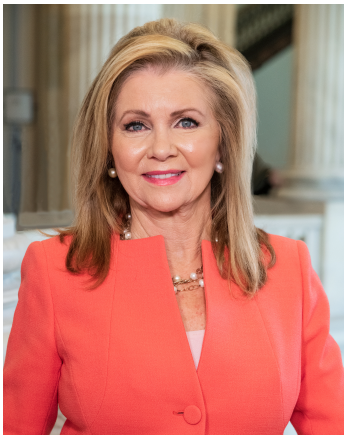


Military, Law, and more ...

Welcome to the National Guard in Memphis!

President Donald J. Trump is making Memphis citizens safe, safe, safe!



By U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R)

September 24, 2025- When now-FBI Director Kash Patel met with me earlier this year ahead of his confirmation vote, I had one urgent plea: Help us end the crime

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crisis in Memphis. Although he was familiar with the city’s recent struggles with crime, the statistics I shared shocked him. In 2024, Memphis posted the highest crime rate in the country. It struggled especially with violent crime, seeing at least four

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times as many murders per capita as notorious crime havens like Lima, Peru, Islamabad, Pakistan, and Mexico City.

Although disturbing, these statistics fail to capture just how badly violence mars daily life for Memphians. In many parts of the city, residents cannot walk outside without fear of being mugged, carjacked, or murdered. This month alone, the city experienced multiple drive-by shoot-

ings, including one that claimed the life of a 47-year-old mother.

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This lawlessness is inexcusable for any American city. But it’s especially heartbreaking for Memphis—the home of blues and rock and roll; the logistics hub of America with all five Class A railroads, FedEx’s headquarters, and an international port; and a community with deep cultural and historical traditions.

For years, Memphians have demanded government action to tackle the gang violence that has held the city back for far too long. Yet, time and again, Democrats have enacted soft-on-

crime policies that keep criminals on the streets and innocent residents in danger.

No more. To make Memphis safe again, President Trump established a “Memphis Safe Task Force” and is sending the National Guard to the city to work with the FBI, U.S. Marshals, Drug Enforcement Agency, and other federal agencies. It was an honor to join the President at the White House for this announcement last week. In coordination with the Memphis Police Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and other state agencies, law enforcement will work to lock up repeat offenders, lower violent crime across the city, and restore law and order.

This order marks the latest phase of this administration’s multi-pronged strategy to fight violent crime. This summer in Memphis, the FBI under Director Patel conducted Operation Viper in coordination with the ATF, DEA, and U.S. Marshals, surging federal resources to crack down on crime. In total,

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Failed leadership is reason why National Guard is in Memphis

By Ms. Arelya J. Mitchell, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief
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District Attorney General Mulroy begins his column with: “You’ve likely heard the National Guard is coming to Memphis. I don’t believe deploying troops for everyday policing is the right answer. While I welcome the assistance of state and federal law enforcement officials, people who are trained in community law enforcement, I don’t think we need soldiers. Federal law bars the use of the military for civilian law enforcement for good reasons. Just because narrow exceptions exist, doesn’t mean we should use them absent emergencies.”

We highly disagree with his assessment and his sentiments about having the National Guard in Memphis, and view it as no more than an excuse for failed leadership in Memphis. When one looks at the cautionary recommendations Mulroy offers on how citizens should behave toward the National Guard (*see this page*), one would think the citizens are more afraid of the National Guard than the criminals! But one can presuppose his “etiquette” on how citizens should treat the National Guard is right up there with the snow job of “defund the police”—perhaps that is his description of “community law enforcement.”

If one were to ask the citizens how they feel about the National Guard, we are sure they, too, would disagree with DA Mulroy. Crime has been climbing long before Mulroy was DA, but that was all the

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Message from the District Attorney General Steve Mulroy on National Guard in Memphis



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sistance of state and federal law enforcement officials, people who are trained in community law enforcement, I don’t think we need soldiers. Federal law bars the use of the military for civilian law enforcement for good reasons. Just because narrow exceptions exist, doesn’t mean we should use them absent emergencies. But when the Guard comes, I want you to know your rights and

what to expect.

What The Guard Will Do

According to state and federal authorities, the National Guard will not arrest people, or serve warrants. They will be in a support capacity only. Expect to see them at high-visibility locations like the Fed Ex Forum. Don’t expect them to be patrolling your neighborhood.

Your Rights Remain the Same Whether you interact with a Memphis police officer, sheriff’s deputy, state trooper, or a National Guard member under state authority, your constitutional protections do not change.

•**Freedom Of Movement**—no one can stop you on the street, or pull you over in a car, without “reasonable suspicion” you’ve committed a crime. Even then, to keep you longer than a few minutes, they would need “probable cause” to arrest you.

If an officer does approach you, there’s no reason not to cooperate, even chat. They’re people too. But if you don’t have the time or inclination, you can always politely ask “Am I free to

leave?” If they don’t have the above kind of suspicion, you should be free to go.

•**Privacy & Property**— Absent your consent, no one may search your home or person without a valid warrant or legally recognized exception to the warrant requirement, like a frisk to check for weapons, or a search incident to an arrest. An officer can search your car based on probable cause that there is evidence of a crime inside (or based on a warrant of course).

•**Free Expression & Assembly**— You can speak, gather, or record on your cell phone in public spaces as long as you follow lawful safety instructions. Don’t block entrances or streets, and don’t threaten violence.

•**Due Process**— You have the right to remain silent and to request a lawyer if questioned about a crime. If you are arrested for a crime, state or federal, you should be processed and treated the same way as anyone, through normal state or federal procedures.

If You’re Stopped or Asked Questions

•Stay calm and keep your hands visible.

•You can ask for identifying information about the officer.

•Feel free to cooperate with an officer. They are here to help. But if you feel like you can’t....

•You can politely ask, “Am I free to leave?”

•If you wish, state, “I’m exercising my right to remain silent and would like to speak with an attorney.”

•If something feels wrong, write down details or safely record the encounter, then contact MPD Internal Affairs, the Sheriff’s Office, or my team.

As your District Attorney, my duty is to keep Shelby County safe while protecting every resident’s rights. Even though I don’t think the National Guard should be deployed for regular policing, I will work with state leaders, local law enforcement, and you to make sure that, if it does happen, it’s done lawfully, transparently, and with full respect for our community. I will also work with federal and state law enforcement partners to suppress crime and make our community as safe as we can.

The ‘E’ in DEI is for Equity, a Marxist Term. Research before you believe.

-A commentary from The Mid-South Tribune-

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From the battlefield to the market: The opportunity behind Poland and Ukraine defense and drone deals

By Lukasz Wojdyga
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September 30, 2025- During his recent visit to Kyiv, the Polish Minister of Defense signed three agreements with Ukraine to strengthen the security of both nations and enhance their defense-industrial relations. The agreements focus on joint efforts in drone development and counter-unmanned aerial systems (counter-UAS), establish a framework for information exchange between the ministries, and promote the development of a NATO-Ukraine center in Bydgoszcz. This center will be a hub for transferring knowledge from the frontlines to allied forces.

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The practical application of Ukrainian combat experience—especially in using air, sea, and underwater drones—is of paramount importance. Ukraine is testing these technologies in the context of war, and their effectiveness is quickly assessed. The Polish Army will have the opportunity to gain unique insights by utilizing established procedures for commanding drone swarms and defending against electronic warfare. The collaborative development of counter-UAS technology aligns with NATO priorities, which recognize drone neutralization as a significant challenge on the modern battlefield.

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Old Glory Bank and the National Rifle Association formalize strategic business and marketing relationship

ELMORE CITY, OK, September 29, 2025 – Old Glory Bank and the National Rifle Association (NRA) have entered into a joint marketing relationship to provide banking benefits to members of the NRA Business Alliance and NRA-affiliated clubs and associations. This collaboration is rooted in shared values and a mutual commitment to ensuring that America’s freedom-loving businesses and organizations have access to reliable, comprehensive financial services.

Through this relationship, Old Glory Bank will offer NRA-affiliated businesses and member organizations preferred pricing for America’s best pro-Second Amendment banking services. These services will include all the best commercial banking tools and specialized accounts available anywhere but are designed to meet the unique needs of mission-driven organizations and businesses that support the Second Amendment. “This partnership is about more than banking. It’s about community and trust,” said Eric Ohlhausen, Co-Founder and

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Chief Strategy Officer of Old Glory Bank. “We are honored to serve the NRA’s Business Alliance members and its affiliated clubs and associations with financial tools that reflect their values and help them grow without fear of political discrimination.” The joint marketing relationship marks a significant step forward in giving the NRA’s community of businesses and organizations access to a financial institution that proudly defends the Second

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