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THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



Always Ready, Always There



1776

❖ Direct descendent of the militias of the 13 English colonies; oldest component of the U.S. military, with units dating back to 1636.

❖ According to U.S. Constitution, both a state and Federal force, under control of the governor unless called to active service by the President.



1863

❖ Has fought in every American war, from the 1600s to post 9/11 combat in Afghanistan and Iraq. At one point in 2005, Army National Guard brigades made up more than 50% of U.S. Army brigades in Iraq, the Army Guard's largest combat role since WWII.



1918

❖ In its state role, a key player in homeland defense and disaster relief; within 2 weeks of Hurricane Katrina's landfall, more than 42,000 Army National Guard troops from across the country were deployed to the Gulf Coast for relief operations.



1943



1951



1969



2005