

APPROVED

MRO Supplies from a Proven Source

- One million TAA compliant industrial parts
- Recipient – GSA 2007 Large Business Contractor of the Year Award
- Recipient – “Excellence in Partnership” Award from the Coalition for Government Procurement and Federal Times
- Outstanding Audit Review

A strategic sourcing partner to many government facilities, Applied Industrial Technologies offers critical industrial supplies, inventory, technical expertise and value-added services. Contact us today and find out how we can keep you up, running, efficient and compliant.



LOG ON: www.Applied.com/approved CALL: 1-866-535-8424 E-MAIL: governmentsales@applied.com

GSA Contract Holder
Contract GS 06F-0042R

APPLIED
Industrial Technologies

NATIONAL GUARD Features



23 A Fleet in Transition

24 Pushing Horizons

With few new planes in the works, the Air Guard must rely on upgrades to keep its rapidly aging aircraft relevant

28 Double Trouble

The Army Guard also has aging aircraft, but shortages are an even bigger challenge



32 Street Sense

Forty years ago, violence and anarchy besieged cities across the nation. Then the Guard arrived



36 Major Factors

Guardsmen from the Land of Lincoln have contributed mightily to America, and not just on the battlefield

40 130th General Conference

An update on the September event



Departments

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| Starting Point | 2 |
| Mail Call | 6 |
| Chairman's Message | 8 |
| Washington Update | 10 |
| Soundbites | 14 |
| Newsbreaks | 16 |
| State Roundup | 42 |

Staff

| | |
|---|---|
| Brig. Gen. Stephen M. Koper (Ret.) PUBLISHER | Bonnie Carter DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP |
| LTC Wayne Hunt (Ret.) NGAUS CHIEF OF STAFF | Richard M. Green LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR |
| John Goheen DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS | Pam Buckler DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS |
| Ron Jensen SENIOR WRITER/EDITOR | Hazell Booker DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AND ASSOCIATION LIAISON |
| Melissa Swanson PRODUCTION MANAGER | Pixels & Ink, Incorporated ARTWORK |
| Richard Arnold PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST | |