Defend the Homeland

Way Ahead
- Sustain high level of readiness for 24/7 missions: missile defense; fighter alert; mobile missile warning; civil support team; Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Enhanced Response Force Package, National Guard Reaction Force.
- Execute seamless Title 5 conversion for a portion of our federal civilian workforce.
- Make Colorado the premiere high-altitude mountain training center of excellence.
- Forge partnerships with local, state and federal civil authorities.

Army National Guard - 4,000 Soldiers
Air National Guard - 1,600 Airmen
- Aviation, Chaplain, Cyber, Education and Training, Engineers, Field Artillery, Infantry, Judge Advocate, Logistics Support, Maintenance, Medical,Military Intelligence, Military Police, Missile Defense, Public Affairs, Signal, Space Imagery and Special Forces

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Drug Trafficking and Abuse, and Making Our Communities Safer for the Future
- The CO-JCDTF supports local law enforcement agencies and Colorado Joint Counterdrug Task Force.

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Support the Warfight

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Way Ahead
- Designated a “Growth State” by National Guard Bureau
- Invest $95 million in infrastructure development by 2020
- Expand capacity for additional combat arms, cyber and space force structure
- Pursue initiatives to expand capacity of BAFB for the next generation fighter
- Grow ARNG full-time unit support manpower

Overseas Contingency Operations
Army National Guard
- More than 220 mobilizations/deployments since 9/11
- Deployed to 20 countries spanning all six combatant commands
- More than 5,700 Soldiers mobilized/deployed since 9/11

Air National Guard
- More than 40 mobilizations/deployments since 9/11
- Deployed to 25 countries spanning all six Combatant commands
- More than 2,800 Airmen mobilized/deployed since 9/11

Persistent Capabilities
Aerospace Control Alert
140th Wing provides 24/7 fighter alert capability from Buckley Air Force Base in response to airborne threats in the central United States.

Mobile Missile Warning
23rd Space Group operates the U.S. Air Force’s only Mobile Ground System providing survivable and enduring missile warning and nuclear detonation to the National Command Authority.

Missile Defense
100th Missile Defense Brigade defends the homeland with a multipurpose unit against intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) attacks using a sophisticated fire control system supported by sea, land, and space-based sensors.

Space Operations
117th Space Support Battalion plans and integrates the effects of space-based capabilities in support of full spectrum combat operations.

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- Deliver high quality response in support of civilian authorities
- Strengthen relationships and partnerships in support of civilian authorities

Support to Civil Authorities
More than 5,000 CONG members have responded to 35 emergency response missions (10,000 man days) in support of civil authorities in the past 10 years that includes: Wildfires (16) Blizzards (8), Floods (6), Civil Law enforcement support (2), Humanitarian assistance (1), Landslide (1) and Tornado (1)

Overseas Contingency Missions
- More than 240 mobilizations/deployments since 9/11
- Deployed to 31 countries spanning all six Combatant Commands since 9/11
- More than 9,000 CONG members have supported the warfight since 9/11

Enduring Federal Priorities
- Advance and sustain trained and ready forces to deliver global land, air, space and cyber power in support of all combatant commands
- Strengthen our relationships and partnerships in support of combatant commander’s objectives

Air National Guard
Operates from Buckley Air Force Base and has five groups, 11 squadrons, and two geographically separated units that operate from Peterson Air Force Base and Greeley Air National Guard Station.

Army National Guard
Operates from 23 sites and 72 facilities across the state that span the Front Range and Western Slope, serving in nearly every major city in Colorado.

Search and Rescue (SAR)
- Assist civil authorities with 57% of all rotary wing search and rescue missions in the U.S.
- HAATS supported 84 SAR missions and saved 80 lives during the past 5 years