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This year’s NGAUS Red Book is like a snapshot of our Army — by and for the Army — in the early 1980s. It is a record of what was going on at the time, and it is a record of the way things were. It was a time of change and growth, a time of uncertainty and hope. The Army was transitioning from a Cold War force to a force that was prepared for a new kind of warfare, and the Red Book reflects that transition. It is a record of the Army’s adaptation to a new environment, and it is a record of the Army’s commitment to the future.