

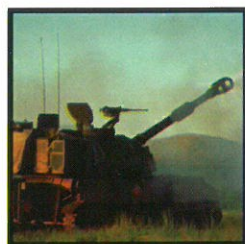
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The nation's governors were quick to respond to the Department of the Army inspired Quadrennial Defense Review plan to reduce the Army National Guard by 38,000 soldiers. More than two-thirds of the nation's governors signed a National Governor's Association (NGA) letter to President Bill Clinton that pointed out the critical importance of the Army National Guard to both state and nation, and urged the president to halt the proposed reductions to America's primary reserve force.

Some Good News and Some Bad News 16

The findings of the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) were released to the public in May. Congressional leaders were quick to criticize the QDR, but the good news is that the Air Force furthered its commitment to the Total Force Policy by announcing plans to rely more heavily on its Guard and Reserve forces. The bad news is that the QDR recommends reducing Army Guard troop strength. The initial report called for 38,000 Army Guard soldiers to be cut from the force structure. Through the efforts of the Guard community, that number was reduced to 17,000 during the next three years.

Plans Progress for Albuquerque Conference 20

The New Mexico National Guard Association will host the NGAUS 119th General Conference in Albuquerque. This year's Conference promises to be an exciting and informative event. Make plans now to travel to the Southwest to take advantage of all of the events that have been planned in one of the country's most beautiful spots.

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Cover: California Governor Pete Wilson, seen here thanking members of the California National Guard's 40th Infantry Division for the work they do, was among the governors who signed a National Governors Association letter protesting cuts to the Army National Guard proposed in the Quadrennial Defense Review. Cover by Dennis and Sackett Design.

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