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24 Historic Response

More than 50,000 National Guardsmen responded to Katrina in a spontaneous movement of personnel involving every state and territory. Never have so many Guardsmen traveled so far, so fast and from so many locations to respond to a natural disaster. Unfortunately, the details of the Guard response have been lost in the "blame game."

35 Island Session

The Pacific wasn't simply a backdrop for last month's 127th General Conference. After three days of presentations by senior military officials and frontline troops, the tropical scenery did offer a nice retreat from conference business. Hawaii, however, was also a strategic setting to look at the potential conflicts to come.

40 Closing Arguments

The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission has spoken and several Air National Guard flying units remain on the list. With state lawsuits still being considered, the fight may not be over. But it is in the late rounds, which forces adjutants general nationwide to prepare for the changes the BRAC recommendations may bring.

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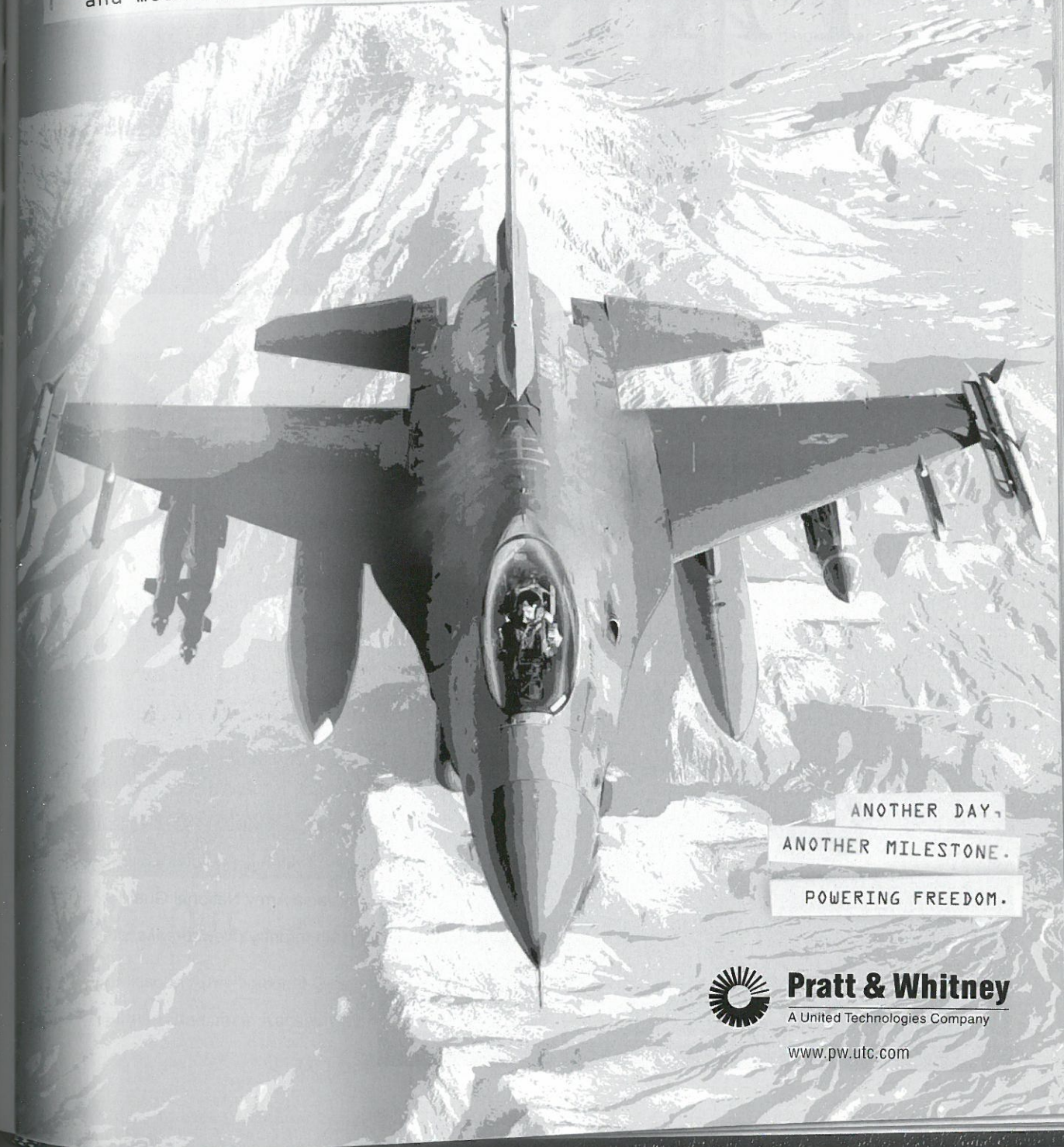
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ON THE COVER An Alabama Army Guardsman takes Tiara Salomon from her mother, Iris Laste, as they are evacuated from New Orleans. —NEWSCOM



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