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**THE  
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**



*Always Ready, Always There*



1776



1863



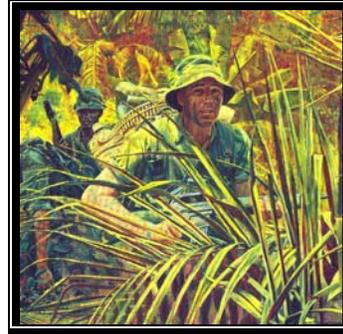
1918



1943



1951



1969



2005

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