



# Dual-Status COMMANDER

## DSC Facts

- A Dual-Status Commander or DSC is an officer of the Army or Air National Guard or a commissioned officer of the Army or Air Force.
- All DSCs must complete a specialized training and certification.
- DSCs are jointly managed by the Commander, U.S. Northern Command, and the Chief, National Guard Bureau
- In state status, the DSC is a member of the state chain of command, subject to the orders of the governor and Adjutant General
- In federal status, the DSC is a member of the federal chain of command, subject to the orders of the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the supported Combatant Commander.
- The President and the governor of the state must both agree to the establishment of a DSC.

## DSCs in ACTION



## DSC Mission

### DSC Authorities

- Federal or state capacity.
- Giving orders on behalf of or relaying orders from the Federal chain of command to federal military forces.
- Giving orders on behalf of or relaying orders from the state chain of command to state military forces.
- Never relaying federal orders to State military forces or State orders to Federal military forces.

### DSC First

Dual status commander was first implemented for the “Group of Eight” (G-8) Economic Summit in June 2004. Georgia National Guard’s Brig. Gen. Terry Nesbitt commanded more than 4,800 Soldiers and Airmen, 317 National Guard members from other states, 43 members of the GA State Defense Force and approximately 2,400 Title 10 personnel.