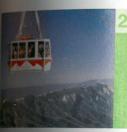


22 Out of Bounds

With her state the leading entry point for illegal immigration at the Mexico border, Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano wants the National Guard to augment border forces. But partisanship has turned the problem into a struggle over state control of the Arizona Guard.



26 From Easy to Enchantment

New Mexico is fine-tuning preparations to make the 128th General Conference and Exhibition as hot as the state's chile peppers. After Katrina forced a move from New Orleans to the Land of Enchantment, state officials began working on their second conference in nine years.



Hands Off the Hog

It's the fighter the Air Force would like to jettison but can't because of its continuing battlefield prowess. The A-10 Thunderbolt II, however, needs modernization. The Air National Guard has a plan to keep its 102 A-10s flying close air support around the world for another 15 years.



Pre-Revolution Patriots

The Rhode Island National Guard has been around for all but the first two years of the Guard's 370-year history. From attempting integration in the American Revolution to contributions in every conflict since, the Rhode Island Guard reflects the Guard's foundation and purpose.



Brig. Gen. Stephen M. Koper (Ret.) PUBLISHER

LTC Wayne Hunt NGAUS CHIEF OF STAFF

John Goheen
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
Christopher Prawdzik
SENIOR EDITOR

Maureen Hearn PRODUCTION MANAGER

Lauren Bigge STAFF WRITER Richard Arnold
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST

Ron Sutton DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP/SERVICES

Brig. Gen. Richard M. Green (Ret.) LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

Pam Buckler DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Hazell Booker
DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AND
ASSOCIATION LIAISON

Pixels & Ink ARTWORK

and women of the National Gustand vigilant in the defense of freedom. At Boeing, we're proud stand with the Guard every day in their vital mission.

ON WATCH

ON CALL

ON GUARD

