The Army Guard Must Mirror the U.S. Army

As the Army prepares to shift from combat in the Persian Gulf to peacekeeping in the Balkans, its Guard must prepare to do the same. The Guard must mirror the Army in its operations, mission, and strategies.

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Guardsmen Given Unusual Guard Duty

In January, the Army Guard was given an unusual task: to provide security for the Clinton administration during its first week in office. The Guard was called upon to provide security for the White House, the Capitol, and other key locations in Washington, D.C.

Secretary Lee Visits the Sinai Battalion

In the early 1900s, the Sinai Battalion was a part of the British Army. It was formed to protect the Suez Canal and to prevent further incursions by the Ottoman Empire. The Sinai Battalion played a significant role in the Sinai Campaign of 1916.

Guard Members Give Democracy a Hand

The National Guard has been active in promoting democracy in the United States and around the world. It has played a role in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the current conflict in Iraq.

Victory in Europe—VE Day + 50

The National Guard played a significant role in the World War II, providing support to the Army and the Navy. It was also involved in the invasion of Normandy and the liberation of Europe.

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