A Tribute to G.V. "Sonnny" Montgomery

During his 30 years service in the United States House of Representatives, General Montgomery has served the United States Armed Forces, and the nation, with great distinction. His service as a minor member of the House Armed Services Committee and now as ranking member of the National Security Committee has earned him the epithet "Mr. National Guard." His long service as a member and Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs has made him the all-time "Champion of Veterans' Rights and Benefits.

Protecting the Skies of Kuwait

The 111th Fighter Wing flying the OA-10 Thunderbolt II established an impressive number of "firsts" for the Total Force policy and for the Air National Guard. This marked the first time an active duty fighter squadron aircraft and personnel were deployed under the control and command of a Guard unit. Deployed during Operation Southern Watch, the 111th was the first National Guard fighter unit to be based in Kuwait since Desert Storm.

48th Brigade Takes on the NTC

The year has passed since the unit's first rotation through the National Training Center prior to the Gulf War. Despite fears to the contrary, Army leaders at that time said the 48th wasn't ready to go to war. They still huddled in on-year later, despite the National Guard's stellar performance during the war by units that did deploy. Now it's time to further the division. Yes, the 48th had something to prove. They hit the ground running, showing the NTC and the nation they are combat ready.

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