



## Army National Guard: Force Multiplier or Irrelevant Force?

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BiblioScholar. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 62 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in. During the Cold War, the National Guard served the nation as an insurance policy designed for mass mobilization in the event of a major war or national emergency. The nation could maintain a small but well-trained standing army and a large pool of less-than-fully-trained personnel in the event of war. From its origins, Americans have joined the National Guard with the understanding that they were volunteering to serve part-time in a force that would prepare them to fight the nation's next big war or to meet national or state emergencies. This led to the development of a predictable training pattern of one weekend a month and two weeks of active training a year. After 1989, the United States Army has seen a paradigm shift in the way the nation utilizes the Army National Guard to confront the challenges to our national security interests. The Army National Guard performs global peacetime operational missions and the Army relies on the National Guard more and more to meet its military commitments. The challenge facing the National Guard is that it cannot be all things to all people. With the limited...



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