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The defense industry continues its consolidation and United Defense stands out as the premier systems integrator and manufacturer of ground combat systems. For more than half a century, we have provided innovative design, reliable engineering and high-quality products.

Although the United Defense name is new on the scene our roots are deeply embedded in defense. FMC and BMY, partners in United Defense, each have long and successful histories of producing products for American and Allied armed forces. Some are the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, the Mk 45 Naval Gun, the Paladin Self-Propelled Howitzer, the Mk 41 Vertical Launch System, the Armored Gun System and others pictured above.



A prime source of equipment and technology, United Defense is also demonstrating the capability to upgrade, overhaul, and convert older systems for new purposes and extended use. United Defense continues to provide cost effective engineering solutions and is leading the effort to "digitize" the battlefield.

United Defense is prepared to meet new challenges and has made a commitment to provide quality defense products and services now and into the future.



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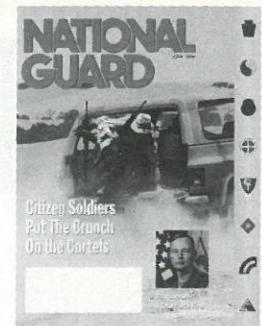
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In 1993 Congress appropriated \$10 million to implement the Virtual Training Program (VTP). This program, designed to provide realistic training from the individual to the brigade level, was established at Fort Knox Kentucky, the home of Armor. With more than 200 simulators, the VTP has revolutionized the way that the National Guard and active Army prepare for real world contingencies and made Fort Knox the East Coast hub for simulation training.

Keeping An Eye Open 20

The California National Guard has been involved with counter-drug efforts along the United States' border with Mexico for more than four years. Among the operations that the California Guard conducts in conjunction with federal authorities are the operation of listening and observation posts along the border. Manned by three or more Guard members at a time, these well camouflaged positions are equipped with state of the art observation equipment. This equipment is used to identify and apprehend drug traffickers before they deliver their poison to American markets.

A Chief's Reflections. 24

Former Chief of the National Guard Bureau, MG Francis Greenleaf (ret.), adds the voice of experience to the discussion over the future of the National Guard's divisions. General Greenleaf points out that the planned conversion of the Guard's combat divisions to combat support and combat service support is short sighted and could be dangerous for national security in the long term.

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