

MAJOR EVENTS HISTORY OF OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

The agency provided the information below in the Program Evaluation Report it submitted on September 29, 2017.¹

- **1670**
 - [SCNG, State Guard] On the first Wednesday of April, three ships from England and the Caribbean sailed into what is now known as Charleston Harbor. A militia, formed of all male inhabitants and free men of Carolina between the ages of 17 to 60, was called to bear arms. The SC National Guard and SC State Guard trace their lineages back to this early colonial militia.
- **1670-1903**
 - [SCNG, State Guard] The units of the SC Militia participated in The American Revolution, the War of 1812, Creek War, the Second Seminole War, the Mexican-American War, the Civil War, and the Spanish-American War.
- **1779**
 - [SCNG, State Guard] Major Pierce Butler was appointed as the first Adjutant General by Governor John Rutledge. An Irishman, he resigned his commission with the British Army in 1773 before settling in South Carolina. He was tasked with reorganizing the State's defenses. Though his official rank was Brigadier General, he asked to be referred to as Major as it was his highest combat rank held. He served as Adjutant General until 1791.
- **1792**
 - [SCARNG, State Guard] Lawrence Manning was appointed as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from 1792 to 1804.
- **1805**
 - [SCARNG, State Guard] John Baylis Earle was appointed as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from 1805 to 1835.
- **1836**
 - [SCARNG, State Guard] James Jones was appointed as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from 1836 to 1840.
- **1841**
 - [SCARNG, State Guard] J. W. Cantey was appointed as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from 1841 to 1853.
- **1854**
 - [SCARNG, State Guard] R.G.M. Dunovant was appointed as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from 1854 to 1860.
- **1861**
 - [SCARNG, State Guard] States Rights Gist was appointed as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from 1861 to 1862.

- **1862**
 - o [SCARNG, State Guard] W.G. DeSaussure was appointed as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from April to December 1862.
 - o [SCARNG, State Guard] A.C. Garlington was appointed as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from December 1862 to 1868.
- **1869**
 - o [SCARNG, State Guard] Brigadier General F.G. Moses Jr. was elected as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from 1869 to 1871.
- **1872**
 - o [SCARNG, State Guard] Brigadier General H.W. Purvis was elected as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from December 1872 to 1876.
- **1895**
 - o [SCARNG, State Guard] Brigadier General Cary Watts was elected as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from December 1895 to 1898.
- **1903**
 - o [SCARNG, State Guard] Brigadier General John D. Frost was elected as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from December 1903 to 1907.
- **1903**
 - o [SCNG] The Militia Act created a federally recognized and supported National Guard. SC's legislature passed a new South Carolina Military code and the strength of the militia fell from 3,000 men in 1904 to 1,786 in 1905, mainly due to a lack of federal funding.
- **1905**
 - o [SCNG] South Carolina's organized militia officially became known as the South Carolina National Guard
- **1907**
 - o [SCARNG] Brigadier General John C. Boyd was elected as the Adjutant General. He served as Adjutant General from December 1907 to 1910.
- **1910**
 - o [SCNG] Brigadier General William W. Moore was elected as the Adjutant General of the South Carolina National Guard. He served as Adjutant General from 1910 to 1925.
- **1916**
 - o [SCNG] President Woodrow Wilson mobilized the Palmetto Regiment, along with most of the nation's National Guard, along the border areas of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. They joined nearly 44,000 active duty soldiers, under the command of General John J. Pershing, to prevent Mexican bandits led by Pancho Villa from raiding US territory.
- **1918**
 - o [SCNG] The 118th Infantry Regiment was sent to the Gouy-Naroy sector in France. They drove 18,000 yards into enemy territory to help break the German's Hindenburg Line and turn the tide in World War I. Six members of the 118th Infantry received the Medal of Honor, among them was Lieutenant James C. Dozier, the future 13th Adjutant General of the South Carolina National Guard.
- **1926**
 - o [SCNG] Major General James C. Dozier was elected as The Adjutant General of the SC National Guard. He served as Adjutant General from 1926 to 1958. His 33-year tenure is the longest for an Adjutant General in the history of South Carolina.

- **1943**
 - o [SCNG] The 178th Field Artillery Battalion landed in Gela, Sicily on 18 July 1943 and was the first National Guard unit from the Palmetto State to fight in the European theater of World War II.
- **1946**
 - o [SCNG] With the reorganization of the United States Army and the founding of the United States Air Force, the SC Air National Guard was organized at Eastover's Congaree Air Base.
- **1950**
 - o [SCEMD] South Carolina Civil Defense was organized under Act 888 as a division of the Adjutant General's Office. The agency was directed by Major General James Dozier, the SC Adjutant General, with a staff of Deputy Director and Secretary.
 - o [SCNG] The Palmetto Military Academy (SC Army National Guard Officer Candidate School) held its inaugural academic session on 15 April 1950 at the Olympia Armory, and was federally recognized the following year.
 - o [SCNG] Battery D, 713th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion was ordered into active federal service. The unit deployed to the Chicago area to serve as part of the nation's Continental Air Defense during the Korean Conflict.
- **1952**
 - o [SCNG] In August, nine days after release from active duty for the Korean War, the SC Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Group resumed Air Defense Command Runway Air Defense Alert missions. The program maintained two fully armed F-104 aircraft and combat ready pilots on five-minute standby status around the clock at Congaree Air National Guard Base in Eastover.
- **1958**
 - o [SCEMD] Act 888 reorganized the South Carolina Civil Defense as an independent agency with the Director reporting directly to the Governor. Offices moved to 1416 Senate Street in downtown Columbia.
- **1959**
 - o [SCNG] Major General Frank D. Pinkney was elected as The Adjutant General of the SC National Guard. He served as Adjutant General from 1959 to 1970.
- **1961**
 - o [SCNG] Congaree Air Base is renamed to McEntire Air National Guard Base to honor Brigadier General Barnie Bryant McEntire, Jr. BG McEntire, the Chief of Staff of the Air National Guard, died while piloting his disabled F-104 Starfighter away from a populated area near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Governor Ernest F. Hollings recommended the renaming which was approved by the Secretary of the Air Force.
- **1971**
 - o [SCNG] Major General Robert L. McCrady was elected as The Adjutant General of the South Carolina National Guard. He served as Adjutant General from 1971 to 1978.
- **1973**
 - o [SCEMD] Acts 128 and 410 provided for reorganization of the South Carolina Civil Defense Agency as the implementing and organizational agency for the newly formed State Disaster Planning Board, and renamed it as The South Carolina Disaster Preparedness Agency.
 - o [SCNG] The first women enlisted in the SC National Guard. 1LT Bonnie Morse and SPC Ramona Swails join the 132nd Medical Company in Darlington, SC.

- **1977**
 - o [SCEMD] Act 138 established the South Carolina Disaster Preparedness Agency as a division in the Office of the Governor. The Governor became head of the State Disaster Planning Board, the Agency's governing body.
- **1979**
 - o [SCNG] Major General T. Eston Marchant was elected as The Adjutant General of the SC National Guard. He served as Adjutant General from 1979 to 1995.
 - o [SCEMD] Act 199 repealed Act 138 of 1977 and established the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division (SCEPD) in its current form as a division of the Adjutant General's Office with a Director appointed by the Adjutant General. Act 199 also established the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).
- **1981**
 - o [Museum] The "National Guard Museum and State Weapons Collection" officially opened in Sumter, occupying a modest 960 square foot building. Founded by COL Hugh M. McLaurin III, it was the first museum in South Carolina devoted to the State's citizen-soldiers.
- **1982**
 - o [SCEMD] South Carolina Regulations 58-1 and 58-101 were passed, defining the standards for emergency preparedness at the county and State level. Among the counties' responsibilities under this regulation was the establishment of a formal Emergency Preparedness organization and an Emergency Preparedness plan.
- **1986**
 - o [Museum] The Museum received recognition as a "Provisional Army National Guard Museum" by the US Army Center for Military History and the National Guard Bureau.
- **1989**
 - o [SCNG, SCEMD] Hurricane Hugo made landfall on 21 September north of Charleston Harbor, the Category 4 storm caused 35 casualties and more than \$6.5 billion in damages, at the time the costliest hurricane to hit the US. The SC National Guard responded with the activation of 6,317 National Guardsmen, 47% of the State's total strength.
- **1990-1991**
 - o [SCNG] Twenty-two SC Army and Air National Guard units were called to active duty for Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. The 228th Signal Brigade's Mobile Communications Detachment, based in Spartanburg, was the first of the SC Army National Guard units to deploy. The units mobilized on 7 August 1990 and, on the same day, two of their personnel were on the first Army Central Command flight to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The Air National Guard's 169th Tactical Fighter Wing flew the first combat air missions of Operation Desert Storm into Kuwait. The 169th Tactical Fighter Wing flew 2,000 combat missions and dropping four million pounds of munitions, while maintaining the highest aircraft mission capable rate in the theater.
- **1995**
 - o [SCNG] Major General Stanhope S. Spears was elected as The Adjutant General of the SC National Guard. He served as Adjutant General from 1995 to 2011.
- **1998**
 - o [Museum] The Adjutant General, MG Stanhope S. Spears, decided to centrally relocate the Military Museum to Columbia for greater accessibility. Two large maintenance buildings located in the T. Easton Marchant National Guard Complex were reserved as space for the Museum. CW2 (Retired) Ewell G. "Buddy" Sturgis, Jr. was named as the Museum's first Director and Curator.

- o [Museum] The Museum's name was changed to the "South Carolina Military Museum" and was codified by Title 25, Chapter 17 of the SC Code of Laws.
 - o [Youth ChalleNGe] In July, the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School and the SC Army National Guard entered into a partnership to start the South Carolina Youth ChalleNGe Academy. COL (Retired) Jackie R. Fogle was named as the acting director. He currently still serves as the Director of Youth Challenge.
- 1999
 - o [SCEMD, SCNG] Hurricane Floyd impacted SC causing \$20 million dollars in eligible public assistance claims in SC.
- 2000
 - o [SCEMD] SCEPD moved to its current location in the Fish Hatchery National Guard Armory in West Columbia.
- 2001
 - o [SCNG] The 169th Fighter Wing deployed six F-16 fighter jets and 200 personnel in the aftermath of the attacks on September 11th. Within three months, they had bombed several key Taliban strongholds in Afghanistan and proven instrumental in supporting troops on the ground.
- 2002
 - o [SCEMD] SC Code of Laws was amended changing the name of the State Emergency Preparedness Division to the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD).
- 2003
 - o [SCNG] Nearly 400 Service Members of the 169th Fighter Wing and all its F-16s mobilized and deployed to Southwest Asia as part of what became Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 169th was attached to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing stationed in Qatar and flew more than 400 combat missions, performing the Suppression and Destruction of Enemy Air Defenses mission and flying numerous precision bombing missions over Iraq.
 - o [STARBASE Swamp Fox] In school year 2003-2004, STARBASE Swamp Fox was established through the Cooperative Agreement Program with the SC Military Department through 100% funding from the Department of Defense as a part of the nationwide Department of Defense STARBASE Program. Classes were conducted at local schools, reaching 210 students for the year. Mr. Jim Prater was named as the first Director of the Program.
- 2004
 - o [SCNG] From October 1, 2003 - September 30, 2004, the SC Army National Guard had 2,891 Soldiers deployed, its highest number at any given time during the Global War on Terrorism. Among the units deployed, the 122nd Engineer Battalion was deployed to Iraq and was awarded the Valorous Unit Award, the second-highest award that can be presented to a unit.
- 2005
 - o [SCEMD] On January 6, two Norfolk Southern trains collided near the Avondale Mills plant in Graniteville, SC. One of tank cars ruptured, releasing about 60 tons of the chlorine gas. Nine people died (eight at the time of the accident, one later as a result of chlorine inhalation), and at least 250 people were treated for chlorine exposure. In total, 5,400 residents within one mile of the crash site were forced to evacuate for nearly two weeks while HAZMAT teams and cleanup crews decontaminated the area.
- 2006
 - o [SCEMD] Six emergency management regions were established. These regions provide staffs that live within their local counties in order to provide support for local governments.

- **2007**
 - o [Museum] The SC Military Museum opened Gallery One (first building) to the public. The Gallery featured a vast array of period and authentic weapons, uniforms, equipment, artillery pieces, and armored vehicles from the colonial period to Desert Shield/Storm.
- **2008**
 - o [Youth ChalleNGe] In January, the South Carolina Youth ChalleNGe Academy relocated to Camp Long in Aiken County, and entered into a partnership with Clemson University and Aiken County Adult Education. Aiken County Adult Education provided educational training and support for the academy cadets.
- **2009**
 - o [SCEMD, SCNG] On 23 April, wildfires ignited west of Myrtle Beach in Horry County and became the worst wildfire to strike South Carolina in 30 years. Within two hours, SC Army National Guard deployed a UH-60 Black Hawk, with NC Army National Guard air crews, to support the Horry County Fire Department. The crews dropped over 904,000 gallons of water during operations totaling more than 93 flight hours.
 - o [Museum] The Museum was recognized as an official “Army National Guard Museum” by the US Army Center for Military History and the National Guard Bureau.
 - o [Youth ChalleNGe] The South Carolina Youth ChalleNGe Academy relocated to its current location at the McCrady Army National Guard Training Center, Eastover, SC in September.
- **2010**
 - o [SCNG] The 169th Fighter Wing became the 1st Air National Guard unit to support an Air Expeditionary Force mission for a full 120 days. While simultaneously deploying Airmen for Operation Enduring Freedom, the wing deployed more than 300 Airmen in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom during which the 169th flew more than 800 combat air patrol missions over Iraq. The deployment also allowed the Swamp Fox team to escort the last Army combat forces out of Iraq on the last day of Iraqi Freedom, fittingly as the 169th had been there for Day One of the operation in 2003.
- **2011**
 - o [SCNG] Major General Robert E. Livingston, Jr. was elected as The Adjutant General of the SC National Guard.
- **2012**
 - o [Museum] Dr. Charles E. Cauthen of Midlothian, VA donates his extensive and valuable collection of colonial period to Civil War artifacts to the Museum. This donation fundamentally reshaped Gallery One and greatly enhanced the Museum’s overall authenticity.
 - o [Museum] The Adjutant General, MG Robert E. Livingston, Jr., authorized the SC Military Museum to expand into the second allocated building.
 - o [Youth ChalleNGe] The South Carolina Youth ChalleNGe Academy entered into a partnership with the SC Department of Juvenile Justice to provide Richland county schools district-level guidance, training and support for the academy education department and cadets.
- **2014**
 - o [SCNG, SCEMD] An ice storm caused the largest statewide response since Hurricane Hugo with an estimated \$270 million in eligible public assistance damages.
 - o [Museum] The Museum opened Gallery Two (second building) to the public. The Gallery expanded its timeline to the Global War on Terror and featured macro-artifacts such as an M3 Halftrack and an H13B “Sioux” Helicopter (Serial Number 1).

- o [Museum] The Museum hosted the “Palmetto Military Festival” commemorating Gallery Two’s grand opening and honoring the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.

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- o [SCNG, SCEMD, State Guard] A severe storm was a high precipitation event caused historic flooding which affected the majority of the State. 19 deaths in South Carolina were attributed to the event. Damages were estimated at \$2.2 billion with estimates of over \$180 million in eligible Public Assistance damage. Total FEMA assistance delivered to South Carolina are expected to exceed \$275 million. The first SC National Guard missions were executed on 3 October. On 4 October, 700 SC National Guard personnel, including swift water rescue assets from Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia, were prepositioned for life saving response. In the early afternoon of the same day, SC Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (SC-HART) conducted 25 hoist rescues/lives saved in first 4 hours in Midlands. SC National Guard personnel numbers peaked between 8-11 October with over 4,100 personnel on the ground.
- o [Museum] In a special ceremony at the Columbia Readiness Center, the SC Military Museum and MG Robert E. Livingston, Jr. honored South Carolina’s Korean War Veterans with the Republic of Korea’s “Ambassador for Peace Medal”.
- o [Youth ChalleNGe] The SC Youth Challenge Academy was selected by the U.S. Department of Labor to administer the Job ChalleNGe Program. The Job ChalleNGe Program is a residential program that will expand and enhance the SC Youth ChalleNGe Academy’s job skills component.

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- o [Youth ChalleNGe] In January, the Job Challenge Program, housed at Camp Long in Aiken County, began the first cohort (cycle). In July, the SC Youth ChalleNGe Academy and the Richland School District One Adult Education Program entered into a partnership in which the District would supply the educational guidance, supervision and support needed for the academy staff and cadets.
- o [SCNG, SCEMD, State Guard] Hurricane Matthew made landfall as a Category 1 Hurricane with 75 mph winds on 8 October 2016, near McClellanville. Hurricane Matthew impacted the entire coast line with storm surges, downed trees and major flooding, and SC’s coastal and inland communities are inundated by as much as 15 inches of rain. Hurricane Matthew caused the largest amount of damage to the State since Hurricane Hugo in 1989. It resulted in over \$320 million in eligible Public Assistance damage (estimates). At peak of operations, from 5 October to 2 November, more than 2,900 SC Army National Guard Soldiers, 50 SC Air National Guard Airmen and 90 State Guard were mobilized to assist in evacuations, security operations, logistics, sandbags, engineer assets and recovery support.
- o [SCNG, SCEMD] Pinnacle Mountain fire destroyed 10,623 acres of forest from 9 November to the time it was controlled on 16 December. The fire was the largest, longest and costliest mountain fire in State history. Aircraft from the SC and Georgia Army National Guards, and the US Forest Service dropped more than 2 million gallons of water on the fire during the firefighting efforts.
- o [Museum] In a special event at the T. Eston Marchant National Guard Complex, the Museum and the SC Military Department honored South Carolina’s Vietnam Veterans as part of the national Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemoration.

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- o [Museum] Construction began on further expansion of the SC Military Museum into the second building. Gallery Three will focus on Army Aviation and include a multimedia center to enhance the Museum’s education mission.

- o [STARBASE Swamp Fox] After a Department of Defense Compliance Visit in April 2017, STARBASE Swamp Fox was recommended to move to a “Double Program” status due to its success in past years. The mandatory number of classes for a school year will move from 28 to 56 in school year 2017-2018.

¹ The agency was asked, “Please provide the major events history of the agency by year, from its origin to the present, in a bulleted list. Include the names of each director with the year the director started and major events (e.g., programs added, cut, departments/divisions changed, etc.).”