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Former Texas Gov. George W. Bush will be the first Air National Guardsman to occupy the White House when he is sworn in as president this month. However, he is only the latest in a long line of U.S. presidents who served in either the state militia or the National Guard. The earlier 18 include the four American icons honored at Mount Rushmore: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abe Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt.

18 Directors' View

They do not "command" the Army and Air National Guard. They're not even in the Guard's formal chain of command. Yet, Maj. Gens. Roger C. Schultz and Paul A. Weaver Jr. are in no small measure responsible for the two organization's current force structure, readiness and operations tempo. As directors of the Army and Air Guard, they guide federal plans and programs affecting citizen soldiers and airmen. Schultz and Weaver sat down with NATIONAL GUARDIAN magazine last month to discuss their roles and the issues facing the Army and Air National Guard in the new year.

28 Tale of Two Armies

For the Army National Guard, the Persian Gulf War was the best of times and the worst of times. Army Guard Combat support and field artillery units mobilized and deployed quickly and contributed significantly to the coalition forces victory over Iraq. Army Guard combat maneuver units, however, were left behind. While successful in many ways, the Army Guard experience in Operation Desert Storm caused many distinct and controversial changes in Total Force policy.

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