THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

1636

1776

1863

1918

Always Ready, Always There

- 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.

1943

1951

1969

2005

Current as of June 29, 2007