

# National Guard Principles Are Virtually Unchanged From 1620

The National Guard is not a Twentieth Century innovation! North Carolina known as Albemarle in 1666. . . .

On the contrary, the principles of the Guard today are virtually unchanged from the day in 1620 when Captain Miles Standish and his little band of armed volunteers ventured ashore to explore, select, defend and hold their future homesteads in Massachusetts. . . .

Or the men who turned from their daily occupations to take up their muskets to lead with an Indian tribe in the section of

Or in 1675 when the Carolina men defended their homes for over a year against the Meherrins, another Indian tribe.

From the time the first settlers arrived in the New World, and continuing on through the present time, men have banded themselves together in a common defense: first, their homes and families, then, their state and nation.

Originally referred to as the

Militia — and as such up until 1900, the National Guard of today is a body of trained men, close at hand which resulted from military units being developed at the community level and deriving spiritual closeness from home town associations and neighborhood sentiments.

The National Guard, a body of almost one-half million men, is located in over 2,000 communities across the nation. In North Carolina, this body of men is almost 12,000 strong in 132 units in 98 communities in 69 counties.

Because the National Guard is an outgrowth of the early militia concept and its origin can be traced back to the first years of the seventeenth century, it is older than the Nation it serves, and has the longest continuous history of any military organization in the United States.

Unlike other military organizations in the United States such as the active Army, the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force, the National Guard is unique in that it is a reserve component of the Army and Air Force, available for call-up by the President, and it is also the state's militia, available for call-up by the Governor.

The National Guard is the only military organization with a dual

mission: For its State mission, the Guard must be organized, equipped and trained to function efficiently under competent orders of State authorities in the protection of life and property and the preservation of peace, order and public safety.

The Federal mission — and the Guard's primary mission — encompasses two diverse areas. First and foremost, the Guard must provide trained units and qualified individuals available for active duty in time of war or national emergency in support of the Nation's war plans, and at such other times as the national security may require augmentation of the active forces.

The second of the two areas of its Federal mission is identical to the State mission — only the Guard would function under competent orders of Federal authorities in protecting life and property and preserving peace, order and public safety.

Since the first settlers arrived in the New World, through all the terrible wars in which this Nation has been engaged, we have relied heavily on the citizen-soldier — the Militiaman/National Guardsman — to swell the ranks of a small standing Army

to bring about victory.

Since the turn of the Century, we have had the Philippine Insurrection, the trouble with Pancho Villa on our Mexican Border, World War I, World War II, Korea, the Berlin Crisis of 1961, several other crises, and the conflict now being fought in Vietnam.

At no time was our standing army — or navy — or marine corps — or air force — sufficiently large enough to spread to the four corners of the globe.

But when the time came, our active services were considerably strengthened because there was a trained body of men, equipped and ready to go when they were needed.

Even now, when only a few Guard units have been called up for the conflict in Vietnam, the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force are relying heavily on the Army and Air National Guard — so much so, in fact, that our National Guard is making major contributions to the defense effort by performing missions that in the past could have been performed only by units in active Federal service.

This can be done only because the Department of the Army has confidence in the Army National

Guard and the Department of the Air Force has the same confidence in the Air National Guard.

Has confidence in the ableness of the citizen-soldier/airman to perform "active duty" type jobs while continuing in a civilian status.

The Army and Air Force also have confidence in the Guard that should events take place where additional forces are needed, the Guard can be called and on duty anywhere within a short period of time.

This confidence in the Guard gives the Department of Defense the flexibility needed for worldwide commitment of this country's Armed Forces.

For the past four years many of our Air National Guardsmen have been performing 60 per cent of their active duty jobs — all while remaining as citizen-airmen.

Air Guard transport squadrons are flying into the far-flung corners of the world every week with vitally needed troops and cargo to sustain our worldwide commitments.

The North Carolina Air National Guard has been averaging about 16 flights each year into South Vietnam alone — and their planes are subject to hostile fire

## COMEDY CORNER



"I want to exchange a gift!"

while there.

Air Guardsmen also are flying out of the combat zone to offshore hospitals and to state-wide hospitals close to the serviceman's hometown.

At this point, you might ask "Who is a Guardsman?" and "Why does he join an organization such as the National Guard?"

The Guardsman — any one of the almost one-half million young men — and women — is a difficult person to describe.

He's anywhere from 18 to 60.

For some, he's a veteran of World War II or Korea — or both.

Others are veterans of the Berlin Crisis of 1961 or the present Vietnam War — or both.

Some joined the Guard to complete their military obligations at home but at the end of their six years, they reenlisted and ten years later, they are still in the Guard.

Some joined the Guard to get additional schooling to further their civilian occupations . . .

Still others joined in the hopes of helping to make the world a better place in which to live.

A Guardsman can be a businessman running his own service station . . .

Or a telephone lineman — or a butcher — or an airline pilot — or a nurse — or a policeman.

He covers the gamut of occupations from bricklayer to insurance executive; from data processor to college professor.

He's an individual who could be a private in the Guard yet a large city newspaper editor — or a postman who is a captain and company commander.

There's no way to describe a National Guardsman — he's the man next door with a six-room house, a wife and four children.

Or he could be a young, single medical student who flies airplanes on weekends in an air cavalry squadron or an aeromedical transport squadron.

Or he could be an airport meteorologist who is a meteorologist in a weather flight unit.

Or he could be a long-distance truck driver who spends one weekend a month driving tractor-trailers in a Guard transportation unit.

He's the mayor of the city; the president of the chamber of commerce; a governor, police chief or deputy sheriff.

He heads the building program for a new wing on the hospital; coaches a Little League ball team or is a scoutmaster.

It's just as hard to pin down his civilian occupations and community endeavors as it is to pin down his reasons for joining the Guard — they are just as many as there are Guardsmen.



By WILSON GRIFFIN

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How necessary is nutrition in maintaining good health? Dr. W. H. Sebrell, Dir. of Inst. of Nutrition Sciences at Columbia U. states: "Today nutrition is finally beginning to be recognized as an important factor in the treatment of and convalescence from almost every disease." Dr. Robt. E. Shank of Washington U. School of Medicine wrote: "There is probably no other single factor so important to the achievement and maintenance of health as is nutrition." Anyone interested in his good health should surely follow the nutrition advice in books and pamphlets by trained nutritionists, available in medical and U.S. Govt. publications. The body obviously must have the essential nutrients in sufficient quantity if it is to maintain and repair itself properly.

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