

PUTTING THE FUTURE INTO THE COCKPIT OF HERCULES.

The C-130 Avionics Modernization Program (AMP) is on track to transform older Hercules aircraft into a modern, more capable force. With the C-130 AMP, over 400 aircraft will have their service life extended for decades at a fraction of the cost of replacing them. Moreover, with an open systems architecture and a common digital cockpit that is Global Air Traffic Management compliant, these C-130s come with built-in growth potential. A vital program for the Air Force, the C-130 AMP puts Hercules right on course for a more productive and efficient future.



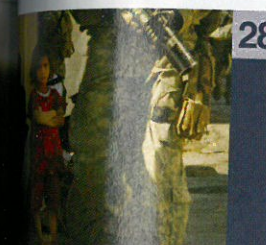
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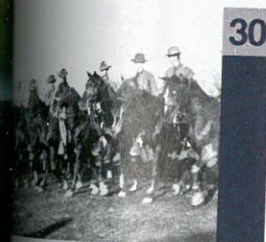
22 Southwestern Spice

More than 3,000 Guard officers, defense officials and exhibitors gathered in Albuquerque, N.M., last month for the 128th General Conference. Always choc full of insight, advocacy and debate, the conference once again underscored that the National Guard may be a full player in operations, but it still struggles for full recognition.



28 Native Tongues

Interaction with the people in Iraq and Afghanistan is crucial to efforts to build trust and root out insurgents. But few U.S. troops speak Arabic or any other Middle East language. Enter the Army National Guard, which is trying to use its ties to Arab immigrant communities around the country to bolster the Army's new translator aid program.



30 Generations of Volunteers

Tennessee became the "Volunteer State" during the War of 1812, when Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson, a future president, mustered volunteers from his home state to fight the British. Tennesseans have volunteered in droves ever since when the state or nation has called. Many of them are now legendary figures that helped build the nation.

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