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With nearly 30 years of active Army experience, COL Daniel L. Whiteside (ret.) shares his knowledge and perspective on the future mix of Army National Guard and active Army troops. Now a member of the defense industry, Whiteside has been instrumental in the successful efforts to field the Paladin into Army Guard units. Based on his experience with both active Army and Army Guard troops, he believes the country should rely more heavily on the Army National Guard for its future defense needs. As the country struggles for answers about the size and shape of the military force in the post Cold War era, Whiteside says increased reliance on the Army Guard is not only viable, but a more affordable alternative for the defense of the nation.

To the surprise of few in the defense community, the Quadrennial Defense Review included a recommendation from the Department of the Air Force that the nation place a greater reliance on its Air National Guard and Reserve force. Throughout his tenure, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen Ronald Fogleman has been a strong advocate of the Total Air Force and the militia nation (National Guard) concept. In this issue, General Fogleman explains the philosophy behind a Total Air Force that works. In addition, the general talks about the future role the Air National Guard will play as the service evolves into an "Air and Space Force."

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