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## 20 High Speed

The first Air National Guard F-16 to be retrofitted with a more powerful Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-299 engine took off at Tulsa International Airport last month. It performed flawlessly during the 1.3 hour flight, underscoring the benefits that will accrue to the Guard and the nation once all three squadrons of Block 42î's F-16s receive the new engine.

#### 22 New York State of Mind

The Sept. 11 attacks on their home state made a recent Operation Southern Watch deployment to the Persian Gulf region a little more personal for the New York Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing.

#### 24 General Remarks

It is more than six months after the Sept. 11 attacks and retired Maj. Gen. Donald W. Shepperd has a mission—one he carries out with as much gusto as nearly any he did in uniform. These days the former Air National Guard director explains the war on terrorism to CNN viewers.

#### Sun, Sand and Stars

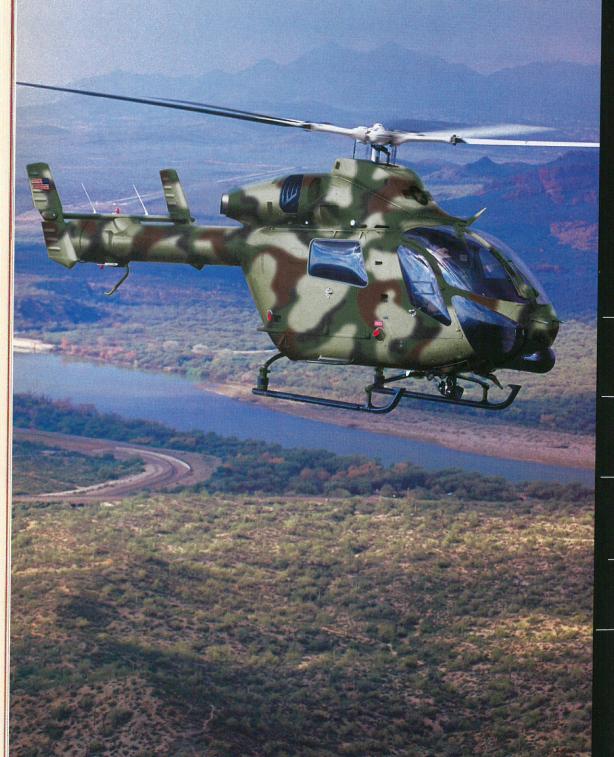
Long Beach, Calif., is a conference location so inviting that your family might just decide to go without you. Sandy beaches, water sports, world-famous theme parks, shopping, movie studios and all the rest of Southern California's numerous attractions are within easy reach of the site of the 124th NGAUS General Conference, Sept. 7 to 9.

### 33 Balancing Work and Service

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, or ESGR, is here to help Guardsmen and Reservists balance their responsibilities to their employers with their military commitment. The information provided here will tell you how to use ESGR's services and national network to maintain good employer relations.

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