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**JOINT LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ▶ 4.8 percent, across-the-board pay raise;
- ▶ Thrift Savings Plan for individual Guardsmen;
- ▶ Family access to military dental plan;
- ▶ Improved Montgomery GI Bill benefits; and
- ▶ \$500 million more than the President's budget for Military Construction.

## 1999

**ARMY GUARD ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ▶ \$90 million more than the President's budget for full-time manning;
- ▶ \$90 million more for Black Hawk helicopters;
- ▶ \$80 million more to upgrade old Bradley Fighting Vehicles; and
- ▶ \$42 million more for Distance Learning.

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**AIR GUARD ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ▶ \$104 million more for KC-135 reengining;
- ▶ \$87.8 million more than the President's budget for a new EC-130J;
- ▶ \$20 million more for F-15 E-kit engine upgrades; and
- ▶ \$17.5 million more for fighter Data Link for all seven F-15 units.

## Successes

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS**

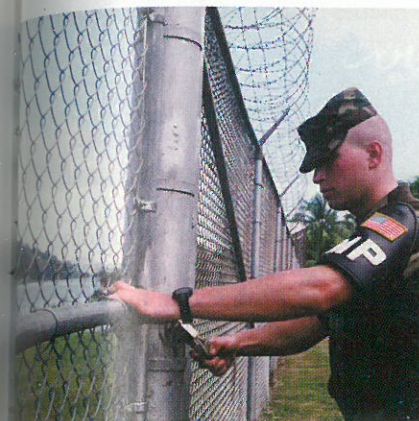
- ▶ Dues frozen through 2001;
- ▶ New Warrant Officer caucus and representative on the Executive Council in 2000;
- ▶ Free one-year membership for all new Guard officers; and
- ▶ All new Internet Web site in 2000.

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