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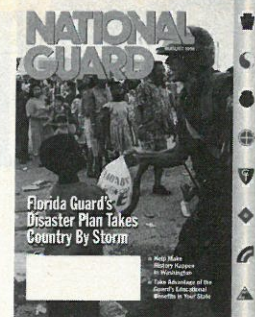
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### Taking the Country By Storm ..... 16

A key time following any natural disaster is just after a storm hits. Having a plan in place to get help to the worst hit areas can make the difference between life and death, so preparedness equates to saving lives. That's why the Florida National Guard developed a plan of action following Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Now, other states and federal agencies are taking note of Florida's plan, which has become a blueprint for almost any natural disaster that strikes across the nation and its territories.

### The Anticipation is Building .....20

The National Guard Association of the United States 118th General Conference in Washington, D.C., is on the near horizon. The official start date is Sunday, September 1, with the States Dinner bringing a close to the Conference on Tuesday, September 3. With a presidential election at hand for both the National Guard Association and the nation, it's a Conference none of our members should miss. Although this year's spectacular Fourth of July fireworks are just a fading memory, the nearing elections are promising plenty more. Attending the Conference is our *chance to make history happen*.

### Getting to the Halls of Higher Learning ..... 24

Thanks to G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery (D-Mississippi), members of the National Guard are eligible to receive funding towards a college degree through the Montgomery GI Bill. In addition, several states throughout the Union offer Guard members a variety of ways to pay for a four-year degree. For the latest information on what some of these benefits are for you or someone you know, please turn to page 24. A brighter future is just a telephone call away.

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