



THE MISSISSIPPI STATE GUARD
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Jobs in the State Guard

The Mississippi State Guard (MSSG) is an all volunteer, military force tasked with enhancing disaster relief and homeland security preparedness in local communities throughout the State of Mississippi. Small units of highly trained volunteers who reside in or near the communities in need act as a first responder force at the request of local authorities or under the authority of the Adjutant General of the State of Mississippi. These 4 to 9 man teams are part of a larger military organization that is capable of providing assistance in the form of trained personnel to the State Military Department or other State Agencies on request. The primary job of the MSSG is to provide the Security Forces Officers needed for security in disaster areas. The requirements and training for "military occupational specialties" are derived from the peacetime training requirements of the corresponding U.S. Military MOS'.

Security Forces (SF) is the backbone of the Mississippi State Guard. Small highly trained units capable of supporting local law enforcement and emergency managers in the event of a disaster and providing manpower and security for civilian relief units while conducting their missions. Mississippi State Guard Security Forces are capable of functioning in the following areas; Maneuver and Mobility, Area Security, Priority Intelligence Gathering and Reconnaissance , Law and Order Operations and Civilian Internee/Evacuee Handling. MSSG Security Force's come from every walk of life in the

state of Mississippi and draw heavily on individuals with prior military experience from Infantry, Military Police or Special Operations backgrounds and from volunteers from law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Members who are certified law enforcement officers also provide training for those members not from Military or law enforcement backgrounds. The MOS designation for basic Security Force Officer is 31B10 (MSSG).

Structure of the State Guard;

The Mississippi State Guard is currently organized as a separate Infantry Division headquartered in Jackson Mississippi. It is composed of three separate Infantry Brigades located geographically in the Northern, central and Southern sections of the State. The Guard is commanded by a Brigadier General commissioned by the Governor of the State of Mississippi

Organization of the State Guard **Mississippi Code SEC. 33-5-51.**

The Governor is hereby authorized to organize, equip, train and maintain, in such strength and in such organized branches of the service as he may deem advisable, a military force similar to the National Guard and organized for the same purposes, to be known as the Mississippi State Guard, to be utilized in aid to or in lieu of the Mississippi National Guard upon its mobilization. The Governor may accept volunteers for the Mississippi State Guard in accordance with regulations promulgated by him and may use the

provisions of Sections 33-5-1 through 33-5-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of providing personnel for such Mississippi State Guard. No person under the age of seventeen (17) years shall be eligible for service in the Mississippi State Guard. No person shall by reason of membership therein be exempt from military service under any federal law. The Mississippi State Guard shall be governed by the same laws and regulations so far as applicable, and shall be entitled to the same privileges, immunities and allowances, as may be now or hereafter provided for the Mississippi National Guard. When requested by the Adjutant General, legislature may appropriate funds for the support and operation of the Mississippi State Guard. If authorized by the federal laws such state guard shall be organized, maintained and trained under the provisions of any laws of the United States now or hereafter enacted for the organization, training and maintenance of state forces other than those of the National Guard.

Enlistment Process

If you think you would like to contribute to the State of Mississippi by being a member of the Mississippi State Guard then please contact one of the soldiers that is listed on the back panel. They are there to help you with getting the enlistment process started. We are here to help.

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Missions of the MSSG may include:

- a. Natural or man-made disaster relief operations.
- b. Homeland Defense
- c. Limited Civil Disturbance.
- d. External physical security of key facilities when other means are inadequate.
- e. Security and operations for National Guard facilities when the Mississippi National Guard is mobilized.
- f. Any duties assigned by the Governor under the laws of the State of Mississippi.



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