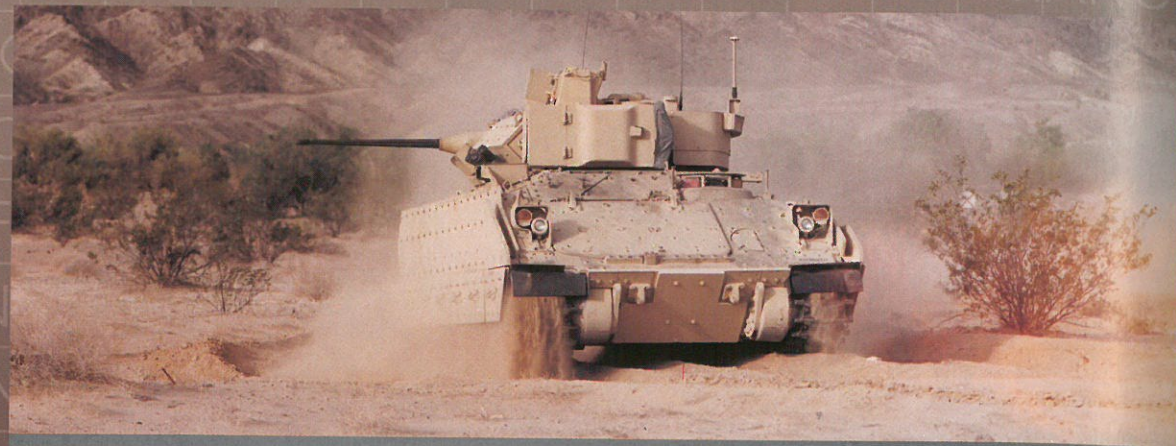


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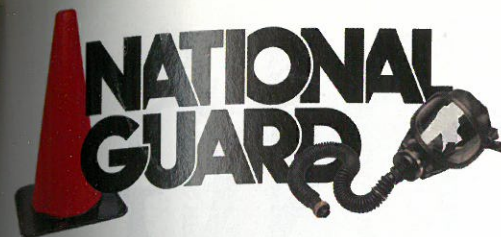


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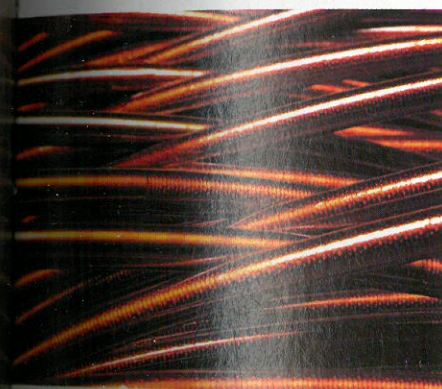
22 Suiting Up

National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams across the country use the latest protective clothing and equipment to prepare for an attack they hope never comes. The training is strenuous and the exercise scenarios hauntingly real. Nowhere is this more the case than with the Oklahoma National Guard's 63rd CST, which is based in state with vivid memories of past disaster responses including the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Office Building.



26 Scaling New Heights

Nestled in the peaks of Vermont, the National Guard Mountain Warfare School has trained U.S. and international troops in the art of mountain operations for two decades. That training expertise is now needed in Afghanistan. Last month, the Army tapped the school's staff to go to Kabul to establish a training academy for the Afghanistan National Army.



28 Industrial Strength

More than 100 companies—from manufacturers to consulting firms—are NGAUS Corporate Associates. Through this affiliation, these companies support NGAUS goals by providing information on the latest technology and equipment and amplifying the association's voice on Capitol Hill. This month's magazine includes a brief explanation of each Corporate Associate member company along with contact information.

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