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16 Getting Old Fast
The Army National Guard's aging AH-1 Cobra attack helicopters are scheduled to be permanently retired next month, further heightening the Guard's ongoing aviation modernization troubles. It is becoming a hot-button issue with National Guard and Army leaders, and is now beginning to get attention on Capitol Hill. The problem with maintaining the Vietnam-era and UH-1 Huey utility aircraft is so severe, many states cannot count on them for emergencies, such as floods and fires. With groundings and a long wait for replacements, Guardsmen are wondering where this leaves Army Guard aviation.

20 Serious Coins
Military coins have had their place in the military culture since World War I, only becoming widely popular in the past 20 years. The story behind them and how the tradition started is worthy of serious study. Once rarely presented, today they are a collector's item, with just about every unit or command producing one.

23 NGAUS Conference Resolutions
Delegates to the 122nd NGAUS General Conference approved 176 resolutions related to National Guard force structure, equipment, administration, training and operations. Authored by the NGAUS members, these collective expressions of opinion comprise the association's legislative priorities during deliberations on the fiscal year 2002 defense budget.

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