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AF SECRETARY OUTLINES CHALLENGES OF 80s.

Secretary of the Air Force Hans M. Mark outlined America's major strengths and weaknesses in the "dangerous decade" ahead during a recent address to members of San Francisco's Commonwealth Club.

He listed the three greatest threats to America as dependence on foreign oil, the "clear change in the overall military balance between ourselves and Soviet Russia," and the problem of dealing with terrorism.

He said the "necessary steps" toward energy independence should include

moving away from using petroleum to generate electrical power, increased use of nuclear plants, and development of our own oil resources.

Cites "turning point"

"There is every reason to believe," he said, "that the capture of the American embassy in Teheran and the Russian invasion of Afghanistan will affect our nation's behavior as radically as did Pearl Harbor in 1941." Secretary Mark added that "We must make certain we can maintain strategic equivalence in our nuclear deterrent forces."



(Photo by Mass. ANG)

First man ever to log 3000 hours flying F-106s is Maj. C. E. Townsend of Massachusetts' 102nd FIW.

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6 ANG CONVERSIONS ANNOUNCED BY USAF

The Air Force has announced a number of changes in the ANG force structure in FY 81 and 82 as part of its continuing program to modernize and strengthen air reserve forces in support of national defense objectives.

Six conversions were announced. F-4Ds will replace F-105s in the 113th and 108th TFWs. In the 142nd and 107th FIGs, F-101s will give way to F-4Cs. The 111th TASG will convert from O-2As to O-37s and the 196th TASG from O-2As to F-4s. In addition, 13 other ANG squadrons will increase the number of aircraft they now fly, with accompanying personnel increases.



(Photo by W. Va. ARNG)

W. Va. ARNG supported the W. Va. State Police while the troopers secured the state penitentiary after a recent mass escape of 15 inmates. The 1092nd Engineer Battalion (CBT) of Moundsville was activated in November to provide mess service and help dispose of contraband items.



(USAF photo)

Presidential Management Improvement Award is presented to Tech. Sgt. Spencer T. Hayes, Alabama ANG, by Dr. Hans Mark, Secretary of the Air Force. Mrs. Hayes looks on proudly. Hayes's radar improvements will save \$13.8 million.



Protective camouflage and coverings were called for during Exercise EMPIRE GLACIER 80, a recent test of cold-weather operations held at Fort Drum, N.Y. The HH-3 above, from the 106th ARRG, shows its winter camouflage, attained in just 20 hours at a cost of \$50.00. Florida's AIC Erma Dunbar, below a telecommunications operator with the 2nd Combat Comm. Group, came equipped for the rugged weather in upstate New York.



(Photos by USAF)

BRIEFLY NOTED

New helmet and vest. Soliders will be turing in their steel pots for a new combat helmet and vest set made of a material called Kelvar. Combat troops in the field will be the first to get the new items, which were successfully tested at Fort Benning, Ga. The helmet is rated 30 percent stronger than its steel predecessor and weighs the same.

Junior officers and warrant officers leaving the active Army are being contacted by the ARNG about joining. The officers who show interest will be referred to state personnel officers for further action.

Computer Assisted Training Schedule. The Idaho ARNG has successfully developed a computerized method of defining training objectives and scheduling for them. States desiring more information should contact Lt. Col Belvins, NGB-ARO-T, AUTOVON 227-5347.

Waivers of Moral Standards. In a letter dated 1 February 1980 (NGB Log 80-104) the National Guard Bureau said that the qualification for enlistment,

reenlistment and extension has been changed to allow persons who have been convicted of felonies to apply for waivers. The policy change will be incorporated into NGR 600-200 when revised.

MORE Committee Innovation. Georgia's Minority Officer Recruiting Effort (MORE) Committee invites representatives of local branches of national minority organizations to attend meetings, and also members of ARNG units and state level staff officers.

ANG member nominated for USAF award. 1st Lt. Stephen E. Gregory, 299th Communications Group, Salt Lake City, Utah, has been nominated for an individual Communications-Electronics professionalism award.

Air Force Assistance Fund. All categories of the AFAF are being considered for Air Guard members and their dependents this year. Maj. Gen. Guice asks ANG Members to "show our active duty counterparts that we are part of the Total Air Force by contributing generously" to the fund.

AIR-SEA RESCUES OCCUPY ANG ON PANAMA DUTY

DA SAYS LEVEL TWO ARTEP IS SCRAPPED

Department of Army training officials have announced that henceforth all active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard units will be expected to train to a single standard.

The Level Two requirements in Army Training and Evaluation Programs (ARTEP) will no longer be published after October 1, 1980. Units are expected to orient their training programs to the use of a single-level ARTEP by the above date.

The decision to go to a single-level ARTEP was made with the support of all major Army commands. "There can be only one standard in combat," an official commented, "so the different levels only caused confusion."

Regarding units which do not have the personnel, equipment or funds to train to the single level, officials said that local commanders will report shortages and tasks affected. Higher commanders will either provide the needed resources or temporarily accept the training deficiencies.

SQ TEST CHANGES COMING IN FY 81

A shorter written test, more emphasis on hands-on and performance testing, single skill level testing and faster feedback are among highlights of upcoming changes to the Skill Qualification Test (SQT), according to DA officials.

The changes will be made on the SQTs filed during FY 81. The written component will be renamed the "skill component" and will be much shorter than in the past—1 hour for E-1s to E-4s.

NEW OCS AND C&GSC COURSES ANNOUNCED

The National Guard Bureau has advised states of two new 1980 officer courses.

An Infantry Officer Candidate Course— Reserve Component will be held from September 18th through November 25th at Fort Benning, Ga.

A C&GSC Officer Course for Reserve Components will be held from August 3rd through December 19th.

Applications for both should be sent to the ARNG Military Education Branch, ARNG Operating Activity Center, Bldg. E4430, Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. 21010. C&GSC: NLT April 30, 1980; OCS: NLT July 1, 1980.

In three recent instances, ANG C-130s and their crews on rotational duty at Howard, Air Force Base, Republic of Panama, have participated in air-sea rescue missions.

On January 23rd, a California ANG aircraft was diverted on route from Quito, Ecuador, to assist in the rescue of a Panamanian vessel which had been drifting for six days.

On January 25th virtually the same crew from the 146th TAW, Van Nuys, California, helped again in locating a propellerless fishing boat with three U. S. citizens aboard which was adrift off El Salvador.

Then, on February 21st a C-130 and crew from the 167th TAG, Martinsburg, W. Va., brought a three-man U. S. Army medical team to a tuna boat off Ecuador. The team parachuted to the boat to treat an assistant engineer who had been injured in a shipboard explosion.



(USAF photos by Staff Sgt. Mark L. Comerford)

The "Laura Ann," a U.S.-registered tuna boat, awaits the arrival of paramedics brought to it by a West Virginia Air Guard C-130. Aboard the vessel was an assistant engineer injured in a shipboard explosion. He was successfully treated by the parachute team and evacuated to Panama.

TUCK IT IN OR LEAVE IT OUT?

Ladies, if you're wearing men's fatigues, tuck in your shirt and wear a belt. If there was a question, it's been settled by a recent change to AR 670-1. Men's fatigues must now be worn the same way by both sexes.

Women wearing the women's version, however, can continue to wear their shirts outside the trousers. The women's version is being phased out.

(US Army photo by Dana W. Jackson)



Shattered gas cylinders lie shattered on an ice pack in the Chuckchi Sea off Alaska after being exploded by U. S. Army demolition experts assisted by Guard members from HHD, 3rd Scout Bn., 297th Infantry, Alaska ARNG. The Guard provided a UH-1H helicopter to transport the cylinders of anhydrous ammonia which for many years had been stored in the small town of Kotzebue, 26 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

GUARD WINS NEWS/ TV AWARDS

The Army National Guard won five awards in the 1979 Keith L. Ware competition in the fields of journalism and broadcasting. The Guard winners and their categories were:

Army Authorized Newspapers: The Georgian Guardsman, Atlanta, Ga., Third Place. **Authorized Multi-Lith/Memo Newspapers:** The Ethan Allen Guardsman, South Burlington, Vt., Honorable Mention. **Magazine Format:** Buckeye Guard, Worthington, Ohio, First Place; Guardlife, Trenton, N. J., Honorable Mention. **Original Television Program:** 112th Public Affairs Detachment, Wisconsin ARNG, Madison, Wis., First Place.

The awards honor Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware, a former Army chief of information, who was killed in Vietnam.

In the Air Force Media Contest, the Air National Guard won one award. **Authorized multilith newspapers:** Contrails, 140 TFW, Buckley ANG Base, Colo., Third Place.

90% OF ANG UNITS READY FOR COMBAT

The Air Force announced on February 26th that Air National Guard units have passed 118 straight Operational Readiness Inspections (ORIs) from 1977 to 1979. During 1979, 90 percent of all ANG units passed 23 straight ORIs.

ANG units are tested in exactly the same manner and by the same standards as active Air Force units. Currently, 90 percent of all ANG units are rated as combat-ready. Three-fourths are rated Category I or II, which are the highest combat readiness ratings.

ANG BOASTS TEN "OUTSTANDING UNIT" AWARDS

OREGON MEDIC AIDS CAMBODIAN VICTIMS

Staff Sgt. Danny Hayward, a medical specialist in the 1249th Engineer Battalion, Oregon Army National Guard in Salem, volunteered for a 33-day medical relief mission in Thailand during the 1979 Christmas season. "The refugees were very stoic at first," he says. "Then they started smiling." His only medical training has been first aid.



(Photo courtesy of Danny Hayward)

Oregon medic Hayward with two patients. Blonde nurse was first distrusted, then appreciated.



New kind of rack for storing F-4C fuel and luggage tanks is welded by two inventors--Sgts. Pompa (left) and Garcia of the 149th TFG, Texas ANG, Kelly AFB. The third man in the project is Tech. Sgt. A. Avila.



(US Air Force photo)

It's a cool job in a hot climate as members of the 101st Civil Engineering Flight, Maine ANG, install air conditioning in a hanger at Howard AFB, Panama.

Ten Air National Guard units recently earned the prestigious Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. They were recognized by the Secretary of the Air Force for exceptionally meritorious service or achievement that set them above and apart from similar units. The period for which the awards were given ranged from eight months to two years. The units honored were:

- *157th Air Refueling Group, Pease AFB, New Hampshire.
- *154th Composite Group, Hicham AFB, Hawaii.
- *117th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Birmingham, Alabama.
- *178th Tactical Fighter Group, Springfield, Ohio.
- *116th Tactical Fighter Wing, Dobbins AFB, Georgia.
- *105th Tactical Support Group, Westchester County, New York.
- *108th Tactical Control Flight, Hancock Field, New York.
- *123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Standiford Field, Kentucky.
- *183rd Tactical Fighter Group, Capital Airport, Illinois.
- *184th Tactical Fighter Group, McConnell AFB, Kansas.

WHAT IS GOOD IN THE GUARD

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A chance to mix with some vital, diverse people.

Opportunities to stretch my mind and my body.

A way to pay part of that debt that I owe my country for the privilege of living here.

Identification with a group that I'm glad exists.

The thought that, if I'm needed, I'm ready.

Tote 'em up. They're all intangibles, but very real reasons why I'm a Guardsman and proud of it.

Of course, there are more reasons, perhaps scores more if I took the time to list them neatly and then form them into nice, flowing paragraphs. But, for this exercise, I thought I'd do a "stream of consciousness" bit and fling onto paper the first thoughts that came to mind.

"I'm satisfied with them and happy that they top my list.

Those aren't the first I would have jotted down six years ago when I joined the Guard. Maybe they were down there somewhere in the psyche, but they were hidden by a more prosaic reason: money.

Like many junior executive types, I lived a bit better than my paycheck allowed. A moonlight job would help, but what? Dishwashing was out as a second "career." Even if my vanity could have taken it, the several senior executives over me wouldn't appreciate what that'd do for our organization's image.

The Guard or Reserves? It was a thought, but a remote one. Like many young men and women who'd been out of the service a few years, I was pretty thoroughly civilianized. During those years of "freedom," I'd cultivated modishly long hair and a tentative beard. And the old fatigues and boots were rather used up by gardening and car washing.

But, if I could take my friends' kidding of my new "square" look and give up a little skiing and fishing, it just might work. At any rate, it'd bring in a few dollars and remove a monthly weekend opportunity to spend more.

So, I took the tests and physicals,

waited months until those old duty records were resurrected, then I was back in, wearing new, starched fatigues.

They were blue-trimmed this time rather than OD since the Army, in which I'd spent five active duty years had no openings for my occupational specialty, but the Air Guard did.

It was a new service to me, with some peculiar ways, but also with some familiar traditions that I soon realized I had missed. Things like a sense of duty, a feeling that one is contributing, camaraderie. So, although the money isn't all that important these days, I still polish that unstylish GI footwear a couple of nights a month.

It's become a habit by now, sometimes inconvenient for my family and me, but I'll stick with it as long as the Air Guard can use me. When I think about it, it really doesn't hurt too much. Those senior executives seem to prefer the shorter hair and, since most of them are ex GI's, they sort of understood.

Now and then over lunch we reminisce about GI days, the good times, the dull ones, the miseries, the laughs, the friendships. Sometimes I think they may be just slightly envious.

You see, I'm still a GI.

EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGE



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A new film about the National Guard and its State Missions in 1979, including Hurricanes David and Frederick, the Midwest tornados, and other emergencies that called us out 354 times last year!

Available now from your State Public Affairs Office for showing in all armories and bases.