



22 Another Conversation with Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum

Entering his fifth year as National Guard Bureau chief, Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum continues to press the need for Guard equipment—the cornerstone to the Guard's ability to perform its domestic and overseas missions. Still, it's just one of a range of issues the NGB chief addressed when he sat down with NATIONAL GUARD last month.



28 Light Attack

The Army is set to receive a new helicopter by the end of the decade. Partially a replacement for older Apache models, the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter also will serve the Guard and active-component Army as a new-age aircraft designed to perform better in 21st century urban environments. But the project is encountering a few setbacks.



32 Civil Servants

From the civil rights struggles of the mid-20th century to the battle for the hearts and minds of Iraqis today, the Arkansas National Guard has often been in the middle of emotional conflict. In 1957, it was Little Rock Central High School; in 2004, it was Baghdad. Whether at home or abroad, the Arkansas Guard has endured for more than 200 years.

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