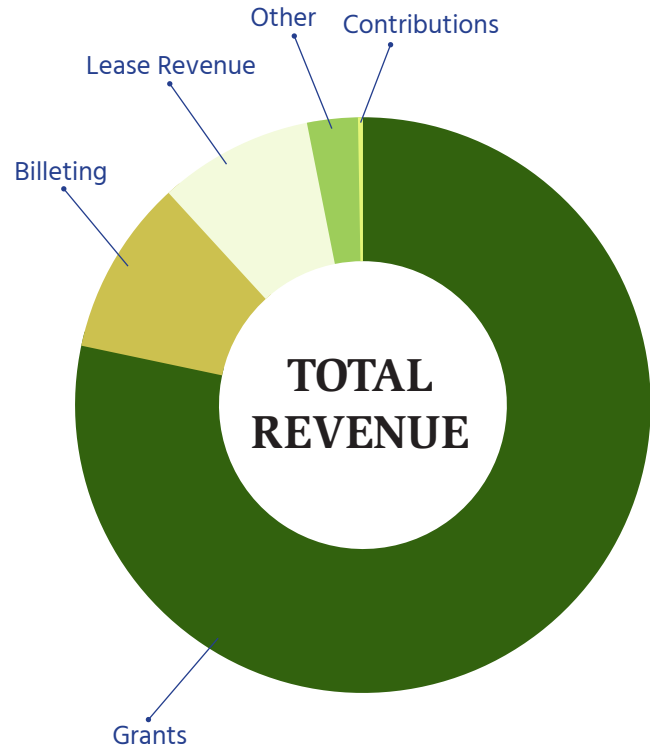


# Financial Statement 2018-2022

## ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

For year ending June 30, 2022

Grants	<b>\$5,063,632</b>
Billeting	<b>\$639,198</b>
Lease Revenue	<b>\$561,498</b>
Other Revenue	<b>\$184,894</b>
Contributions	<b>\$17,888</b>
Investment Losses (Net of Fees)	<b>(\$150,435)</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$6,315,435</b>
Program Services	<b>\$5,185,043</b>
Billeting	<b>\$356,797</b>
Grants	<b>\$235,324</b>
General & Administrative	<b>\$185,429</b>
Scholarships	<b>\$22,561</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$5,985,154</b>
<b>INCREASE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$330,521</b>



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