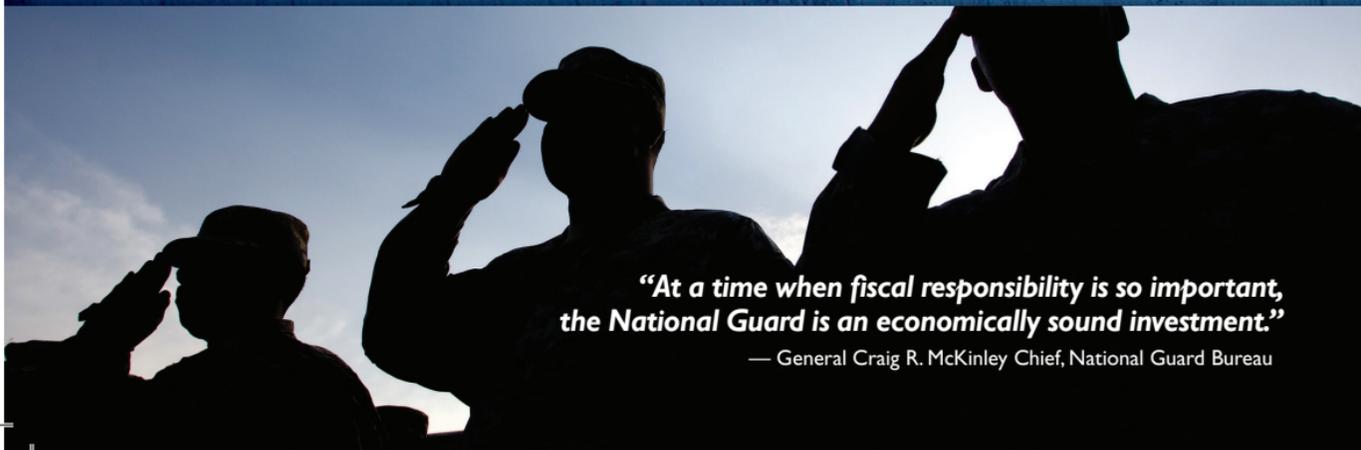




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*“At a time when fiscal responsibility is so important,
the National Guard is an economically sound investment.”*

— General Craig R. McKinley Chief, National Guard Bureau



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Vision

A premier, unit-based force comprised of resilient, adaptable, relevant & ready Citizen-Soldiers accessible for war & domestic crises.

Mission

The Army National Guard—a community based, Operational Force that serves as the primary Combat Reserve of the Army—provides ready units to support global and domestic requirements.

480,000 Soldier deployments worldwide since September 11, 2001

Cost Effective

The Army National Guard budget is only:

- 11.5% of the Army's total base budget
- 12.5% of the Army's personnel budget

Army
\$146,000

ARNG
\$45,000

Average Cost per Soldier
Estimate FY 2012



“One of the biggest force multipliers that every governor has is our National Guard.”

—W. Craig Fugate, FEMA

The Army National Guard's constitutionally-based dual mission: responding to state emergencies; mobilizing for war and contingencies as part of the Total Army

**The Army National Guard Team:
Each member is critical, because in our
world, sometimes all it takes is all you have.**

#1 Priority—Soldiers & Families

8 Aviation Brigades

28 Combat Brigades

70+ Enabling Brigades

8 Divisions

54 Joint Forces Headquarters

350,000+ Soldiers

2,976 American Communities

“What you have done... has gone unnoticed to some extent by many, but not by all, and my hat's off to you for that...”

—General James E. Cartwright,
Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Around the world

- Where we serve: Afghanistan, Iraq, the Balkans, Africa, the Sinai and America's southwest border

At Home

- 96% of emergencies handled by law enforcement or the Army National Guard

These are the red lines to sustain a ready team