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More than 50,000 National Guardsmen will spend the holiday season overseas. They must endure not only potentially hazardous duty but also separation from family and friends. A hint at what they can expect can be gleaned from those who were in their boots last year at this time and who are now looking at their first Christmas back home.

28 Untangled Web

NGAUS launched its new Web site at the 127th General Conference in September. The changes, upgrades and advances not only provide a fresh look and overall easier navigation, they simplify the process for association members to communicate with their representatives in Congress. Capitol Hill is now just a few clicks away.

30 Fully Loaded

Three years ago, soldiers in Afghanistan and elsewhere reported using their own money to purchase equipment. Enter the Army's Rapid Fielding Initiative (RFI). Today, RFI is modernizing individual and small-unit equipment for those going to war. The National Guard has been both beneficiary and a benefactor of the effort.

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