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32 A Conversation with General Richard B. Myers
Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers became chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. Since then he has been dubbed the most influential chairman in history, contributing significantly to current operations and transformation across the U.S. armed forces, including the National Guard. He sat down with NATIONAL GUARD magazine last month to discuss the Guard today and within the transformed military of the 21st century.

38 Lethal Envoy
National Guard Special Forces continue to play a key role in the war on terror. This different breed of soldier fights beyond the front lines, blending in with cultures in Afghanistan and Iraq to weed out the enemy before they expect it. Troops are becoming part of individual communities, gaining allies and working toward mission success through methods the Green Berets have perfected over the decades.

45 Raining Steel on Iraq
Of the six A-10 Thunderbolt II fighter units in the Guard, five participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. While providing only eight percent of coalition aircraft, the A-10, some days, flew 40 percent of the sorties, eliminating thousands of targets in close-air support of ground forces.

51 Equipping the Air and Army Guard
The Army and Air Guard continue to struggle to meet equipment shortages—from Black Hawks and Humvees in the Army Guard to targeting pods in the Air Guard. Although cascading equipment from the active side slowed to a trickle after Sept. 11, Guard officials have gotten creative and have made strides in updating Guard hardware.

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