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**COVER:**  
When the National Guard was called up for the riots in Los Angeles, California, PVT Christopher Bennett, 40th Military Police Company, 40th Infantry Division, California Army National Guard, was one of the first soldiers to hit the riot-torn streets. Photo by SFC Jim Ober. Design, Johnson Design Group

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MG Daniel J. Hernandez, commander of the 40th Infantry Division, California Army National Guard, led the military effort during the Los Angeles riots. This situation was an excellent example of why the National Guard's state mission must be considered in the criteria for future force structure decisions.

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GEN Creighton Abrams, long considered the father of the Total Force Policy, organized the 1970 Cambodia incursion, the last major U.S. offensive during the Vietnam War. General Abrams developed the Total Force Policy as a result of his Vietnam experience so that the United States would never go to war again without the National Guard and Reserve.

**The National Guard Called to Action 25**  
The next few months, until September 30, are crucial in shaping the future of the Army National Guard. The future of the National Guard rests in the hands of the rank and file and the grass roots of its membership. It is imperative that each Guard member contact his or her U.S. senators and representatives and tell them how important the National Guard is to the local communities, the states and the nation itself.

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**SBP Open Enrollment Leads to Questions**

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