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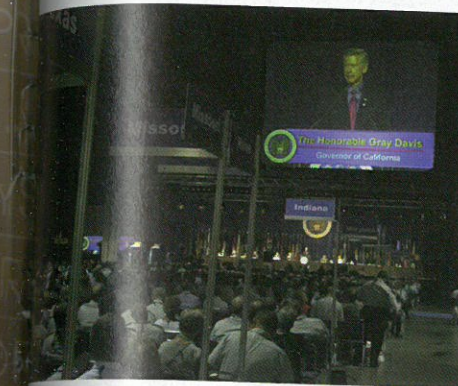
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Speakers at the 124th NGAUS General Conference in Long Beach, Calif., represented various civilian and military interests, but their words touched on the same basic theme. Transformation, Total Force conception, Integration—they’re all mechanisms that shape an emerging, and still unknown, military paradigm for years to come. As the Guard and active forces realize the unknowns that shape this future, changes are likely in store for the country’s oldest fighting force.

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Though select Air Guard units had made small, voluntary contributions to the fighting in Vietnam, President Lyndon Johnson steadfastly refused to mobilize the Guard for the conflict. Then came the North Korean seizure of the USS Pueblo and the Tet Offensive in South Vietnam, resulting in an immediate need to augment U.S. forces in Asia. Four plus Air Guard fighter squadrons were eventually deployed to Vietnam, where they won unprecedented praise for their combat skills and performance. It’s acclaim that has largely been forgotten.



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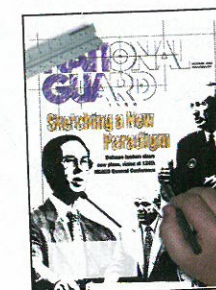
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On the cover (From left) David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness; Army Secretary Thomas E. White; and Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, U.S. Northern Command commander, were among the speakers at the 124th NGAUS General Conference last month in Long Beach, Calif.