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*Air National Guard F-16 Fighting Falcons with LITENING precision-munitions targeting pods have become the go-to fighters over Iraq. This distinction, however, didn't happen by chance or overnight. It took a decade of determined work by the adjutants general, NGAUS and the National Guard Bureau to develop the targeting pods and save Air Guard fighter fleet from near obscurity.*

### 22 Small Base, Big Asset

*For more than a half century, Camp Atterbury, Ind., only saw life on weekends and two weeks in the summer. Continuing operations worldwide have changed that. Today, the Indiana National Guard training base is preparing thousands of troops for the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. It's a level of military activity in south central Indiana not seen since World War II, and more may be on the way.*

### 26 Uncertain Future

*Air Force officials have announced a series of test programs touted as a preview of the Future Total Force. But the initiatives are limited and involve only a handful of Guardsmen in a handful of units. They also do little to allay continuing concerns for Guard leaders facing the uncertainties of possible base closures and fewer aircraft.*

### 30 New Neighbors

*The National Guard Memorial in Washington, D.C. is getting a new neighbor. Republic Square, a new office complex, is rising from the earth next door. NGAUS officials believe the new complex—with architecture any memorial visitor will recognize—will not only further beautify the neighborhood but also bolster area property values.*

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