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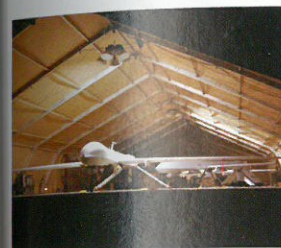
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The Air National Guard is now officially in the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) business. After months of training, California's 163rd Reconnaissance Wing is reaily. Conventional wisdom said the mission would be a let down for the unit. But if the California experience is any indicator, UAVs may become popular in the Guard.



28 Human Touch

The 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division has a reputation for solving Iraq's complexities with simple yet effective solutions. Take, for example, the continuing roadside bombs problem. The Army National Guard brigade's solution? Get the local citizens involved. "We win by engaging local Iraqis in human dialogue," says a brigade official.



32 Major Players

The recognized father of the modern National Guard was an Ohio Guardsman. So were three U.S. presidents, some of the earliest combat aviators and the first out-of-state troops to reach the Louisiana Superdome after Katrina. And they are only few of the many Ohio Guardsmen linked to some of the epic moments in Guard history.

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