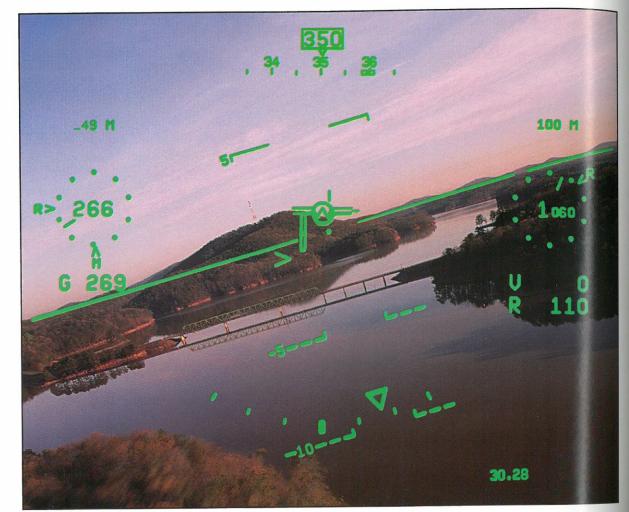
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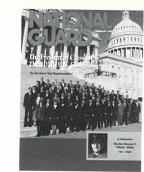
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The National Guard community was saddened by the recent death of former chief, National Guard Bureau, Maj Gen Winston P. Wilson. General Wilson was instrumental in the birth of the modern National Guard; and he was the first Air National Guard chief of the National Guard Bureau.

The nation's 105th Congress opened for business in January. The House of Representatives has 74 freshmen representatives among 435 total members. The Senate has 11 new members. Even though the control of the Congress and the White House did not change, the modus operendi has because of the need for the nation to move positively into the next century with a balanced budget, smaller government and a strong denfense force. There certainly is a role in all this for the Army and Air National Guard. Have you told your newest members of Congress yet we can do?

MAJ Stephen Joyce, NGAUS Membership Committee chairman, discusses some of the initiatives that his committee is pursuing to improve the Association's service to its members. With the Guard facing the challenges of the upcoming Quadrennial Defense Review and the National Defense Panel, MAJ Joyce stresses how now, more than ever before, it is critical for the future viability of the National Guard to have 100 percent active participation in the National Guard Association.

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