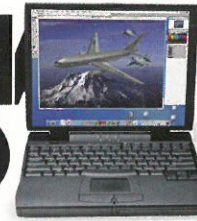


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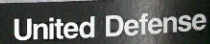


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Despite upcoming congressional hearings over the Air Force's plans to lease Boeing 767 aircraft to replace aging KC-135 tankers, the Guard will benefit from any agreement that moves the new tankers to the Air Force—leased or purchased. As the new tankers arrive, the Air Force will cascade KC-135R tankers to the Air Guard to replace older KC-135Es. The KC-135R has a longer range, larger fuel capacity and lower mileage than the Eisenhower-era E-models.



### 24 Anatomy of a Massacre

Almost eight years after one of the most heinous collections of war crimes since World War II, two former Serbian military officers admitted to the Srebrenica massacre in which an estimated 8,000 Bosnian prisoners of war were executed in eastern Bosnia. Captured by Stabilization Force troops in 2001 and 2002, the two officers testified at the International Criminal Tribunal at The Hague in The Netherlands in May and admitted to crimes no other Serb had acknowledged to date.



### 28 Desert Appetizer

With North Carolina's 30th Infantry Brigade on alert for possible deployment to Iraq, the National Training Center in the Mojave Desert provided the backdrop for an intense training mission to acclimate soldiers and their equipment to desert rigors. Not only was this the first time the North Carolina Guard trained at the NTC, it was the first time Guard troops trained to defeat present-day threats instead of Cold War enemies.

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