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#### 22 Off Base

While the entire military struggles with the demands of the global war on terror, one branch now faces an intraservice battle at home. The Air Force fired the first shot through the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations, which ground one-third of the Air Guard. The adjutants general say they had no input into the plan. Many in Congress, which will ultimately decide the matter, agree.

### 26 Highways Through Hell

News reports from Iraq often tell harrowing stories of Baghdad cab drivers willing to risk their lives for a hefty fare. But thousands of others routinely travel the same routes—some on patrol, others delivering needed goods-without extra compensation. It's just their regular job. Some redeployed Guardsmen recently shared with NATIONAL GUARD what it's like to drive some of the world's most dangerous roads.

### 32 Industrial Strength

Nearly 125 companies are NGAUS Corporate Associates. Through this affiliation, these companies provide the latest information on technology and equipment while amplifying the NGAUS message on Capitol Hill. This month, NATIONAL GUARD recognizes these members while providing a brief description of their products and services.

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