



PUTTING THE FUTURE INTO THE COCKPIT OF HERCULES.

The C-130 Avionics Modernization Program (AMP) is on track to transform older Hercules aircraft into a modern, more capable force. With the C-130 AMP, over 400 aircraft will have their service life extended for decades at a fraction of the cost of replacing them. Moreover, with an open systems architecture and a common digital cockpit that is Global Air Traffic Management compliant, these C-130s come with built-in growth potential. A vital program for the Air Force, the C-130 AMP puts Hercules right on course for a more productive and efficient future.



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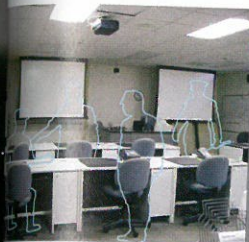
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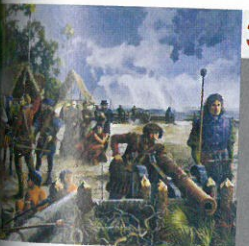
24 Strength Surge

Army officials expected Army Guard recruiting ability and end strength to crash and burn. They were so sure that they wanted to cut Army Guard end strength by 17,000 at the beginning of 2006. But innovations led the Army Guard to one of its best recruiting years on record.



28 E-Training

National Guard distance learning opportunities are turning extended time away from home into short trips to a local facility for military occupation skills training. In these days of overseas deployments and high operations tempo, technological advances are bringing the classroom to the troops instead of troops to the classroom.



32 Sons of Discovery

While many states trace their National Guard roots to the 18th and 19th centuries, Florida surpasses most in longevity. With their first muster in the middle of the 16th century, the Florida militia began just decades after the world learned that the North American continent even existed.

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