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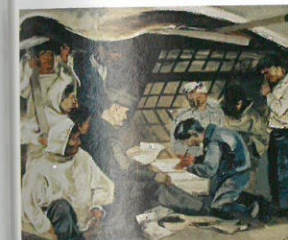
20 Top Priority

After years of discussions on Capitol Hill and at the Pentagon and one abandoned lease plan, the Air Force is set to ask for proposals to build a new tanker to replace the oldest of the aging KC-135 Stratotankers. Two global aircraft makers figure to be main competitors. Both gave NATIONAL GUARD magazine a glimpse of what they have to offer.



24 Timely Addition

The National Guard Memorial Museum is now current with Guard history. When it opened in 2003, the museum told the Guard story, 1636 through the Sept. 11 attacks. But there was no mention of the war on terror. Thanks to generous benefactors and some artifacts and photos from Iraq and Afghanistan, this new chapter has been added.



28 Guardians of the North

History books can trace Alaska's militia heritage back to before World War II. But the force's true spirit emerged only after Pearl Harbor. That's when a desperate governor sent two men on a historic dogsled journey around frozen tundra to recruit Eskimos and Athabascan Indians into what would become one the Guard's most famous units.

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