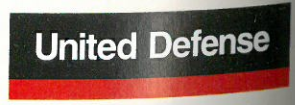


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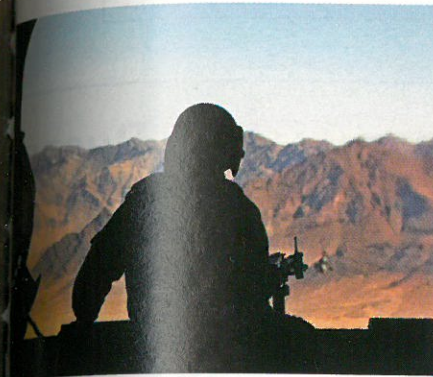
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Training Guardsmen in almost 600 different specialties across the globe has resulted high-tech solutions that have become some of the most cost-effective aspects of the military's transformation efforts. At the cornerstone is the Guard's high-speed education network that connects more than 300 classrooms and provides command and control capability in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and three U.S. territories.



28 Bylaws

With the growth of NGAUS as a multi-million dollar non-profit corporation, Maj. Gen Ronald O. Harrison ordered a review of NGAUS bylaws. The result is a streamlined set of bylaws that better reflect the association's current status and business practices. Some of the most common questions surrounding the changes are answered here.

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