



# **Fact Sheet**

**United States Army  
Military District of Washington**

*Guardian of the Nation's Capital*



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## **United States Army Military District of Washington Mission**

The U.S. Army Military District of Washington (MDW) is a unique Army command which has an important four-fold mission:

1. Respond to crisis, disaster or security requirements in the National Capital Region.
2. Conduct official ceremonies, locally and worldwide, in behalf on the nation's civilian and military leaders.
3. Administer military justice for personnel assigned and attached to the Military District of Washington.
4. Provide base operations support for the U.S. Army and Department of Defense organizations throughout the National Capital Region and New York City. Provide a variety of specialized support including rotary-wing airlift, urban search and rescue in the National Capital Region, and operation of the Arlington National Cemetery.

MDW is the home of the Army's official ceremonial unit, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) and the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," two units that represent the Army and the nation thousands of times each year. Both of these units are familiar sights in the nation's capital. They participate in ceremonies, including simple wreath ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknowns, state funerals and official arrival ceremonies for visiting chiefs of state and other dignitaries.