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“Schools and their training offer better ways to do things, but only through experience are we able to capitalize on this learning. The process of profiting from mistakes becomes a milestone in learning to become a more efficient soldier.”

- Former Sergeant Major of the Army

William G. Bainbridge
The Mission of the National Guard

Marksmanship Training Unit

• Is to develop, coordinate and manage a program of marksmanship related activities which will enhance effectiveness of unit level training and competitive programs at all levels, stressing the development of combat skills to improve proficiency above basic marksmanship requirements and increase battlefield survivability.
GUIDANCE / EVENTS

Guidance

The full time administrative and operations staff provides marksmanship policy guidance in the form of:

NGR 350-6/ANGR 50-57

Marksmanship Advisory Council (MAC)

State Marksmanship Coordinators Training Course

Physical Security of training weapons and ammunition

Excellence In Competition Program administration
The NGMTC and NG Marksmanship Training Unit:

• A “Purple” unit, jointly consisting of both Army and Air Guard.

• The Center consists of 22 full time employees

• The Unit consists of 67 traditional Guard members, 55 Army and 12 Air Guard, that drill one weekend a month, plus AT.

• Does not have any full-time shooters

• 90% part time instructors for schools & support staff for events
GUIDANCE / EVENTS

Annual Events Hosted:

• CNGB Phase 3 Championships

• NGB JR Air Rifle Championships

• Inter-Service Pistol Championships

• Armed Forces Skill at Arms Meeting (AFSAM)

• Winston P. Wilson Championships

• State Marksmanship Coordinator Training Conference

• Inter-Service Small Arms Competition (ISSAC)

• Inter-Service Sniper Championships
NGMTC Weapon Systems

- M16A1, A2, M4 Rifles
- M9 Pistol
- M203 Grenade Launcher
- M249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW)
- M60/M240 Machine Gun
- M1 .50 Cal.
- M24 Sniper Weapon System
- MK19 Grenade Launcher
- Olympic and National Match systems
Chief of National Guard Bureau (CNGB) Championships

Eight individual and team disciplines:

Air Rifle  Air Pistol
Small Bore Rifle  Small Bore Pistol
Combat Rifle  Combat Pistol
Sniper  NRA Muzzleloader (Postal only)
Chief of National Guard Bureau (CNGB) Championships

**Phase 1** - Postal Phase - All individuals in the Army and Air Guard are eligible to participate. Members fire matches at home station and submit their scores to the NGMTC.

**Phase 2** - Paper Match - Determines state individual and team winners, designating top teams invited to Phase 3.

**Phase 3** - “Shoulder to Shoulder” Championships at Camp Robinson to determine National Champion teams and individuals in each discipline.
ALL GUARD TEAMS

• The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center has a long tradition of recruiting, training, supporting and promoting a higher level of marksmanship including international competition with our “All Guard” teams.

• All Guard teams include National Match, Combat, and Olympic style shooting.

• All Guard Team members are either traditional Guard members or full time Guard employees with jobs other than being “shooters”.

• Team members take their advanced marksmanship skills gained through competition back to their home states and designated units, and often serve as instructors at NG MTC schools.
National Match Teams -

• Include the Service Rifle and Service Pistol teams

• Teams compete at the national level against top civilian and service members from other branches of the military.

• The training year culminates for each team at the National Match Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio each summer.

• Both teams have a long standing tradition of excellence, and a highly competitive track record against active component teams.
• National Match shooting is a non-tactical competitive program, traditionally used by all military services to increase marksmanship in units above the minimum qualification standards.

• “Service” weapons are used, meaning they are standard military issue weapons. Slight modifications are allowed to increase accuracy.

• Standards in both rifle and pistol events are extremely high when compared to unit qualification standards.
• National Match training is regulated by the National Rifle Association and the Championships are hosted by the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

• National Match training and competitions usually include civilian shooters and clubs. This helps promote a positive image of the National Guard and is an excellent recruiting tool.
ALL GUARD TEAMS

COMBAT TEAM -

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• Combat matches are separated into four categories:
  Rifle       Pistol
  Sniper      Light Machinegun

• Combat mates are conducted at five progressive levels:
  Unit
  State
  Regional
  National
  International
All Guard Combat Teams -

• Compete at several international level competitions in the U.S. and several other foreign allied countries:
  
  Australia  Great Britain  
  Belgium  Netherlands  
  Canada  Scotland  
  Germany  South Africa  

• Top awards brought home from abroad include the coveted “Fortuna” trophy from Great Britain and the “Arminius the Liberator” trophy from Germany.
All Guard Sniper Teams -

• Compete in national level sniper competitions against the world’s top military and law enforcement snipers in highly demanding events.

• Interaction with other “real world” sniper entities allows new techniques and information to be transferred to National Guard Sniper Schools while testing our trainers against the world’s elite operators.
Olympic Event Teams

• Include:

  International Rifle        International Pistol
  International Shotgun      Running Target

• These teams provide opportunities for very advanced marksmen to compete against their civilian counterparts in Olympic level competitions at regional, national and international levels. Their ultimate goal is to qualify, compete and win their events while representing our country at the Olympics.
The National Guard Bureau Junior Marksmanship Program has three specific goals:

• To develop skilled junior marksmen

• Introduce young adults to career and educational opportunities within the National Guard

• Build a positive visibility of the National Guard in communities around the country - providing wholesome activities for both youth members and their parents.
The National Guard Bureau Junior Air Rifle Championships:

- Includes both Sporter and Precision air rifle categories
- Conducted in conjunction with the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP).
- Phase 1 - Postal phase - Any JR shooter or team may enter from around the country or Americans living overseas.
- Phase 2 - “Shoulder to shoulder” match fired at the Olympic shooting complex in Atlanta, GA.
The NGMTC Schoolhouse offers world class instruction in the proper use of the various small arms weapon systems available to the National Guard through our Small Arms Firing Schools and our marksmanship oriented classes.

Our courses are “train-the-trainer” and are designed to increase individual weapons proficiency, while at the same time giving the unit the means increase unit weapons proficiency.
NGMTC SCHOOLS

Small Arms Instructor Range Operations Course (SAIROC)

- Trains soldiers and airmen in the standard small arms weapons systems and the primary and alternate qualification courses associated with those weapons.

- Weapons Training includes: M9 pistol, M16 A1/A2/M4 rifles, M203/MK 19 Grenade Launchers, M249/M60/M240 LMG’s, and the M2 Machine Gun.
Master Marksman Trainer Course (MMTC)

- MMTC is an advanced marksmanship course that produces soldiers that not only shoot better, but also have proficiency in coaching fellow soldiers in marksmanship.

- All courses of fire for the M16A2 and M9 Pistol are covered and shot.

- Upon returning to their unit, MMTC graduates are expected to be subject matter experts on unit marksmanship matters.
Small Arms Simulation Course (SASC)

- Designed to train operators of simulators that are currently in the National Guard inventory to include future simulation equipment.

- Simulators include - Engagement Skills Trainer (EST)
  
  EST 2000

  Beam Hit systems
Small Arms Firing Schools and Pre-Mobilization Training

• These schools are conducted upon request of the State Marksmanship Coordinator (SMC).

• Training consists of courses of fire, marksmanship fundamentals and techniques of fire.

• States can request instruction on any of the National Guard small arms weapons and simulators.
NGMTC SCHOOLS

National Guard Sniper School

• Established in 1993 to develop and teach the specialized skills required by an operational sniper unit.

• Accredited by the U.S. Army Sniper School Course at Ft. Benning, GA to award the B4 Additional Skill Identifier

• 2 Phases
  • Phase I - Sniper Marksmanship
  • Phase II - Sniper Field Craft
Air National Guard Counter-Sniper School

• Established in 2001 to provide Air Force Security Forces training with their counter-sniper role.

• Trains both Air National Guard and Air Force Security Forces

• One training phase of two weeks
GUIDANCE / EVENTS

ARMAMENT Section -

• NG MTC capabilities:
  Accurize and Repair weapons (limited Depot level)
  Ballistics/Ammunition Upload
  Wind tunnel - weapons and ammunition testing

• Through schools and teams, lessons learned in the field create changes in procedure and tactics used with small arms.
Our jobs exist to support the traditional soldier and airman.
See you on the range!