Our array of speakers at the 113th NGAUS General Conference turned out to be even more satisfying this year than we could have dreamed. We were honored to have several senior congressional staff members who provided us with some insights into the internal workings of the major military committees of the House and the Senate. And we had a very productive visit from GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, the new chief of staff of the Army. Indeed, General Sullivan's visit was, perhaps, the most rewarding of all because he participated totally in our Conference during his brief time on the ground. For the first time in a long time, the senior uniformed leader of the Army seems dedicated to being the chief of staff of the Total Army, including the Guard and Reserve.

Without remarkable exception, our speakers talked about the Total Force Policy and how it would play out in the remaining years of the 20th century. Perhaps the strongest words came from the most powerful person-Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawai'i) and President of the Senate Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee. He said, without reservation, he advocated the Guard’s personnel strength should be sustained at present levels, and that the total force structure language to accommodate a 450,000-member floor for the Army National Guard. This has been and will continue to be the top priority for your NGAUS leadership in August and September, we witnessed a parade of events. Americans watched Operation Desert Storm and observed as Soviet hardline Communists executed a coup d’etat against President Mikhail Gorbachev. Then we witnessed the collapse of the Soviet Union. We then witnessed the breaking away of parts of the Soviet Union from the strongly centralized superpower that was so dramatically created by Vladimir Lenin in the 1920s. And we witnessed the broken word by the Communist Party with the force of the KGB for 70 years.

There are the ongoing civil war in Yugoslavia following quickly on the heels of the Persian Gulf War. The world is indeed an unstable and dangerous place.

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In 1944, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill commented in a meeting with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin that some military effort needed to be made in the Balkans. His suggestion was ignored at this summit by the two world leaders who were concentrating their fire at Hitler and Nazi Germany. What Churchill knew from his experiences as first lord of the Admiralty and in the ongoing events in the Balkans prove that the United States should not be in such a rush to dispatch. We should not be in any rush to dismantle the Guard and Reserve.

The National Guard, America’s armed security insurance policy. We should not cancel that insurance policy yet.

My pledge to all NGAUS members is to redouble our efforts, as we seek and obtain the NGAUS members’ help in this regard, to preserve our force structure until the United States gains a better perspective on where international events are headed. That is the only safe and sure way to guarantee peace and stability in the world during the trying and uncertain times.

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National Guard Memorial Dedicated

The second time in its history, the National Guard Memorial Association, from the states and territories, came together in the nation’s capital to dedicate a memorial that serves as a focal point for all National Guard members. The Guard proudly displayed its troops, state flags and color sent from the Continental to Descartes Storrs during a ceremony in which Guard members have served the nation and the state for the common defense.

Guard Heroes in the Philippines

CPT C. Hildreth, freelance writer to National Geographic, highlights the first counteroffensive against the Japanese, fifty years after the bombing at Pearl Harbor. Key elements in the campaign were the 1942 and the 1945 Tank Battalions from Minnesota, Kentucky, California, Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin.

They fought with the Philippine Defense Force.

Remembering the Fallen

On the 110th of the 11th of the 11th month, 1991 is more commemorative than most national holidays, which are reconfigured to the calendar to ensure a three-day Veterans Day is one of the few that has stayed the test of time and continues to be remembered on November 11 every year. It is the time set aside to make peace with ourselves and those who have fallen in service of this country’s freedom.

Long May It Wave

We are very proud to have come to mean many things to many people. It has served as the symbol of our freedoms and rights throughout the world and it has, for various reasons, served as a symbol of the Persian Gulf War. The following enduring culture is particularly after the brief victory in the Persian Gulf. It is held with great reverence, and it is the article outlines key guidelines as to how to properly display our colors.

The Move

The move of the CPT Eddie Rambo to the Ohio Air National Guard at Rickenbacker ANGB is to remain at their base, which is one of many military bases around the world on the base-closure "hit list.”

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