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18 In Charge
The Texas Army National Guard's 49th Armored Division has been in the spotlight since taking command of active-duty troops and multi-national forces in the U.S. peacekeeping sector of Bosnia in March. But the story in Bosnia is not whether the National Guard can handle the mission; it's about doing it.

22 Bosnia Ghosts
Troops in Bosnia—including National Guardsmen from 11 states—are safe, but ominous threats linger: traffic, land mines by the thousands and centuries-old ethnic hatreds that still simmer. "I don't know what would happen if we were to pull out," said Maj. Gen. Robert Halverson, 49th commander. It makes for interesting duty.

27 Disaster Relationship
In the aftermath of a destructive tornado or hurricane, the National Guard is often called to assist with the initial recovery. But when the disaster is more than a community or state can handle, the federal government can help through the Federal Emergency Management Agency with vital funding and resources for responding to an emergency.

30 Immortalizing D-Day
The National D-Day Museum in New Orleans opened its doors on the 56th anniversary of the historic landing. The museum focuses on the accomplishments of U.S. troops during the amphibious landings of World War II—not just Normandy, but in the Mediterranean and the Pacific as well. Thousands of veterans were on hand to celebrate the museum's opening as well as the triumph of the American spirit.

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