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After a year of helping monitor the Southwest border, Guardsmen begin scaling back Operation Jump Start. The mission to enhance security infrastructure and augment the U.S. Border Patrol while it recruits and trains more agents is on schedule.

## Conversations with the Army and Air National Guard Directors

NATIONAL GUARD spoke with Lt. Gens. Clyde A. Vaughn and Craig R. McKinley last month to get their perspectives on personnel, equipment and other key matters that face the Army and Air Guard in the sixth year of the war on terror.



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The National Guard faces significant equipment shortages with many states having less than half of their required vehicles and gear. Some say it's another toll of the war on terror, but today's woes have origins that date further back.

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The annual list of Army and Air National Guard major vehicles, aircraft and weapons systems with modernization updates from leading military and industry sources.





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