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Structure:

- Renovations
- 2.7 million square feet, 87 locations, 255 buildings, 1200 acres

Furnishings:

- Recruiting Offices-Bravo FreeStanding Desking
- WorkStations-XXI Notes FreeStanding Desking
- Classrooms/Breakrooms-R-Series Tables
- Conference Rooms/Waiting Areas-Baritone Tables
- Storage Areas-Opus Filing
- Lunch Rooms-Packaged Office
- Minuet and Soprano Seating



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CASE STUDY

Wisconsin Army
National Guard



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UNICOR OFG was able to flex their design, coordination and installation muscle by taking on the WI Army National Guard multiple facility renovation.

Never A Job Too Big Or Small

When you talk about the WI Army National Guard, think 67 communities, 87 facilities, 255 buildings, 2.7 million square feet, 7400 soldiers, & 1200 acres.

Those were the kinds of numbers OFG was up against with the Wisconsin National Guard. To some, those numbers would seem daunting. But not for OFG. They saw the task of furnishing the Wisconsin National Guard, and most of their facilities across the entire state, as an opportunity to flex their design, coordination and installation muscle.

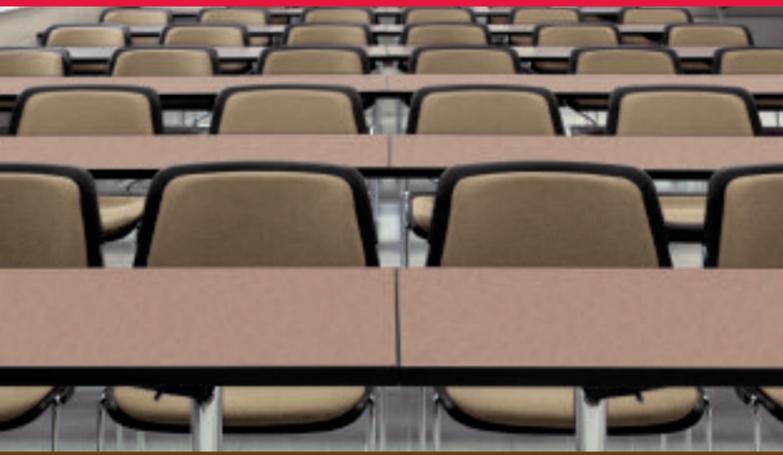


According to Colonel Lewis, design was key to the success of the plan. The designs were excellent...detailed...thorough. UNICOR OFG got the plans right the first time.

Every Good Idea Needs A Good Plan

The theory that worked best for the size and scope of the Wisconsin National Guard endeavor was to do one facility at a time.

Recruitment areas—the first impression a prospective recruit sees—were furnished with the slightly higher-end style Bravo line, which utilized a non-standard OFG finish. OFG worked with the factories to accommodate this request. The rest of the regular workstations were given XXI Notes, and with these, too, came a unique request. The customer requested a two-tone finish and OFG made it happen—a resounding testament to how their customer-oriented, turnkey solution philosophy streamlines the process and makes things easier for customers.



"We wanted to standardize; everyone sitting on the same chair, everyone at the same desk, everyone having the same colors," states Lieutenant Colonel Steve Lewis, Deputy Director Over Installations for the WI National Guard.

A Standardized Approach

Most of the Wisconsin National Guard facilities hadn't seen new furniture in over 25 years. And if a facility did get an opportunity to procure new furniture, that facility was on an island. People at the facility picked the chair types, desk types and color schemes. They got their furniture and they were done. When it was time for another facility to get furniture, the process started all over. There was no unified look or furniture consistency among facilities, and no efficiencies, either. Being an

armed forces division, where standardization is the key to success, it was time the facility itself followed suit.

"We wanted to create efficiencies in warehousing. You take 87 locations with 87 different styles that you're locked into at each facility. We needed products ...filing, chairs, tables...that would work in any location. That's the biggest component of this plan—standardization," admits Lieutenant Colonel Steve Lewis.

But outfitting almost 87 different facilities with freestanding, classroom and modular furniture, as well as addressing storage and dining area needs was no standard task. Each facility had a different square footage, a varying staff sizes, different workspace areas and some offered unique design challenges. But OFG took on the challenge with vigor.



A unified look, aesthetically pleasing and durable furniture, as well as efficient designs aided in UNICOR OFG's success.

Mastering The Plan

A unified look, aesthetically pleasing and durable furniture, as well as efficient designs are only a part of the success of the WI National Guard Facility Standards Program. The concept of master planning is what really drove the entire process. All the

groundwork is laid out upfront. Colonel Lewis explains, "The first time we went through dry, with only a floor plan. Now we're able to walk in with a concept. The unit is going to get the plan in advance so they have time to review it. We are more efficient with our resources." With this master plan in mind, 12-15 facilities were completed.

"We're able to consolidate some of the old furniture and get the most decent stuff to those facilities who may not get brand new stuff for awhile," Colonel Lewis says. He concludes, "Everyone is happy."