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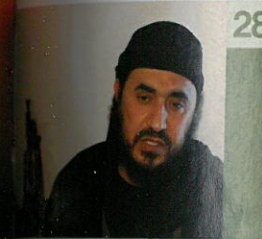
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24 Metal Matters



Regardless of new Army modular innovations, a reorganization of force structure and plans that reflect the changing face of warfare, the M1 Tank remains a large contributor to the Army Guard's relevance. Although some cuts are in the cards, upgrades are too, and officials estimate the M1 will take the Army into the middle of the 21st century.

28 LITENING Strikes



When F-16s pounded Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's safe house, it was casually noted as an Air Force strike. But one fact emerged in the analysis of the strike. The shots were directed by a LITENING pod, an innovation unique to the Air Guard and Air Reserve. It's a piece of equipment that has made the Air Guard a most lethal asset in the war on terror.

32 Not Just Green



For a state that ranks 43rd in land area, men and women of the Vermont National Guard made a substantial contribution to every major conflict in the 20th century. The Green Mountain Boys, led by Ethan Allen in the 1700s, have continued that tradition well into a new century—a tradition that spans more than 240 years.

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