

**Adjutant General/National Guard
Budget 540
House Bill Nos. 1017, 1215, Senate Bill No. 2229**

| | FTE Positions | General Fund | Other Funds | Total |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 2001-03 legislative appropriation | 136.00 | \$9,462,274 | \$31,297,651 | \$40,759,925 |
| 1999-2001 legislative appropriation | 133.00 | 8,386,735 | 18,381,898 | 26,768,633 |
| 2001-03 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriation | 3.00 | \$1,075,539 | \$12,915,753 | \$13,991,292 |

NOTE: The 2001-03 legislative appropriation amounts include \$76,107, \$21,310 of which is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$5,000,000 funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees.

Item Description

Armed forces reserve center - The 2001 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$11.5 million of special funds for the construction of a new armed forces reserve center in Wahpeton.

Tuition and enlistment compensation program - The 2001 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1,007,500 from the general fund for the tuition and enlistment compensation program, an increase of \$40,000 from the amount appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium of \$967,500. The program provides students a \$500 National Guard scholarship for 12 or more credit hours taken per semester based upon completion with a 2.5 or greater grade point average. Students taking less than 12 credit hours are eligible for a percentage of the \$500, depending on actual credit hours. In addition, the colleges and universities will waive 25 percent of each student's total tuition.

Armory maintenance - The 2001 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$250,000 from the general fund for distributing to political subdivisions for maintenance and repair of political subdivision-owned armories. The funds are to be distributed on an equal matching fund basis of up to \$25,000 to each political subdivision. Priority must be given to those projects for which the local political subdivision contributes the highest ratio of political subdivision funds for each dollar of state funds requested. All projects must be approved by the Adjutant General.

Veterans Cemetery - The 2001 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$200,000 from the general fund for operation of the Veterans Cemetery. Senate Bill No. 2158 (2001) provides that the interest from the Veterans Cemetery trust fund be deposited into the Veterans Cemetery maintenance fund for funding cemetery operations.

Status/Result

The construction of a new armed forces reserve center in Wahpeton began in May 2001 and is anticipated to be completed within the budget of \$11.5 million in December 2002.

The tuition and enlistment compensation program provided \$500 National Guard scholarships to 426 students for the fall 2001 semester which is 24 less than the budgeted number of participants of 450. The Adjutant General estimates the costs of the program for the biennium will be close to the appropriation of \$1,007,500.

The Adjutant General has contacted the political subdivisions that own armories and requested information regarding major repair and maintenance needs. The Adjutant General is compiling the information and anticipates presenting a written report of the survey results and project recommendations to the Budget Section in April 2002. The Adjutant General anticipates awarding the funding in the summer of 2002.

As of March 2002 the Adjutant General anticipates the state general fund support of \$200,000 and the revenue from veterans' license plate fees, grave opening and closing fees, and other special and federal funds will be sufficient to operate the Veterans Cemetery for the 2001-03 biennium.

Homeland security.

The Adjutant General is anticipating receiving additional federal funds during the 2003-05 biennium relating to terrorism and homeland security. The amount of additional funding is not yet available.