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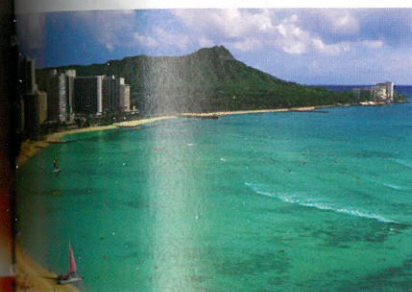
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While the Air Force's controversial Future Total Force plans have generated much discussion and debate, one thing is clear: Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are coming to the Air National Guard. Several states are now preparing for missions involving the MQ-1 Predator. But UAVs are already in use in Army Guard units in Iraq, where they are removing soldiers from some "dirty, dull and dangerous jobs."

24 Concerted Effort

With a Sept. 8 deadline to submit findings to President Bush, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) commissioners will spend this month finalizing their decisions. This has state leaders, unit members and their supporters scrambling to make their case. Some are pursuing legal options while others have adopted grassroots strategies.

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Before facing the enemy in the trenches of World War I, New York's 69th Infantry faced one of its biggest challenges of the war. They set out on a 90-mile march across France's Vosges Mountains in the dead of winter. Battling frigid temperatures, snow and food shortages, the men displayed why they were the Fighting 69th.

36 Conference Update

Going to the 127th General Conference in Hawaii? Here's some late travel, hotel and visitor information. Another sold-out industry exhibition and a growing list of speakers make Honolulu the place to be Sept. 16 to 19 for NGAUS members, supporters and their families.

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