



NATIONAL GUARD 101 A Handbook for Spouses

By Mary Corbett

Savas Beatie. Paperback. Condition: New. 216 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 6.0in. x 0.8in. The first time I attended a National Guard family event, I felt like I had been abducted by aliens! recalls Mary Corbett, author of National Guard 101: A Handbook for Spouses. I didnt understand anything! I had never been in an armory before. I didnt know the difference between an officer and an enlisted soldier. I didnt even know how to address the commander or his wife! Corbett decided to wing it, rationalizing that since her husband was just a Guardsman she wasnt a real military wife. After all, military spouses lived on bases, operated within a strict structure of rank, and dealt with long deployments. Thank goodness she didnt have to worry about those things! On September 11, 2001, everything changed. Since that horrific act of war, virtually every unit of the National Guard-a force the size of the entire active Army-has served on active duty for one or more deployments at home or abroad. The last time the entire National Guard had been mobilized was during World War II. Corbett realized that she and others like her had been real military spouses all along. National Guard 101 is...



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