

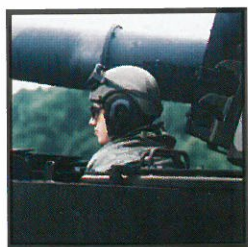
The Paladin-FAASV Team— Power Players



Shoot. Move. Communicate. On the modern battlefield, every second is critical. Force commanders rely on their cannon artillery for synchronized, sustained, close fire support—exactly when they need it.

The M109A6 Paladin-M992 FAASV team delivers. Within 60 seconds of mission receipt, whether stationary or from the move, the team puts synchronous, rapid high volume fire on target. Made possible by Paladin's user-friendly, digitized communications, position navigation, and fire control. And enhanced by FAASV's armor-protected, semi-automated ammunition transload capability.

Mission complete.



Within 150 seconds, the team is dispersed—300 to 500 meters. Two to five minutes after acquisition, enemy counterfire falls on vacated positions. Gun, ammo resupply vehicle, and crews survive to deliver again. And again.

No other cannon-support vehicle team in the world today can equal that kind of performance. They don't even come close.

The Paladin-FAASV team is ready to go to work for the Army National Guard... now.

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At the Idaho Army National Guard's Orchard Training Area (OTA), Guard members train hard to be ready to carry out any mission assigned to them. They also train smartly ensuring that the environment of the OTA is protected. Photo by Dana Quinney, IDARNG. Cover Design by Dennis and Sackett Design.

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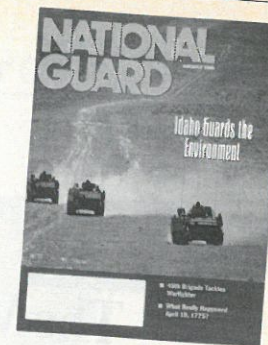
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Many people are unfamiliar with the story of what actually happened that April morning in 1775, when the citizen-soldiers of Massachusetts stood toe-to-toe with the might of the British Empire. The shots fired that morning by the Minutemen, in defense of their homes, were the spark that ignited the American Revolution. Take a peek back in time and learn what really happened on Lexington Green.



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