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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN TENNESSEE  
DURING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

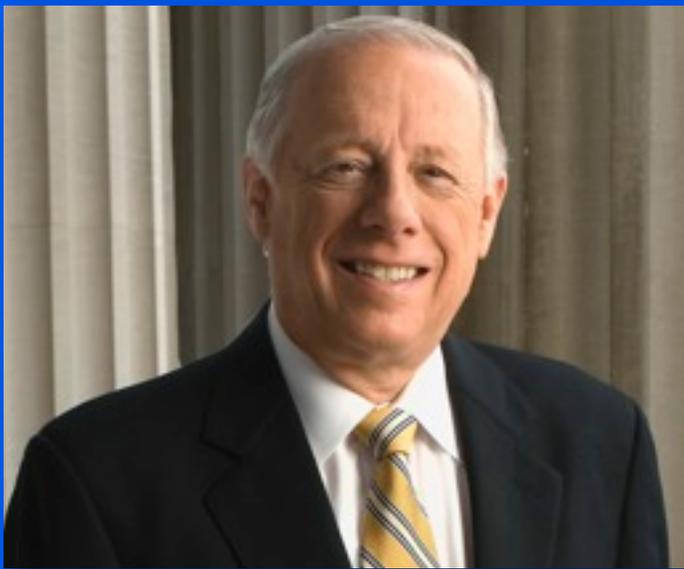


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## FISCAL YEAR 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

### MESSAGE FROM THE TENNESSEE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



**Phil Bredesen,**  
Governor of the State of Tennessee

Since 1989 the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Task Force has provided diverse military support to federal, state and local anti-drug agencies and organizations. I would like to extend my congratulations to all of the soldiers and airmen who have faithfully served their state for two decades fighting the scourge of illicit drug abuse. During times of peace, war and national emergencies members of the National Guard Counterdrug Task Force have selflessly sacrificed their personal safety and some, their very lives, to defend the citizens of the state and nation. I am proud to serve as the Commander in Chief during the 20th anniversary of the founding of the counterdrug mission and wish the men and women of the Task Force many more years of success.

### COMMENTS FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

The 20th anniversary of the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Task Force represents a significant milestone in the evolving role of the National Guard. Even before events of September 11, 2001 reshaped interagency cooperation, the counterdrug mission had accumulated a decade of experience in civil-military planning and support. Many of the key relationships between law enforcement and community organizations had already been forged in the counterdrug field and became models for future programs. The contribution of our soldiers and airmen in the struggle to curtail the threat of drug abuse is a tribute to their sense of service and dedication to the ideals of our nation. I am immensely proud of the Tennessee Volunteers that serve in the Counterdrug Task Force and look forward to their continued efforts in a struggle that is vital to the peace and security of our great country.



**Major General Gus L. Hargett, Jr.,**  
The Adjutant General of Tennessee



# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



**LTC Gene Reece**  
**CDTF Commander**

September 11, 2001 has been significant and their personal readiness is critical to our nation's defense. The goal of our internally focused mission is to care for deploying and returning members as they transition from home to war and back. The ultimate result will be the dual benefit of education and prevention efforts impacting the families and communities where our Guard men and women live.

The Counterdrug Task Force pursues a balanced strategy in both drug demand and supply reduction. We strive to provide the best support to our state and national partners while also training for the wartime tasks required of our service. I look forward to the year ahead and I am very proud of the past year's successes!



P,T & O mission provides military personnel with resources to help themselves and their family with issues of substance abuse and other factors impacting their physical and emotional well being. The number of deployed Guard personnel since the events of



## Criminal Analyst Support: Two Decades of Excellence

**By: Maj Malisa Rader**  
**CDTF, Criminal Analyst OIC**

Way back when, "Intelligence Analysts" were merely assigned to a few law enforcement agencies as primary support to do monotonous entering of phone toll data! Training was minimal and standardization was nonexistent. The Criminal Analyst program has come a very long way since its inception. Analysts are assigned to DEA, ICE, TBI, THP, TN Meth Task Force, AHIDTA, Highway Interdiction Plus program and other critical missions across the state of Tennessee. The analysts are highly skilled and afforded some of the best intelligence schools available to learn about sophisticated tools and equipment for their mission. Their reputation is well known throughout

the law enforcement community and they are in great demand.

All of the analysts attend a basic Intelligence school and others go to the NGB Criminal Analyst Phase II course. Many attend money laundering, financial investigative techniques, pen register, linguist, social phishing, networking and virtual world training. The formal education combined with the availability of the best phone and computer forensics tools have made a significant difference to agencies we support. Many Federal LEA's have no problem sharing moneys seized through the asset sharing program which is a win win situation for all. We provide optimal intelligence support to further LEA drug investigations and they assist us by providing resources for enhanced training and equipment. As our motto states, "Criminal Analysts Truly Do Rock" and they have the numbers to prove it!

### FY 2009 SEIZURES

**FROM 1 OCT 2008 to Sep 30 2009**  
\*\*Seizure information is from drug cases that were supported by the Counterdrug Task Force through Criminal Analysis, Ground or Aerial Reconnaissance.

Cocaine.....	667.76 lbs.
Crack Cocaine.....	13.40 lbs.
Meth.....	53.05 lbs.
Meth Labs.....	1011
Heroin.....	58.60 lbs.
Proc. Marijuana.....	4,510 lbs.
Marijuana Plants.....	424,014
Arrests.....	1497
Vehicles.....	232
Weapons.....	285
Currency.....	\$4,441,275.83



## LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT

**By: CPT A.G. Richards, III**  
**CDTF, Operations Officer**

The Counterdrug Task Force Ground Reconnaissance Team has long supported counter-drug investigations across the state of Tennessee. National Guard recon operations began in the early 1990's supporting Appalachia HIDTA counties and agencies immediately around the middle Tennessee region. In recent years the team has expanded its support to west Tennessee. Soldiers and Airmen assigned to the Ground Reconnaissance Team spend a great deal of time meeting with law enforcement agencies across the state in an effort to educate them on what the Task Force brings to the table. Our personnel and equipment provide a no cost resource that serves as a force multiplier to combat illegal drugs in Tennessee communities.

In FY 09 the Ground Reconnaissance Team supported a series of investigations in Carroll County, Tennessee to combat the methamphetamine epidemic impacting every community in Tennessee. During one of these investigations, the Team was able to conduct area reconnaissance in conjunction with installing remote sensor cameras allowing the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial Drug Task Force to arrest 3 suspects in the act of manufacturing methamphetamine. The investigation resulted in the seizure of 9 active methamphetamine labs, 26 grams of finished methamphetamine, 2 vehicles being seized and the recovery of several items stolen in a recent burglary. The Ground Reconnaissance Team was able to provide the investigating agents with 127 photographs of illicit drug activity and over 1 hour of video that ensured the successful prosecution of suspects and making the communities of Carroll County one step closer to being drug free.



*Photographed remnants of methamphetamine production and toxic waste found in Carroll County, TN.*

## CRIMINAL ANALYST SUPPORT CONT'D.

**By: Maj Malisa Rader**  
**CDTF, Criminal Analyst OIC**

Recently six criminal analysts from the Counter Drug Task Force attended a three day training course in Lexington, KY - "Successful Use of Online Social Networking and Cyberspace Money Laundering for Criminal Investigations." The instructor taught how online social networks are being used to conduct criminal activity and how law enforcement personnel and criminal analysts can combat them.

The largest online social networks, such as Myspace.com, Facebook.com, Xanga.com, Myghetto.com, Photobucket.com, Flickr.com, Youtube.com, Stickam.com, Twitter.com, and LiveJournal.com were reviewed. Criminal organizations are now using social networks to communicate, conduct illegal activity, identify victims, and conceal their identity. Since there are so many sites used for illicit activity, the challenge for law enforcement personnel is to be able to monitor and exploit them all. Some of the social networks use servers outside of the United States, posing a problem for investigators as well.

Immersive social networks such as Second Life, World of Warcraft, and other various virtual worlds were reviewed. In these virtual worlds you can do anything that could be done in real life, to include illegal activity. Online gambling, online drug sales, and online prostitution are a few examples. Some of the currencies used, such as the Linden Dollars of Second Life, are traded on the global monetary exchange and can be used to launder gains from illegal activities.

The dark side of the internet refers to how criminals use text based internet such as IRC, Fserve, and Usenet to interact and trade information. Criminals use the text based programs to trade electronic information such as child pornography and stolen credit card information.

Overall, law enforcement personnel and analysts supporting them must continue to be innovative in their intelligence gathering and investigative techniques to combat the exploding use of online social networking sites.



# COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORT

**By: Capt Linda Williams  
Drug Demand Reduction**

Drug Demand Reduction has made huge strides over the past 20 years. During the inception of DDR there was one individual performing drug education and prevention throughout the state of Tennessee, currently there are forty. Becoming imbedded within the communities was a vital strategy to help combat drug use particularly among youth. Our mission is to impact today's youth with a powerful message, to educate them with current and evidence based programs influencing their cognitive skills concerning drugs and alcohol. Reaching over 50,000 youth this fiscal year was a huge accomplishment DDR is proud to report.

Currently DDR personnel teach in approximately 180 middle, elementary and high schools throughout the state. We sit on the board of 60 different community based anti-drug coalitions and assist with prevention efforts in those areas. Additionally, we support the State's annual prevention initiatives.

A prevention specialist is assigned to the East Tennessee US Attorney's Office as the Weed and Seed Liaison. On their behalf this individual assists in the review process of all W & S applications. The military liaison aids the prospective sites in constructing a steering committee that plans and develops a strategic guide to become officially recognized and awarded a federal grant.

DDR also has a prevention specialist assigned to work at the Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services; assisting with efforts such as the SYNAR project, a tobacco education program used in conjunction with many prevention projects throughout the state.



# COUNTERDRUG AVIATION

**By: CW3 Robert Jones**  
**CD Aviation**



Counterdrug Aviation began with a small group of aviators and mechanics working summers searching for marijuana in support of the Governor's Task Force for Marijuana Eradication. Over the past 20 years, CD-AVN has evolved from being solely an eradication asset to a full-time law enforcement agency support program. Additionally, CD-AVN supports DDR programs with on-site static displays and providing information briefs to students concerning the negative effects of drug use and how aviation is used to combat illicit drug abuse.

Since the designation as a Reconnaissance Air and Interdiction Detachment (RAID) in 1993, CD-AVN has provided a unique service to the State of Tennessee. Many agencies within the state do not have aviation programs and the CD-AVN can provide aerial support at no cost to an agency.

In the coming months, CD-AVN will transition from our legacy aircraft, the OH-58A Kiowa, to the new modernized UH-72A Lakota. This transition will significantly increase the capabilities of CD-AVN and the scope of the state mission. The UH-72A is a fully instrumented platform that can be flown in any environment and weather conditions.

During the 2009 Eradication season, CD-AVN flew over 700 hours with two and sometimes three aircraft flying daily, and an additional 300 plus hours during the off season. Plant counts reached over 420,000 during the season, further disrupting the amount of illegal drugs that would have made their way to the citizens of our state and nation.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with local coalitions and agencies in the coming years to bring awareness and safety to the Great State of Tennessee.



# PREVENTION TREATMENT & OUTREACH UPDATE

Helping Tennessee National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and Their Families

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE & CD SERGEANT MAJOR



SGM DEBORAH ROSE-SPANGLER

The Prevention Treatment and Outreach Program of the Tennessee National Guard has trained 161 Unit Prevention Specialists (UPS's) during FY 09. The classes provided are designed to train National Guard personnel as to the dangers of substance abuse while simultaneously providing information on resources available and offered by the PT&O program. The Prevention Coordinator also informs soldiers and airmen across the state of the financial assistance they may obtain through the Access to Recovery (ATR) grant.

The ATR funding can be used if a member of the Guard is not financially able to pay for substance abuse rehabilitation or if their insurance does not cover such treatment. The Tennessee Prevention Treatment and Outreach Program at the national level conducted a workshop in Nashville from August 31 to September 1, 2009 for twelve states across the country. The first day of the workshop consisted of our substance abuse and prevention statistical tracking methods and the manner in which we effectively train Unit Prevention Specialists in Tennessee. The second day consisted of information from government and business speakers involved in the prevention and treatment of substance

abuse. Agencies and organizations such as the TN Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Military and Family Life Consultants, the Yellow Ribbon organization and the Department of Veteran Affairs participated. The PT&O program has made great strides in Tennessee and we look forward to the mission positively impacting our Guard families.

## IMMERSION TRAINING

On 4-5 June 2009 an Immersion Training was conducted for all the Access To Recover Counselors/workers to provide insight as to a day in the life of military personnel. Representatives were given a schedule that included spending the night in barracks, waking to physical training, preparing barracks for inspection and attending classes. The briefings provided insight on post traumatic stress disorder / suicide prevention and other aspects of military life. Additionally, several soldiers and airmen provided testimonies of their deployment experiences. The training was a great success and received nationwide press attention. Another class is scheduled for 5-6 November 2009 at Smyrna, TN and has received a great response. Training is conducted with the coordination of the Tennessee Department of Alcohol and Drug, Mental Health Disabilities, CD Task Force and the Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center.

## FY 09 JOINT SUBSTANCE ABUSE OFFICE STATS

**394 UNIT PREVENTION LEADERS AND 23 DRUG TESTING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGERS HAVE TESTED OVER 15,173 GUARDSMEN**

## PT&O Events

The PTO program this fiscal year has handled 22 referrals of soldiers needing assistance for substance abuse. The Counterdrug Joint Substance Abuse Program has hired two new Prevention, Treatment, and Outreach Regional Representatives to cover East and West Tennessee. SGT Richard Spears, will be covering West Tennessee and SGT Keith Powell will be covering the East. Their mission will be to assist the Counterdrug Prevention Coordinator in marketing the PTO program and to be the guiding force ensuring soldiers in their respective regions are given 4 hours of prevention education. Items covered are benefits and resources available to military members in the neighborhoods where they live and work. Commanders handbooks have been developed with all information regarding the Substance Abuse Program to include drug prevention. The regional representatives will distribute these to each Commander in FY 10. Additionally, Smart Cards have been developed to help Commanders identify the signs and symptoms of abuse for the most commonly abused substances, as well as signs/ symptoms of PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injuries. Brochures and information cards are handed out at the RSRP's to returning soldiers. Included on the cards are all points of contact needed to help troops with the many personal issues they may be facing.

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