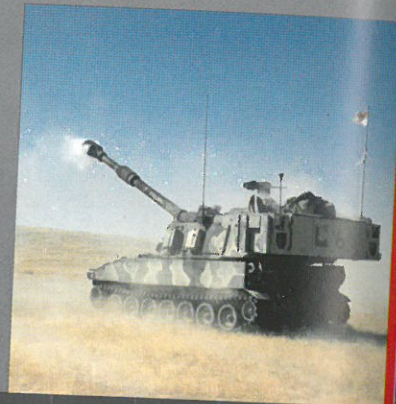
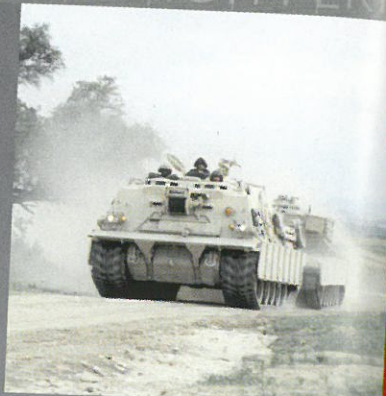


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Spc. Gene Hoffman could be sitting this one out. After all, he put 12 years into the New York Army National Guard. But the Sept. 11 terrorist strikes on New York and the Pentagon, convinced Hoffman to put the uniform back on. He and about 10,000 other Guardsmen from across the nation were already on duty even before President Bush authorized a partial mobilization of the National Guard and Reserve. Some assisted rescue workers in New York, others helped bolster security around the country—either on the ground or in the skies.



26 Meeting of the Minds

National Guard officers gathered in "America's Crossroads" for the 123rd NGAUS General Conference to conduct association business, catch up with old friends, and hear from military leaders. Little did they know that within a few weeks, they would all be at the crossroads of a new war with one of the conference's speakers playing a critical role.



30 Good Night

In August, the Air Force announced that the U.S. government was turning over the airborne drug interceptor mission, Coronet Nighthawk, to aircraft that "can participate in actual law-enforcement activity." This ends the 11-year Air National Guard counter-drug mission over the Caribbean Sea that included finding, identifying and tracking suspected drug traffickers, but leaving law enforcement to others.

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