GEORGIA State Defense Force

“PREPARED TO SERVE”

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Commander

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GSDF CSM
When ordered by the Adjutant General, provide an organized, trained, disciplined rapid response volunteer force.

GSDF assists state and local governmental agencies and civilian relief organizations to assure the welfare and safety of the citizens of Georgia.

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Georgia Citizen-Soldier Overview

- General Sir James Oglethorpe trained the colonial militia
- Battle of Bloody Marsh in July 7, 1742 fought the Spanish
- 1778 Battle at Fort Morris (Sunbury, GA) defeated British
- Georgia Battalion assisted Texas against Mexico, in 1836.
- Georgia militia elements fought in the War Between the States
- 1898 3,000 Georgians involved in Spanish-American War
- Georgia National Guard established in 1902
- 1916 helped Gen Pershing track down Poncho Villa in border.
- WWI GA 151st Machine Gun Battalion into 42nd Rainbow DIV
- WWII Georgia State Guard (34,000 Georgian served).
- Multiple on-going support missions within GA DOD
The Georgia State Guard
1900 - 1984
Today’s Georgia State Defense Force
GSDF units are State-wide
All volunteer, unsalaried, uniformed branch of the Georgia Department of Defense

Authorized by Title 38-2-3, OCGA

Trained in search and rescue, traffic and crowd control, area isolation, site safety, etc.

Current statewide strength 800 (+)

Contingency expansion plan to strength of 5,000 (Note: WWII strength was 11,000)

Unarmed until otherwise directed, equipped and trained by proper authority

Primary Missions – Support and augment GA Army and Air National Guard and DSCA (disaster assistance, Search and Rescue, community support, etc.)

Community support for Georgia special events upon request
Georgia State Defense Force

1. Support and augment Georgia National Guard forces
2. Provide professional skills to the Georgia Dept. of Defense
3. Defense Support to Georgia Communities.

**MISSION ESSENTIAL TASKS**

- Disaster Reconnaissance
- Search and Rescue Operations
- Traffic/Evacuation Control
- GA Guard Family Support
- Area Isolation/Security
- Base and Field Medical Support
- Shelter Augmentation
- Crowd Control
- Event Safety
- Facilities Safety
- Special Skill Support to GADOD
- Other Tasks as Authorized/Requested
TRAINING in the GSDF

Initial Entry Training
- Mil. Entry Processing (MEPS) (New)
- Initial Entry Training (IET)
- Basic Officer Leadership Course

Individual and Unit Mission Related Training
- EMR Training for Unit MEDICS
- NASAR Search and Rescue

Professional Development Training
- NCO Basic and Advanced Course
- Professional Officer Basic Course
- Officer Candidate School
- Command and Staff Course

Joint Training Opportunities
- Homeland Security; FEMA; GEMA
Medical Center of Excellence

• **Foundation Training**
  – Heart Saver First Aid, CPR and AED (AHA)
  – Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (AHA)
  – Enhanced Emergency Medical Responder
  – Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support

• **Continuing Education (Coming in 2013)**
  – Pediatric Advanced Life Support
  – Advanced Cardiac Life Support
  – Geriatric Education for Emergency Medical Services
  – Emergency Pediatric Care
• Soldier Leadership Course (SLC)

• Focused on small unit/squad level leadership training.

• Curriculum developed by G3 Schools, conducted at unit level.
GSDF BNCOC

• Basic Non Commissioned Officer’s Course (BNCOC)
• Five months (3 days each)
• Grooms the basic NCO for platoon sized unit leadership.
• Prepares emerging NCO leaders to handle the various NCO positions in GSDF
Advanced Non Commissioned Officers Course (ANCOC)

Five months (3 days each)

Prepares junior NCOs for advancement to higher grades and for command level NCO positions.
• Professional Officer’s Basic Course (POBC)
• 3 Months
• Trains direct commissioned officers (Doctors, Lawyers, Chaplains, etc.) and appointed subject matter expert Warrant Officers, in the fundamentals of leadership; basic military skills; professional ethics; and evaluates their leadership potential. (Note: A Warrant Officer specific training course is in development.)
GSDF OCS

- Officer Candidate School (OCS)
- 6 Months
- Trains Officer and Warrant Officer candidates in the fundamentals of professional ethics and leadership at platoon and company level. Introduces them to basic officer skills; MDMP, leadership, and the army writing style and orders production.
GSDF CWCC

- Captain/Warrant Career Course (CWCC)
- 12 Months combination residential and non-residential training.
- Advanced training for Captains and Warrant Officers in leadership, military writing, orders production, training, MDMP, hotwash techniques, and the production of AARs.
GSDF CSC

- Command and Staff Course (CSC)
- 12 Month Combination Residential and non-Residential
- Prepares Field Grade Officers for leadership and senior staff positions at Brigade and Force levels.
- Advanced Leadership and Command Studies
QUESTIONS

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