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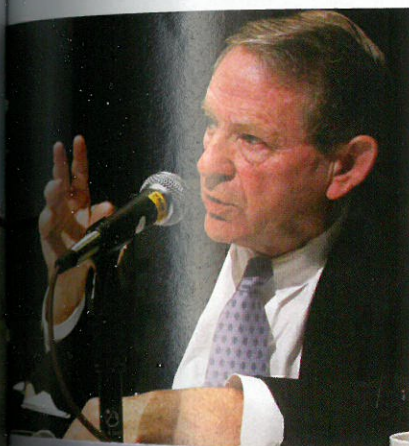
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With about six million miles already logged in the Middle East by two Stryker brigades, the eight-wheeled vehicles have surpassed durability expectations. Continuing modifications reflect the lessons learned in Iraq. Pennsylvania's 56th Brigade Combat Team, which receives its first Stryker vehicles next year, expects to benefit from the changes.

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War fighters collect tragic images, smells and senses, tuck them away and bring them home where they can wreak psychological havoc long after the fighting stops. As a result, state Guard organizations now find themselves addressing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. While evident as far back as the Civil War, new treatments now help troops cope.

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As they press their case against the Air Force's Base Realignment and Closure recommendations, the adjutants general are led by none other than a former Air Force pilot. The new Adjutants General Association president sat down with NATIONAL GUARD to share his vision on defense planning and other matters affecting the Guard.

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