ASA(ALT) Perspective

“Reshaping the Munitions Base”

2003 Munitions Executive Summit

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Trivia Question

Who Invented the First Artillery Fragmenting Shell?
Trivia Answer

Lt. Henry Shrapnel
(1761-1842)
When was the last time that Department of Defense spending was 2% of our nation's Gross Domestic Product?

(Hint: Trick Question)
The Army Transformation
Why Are Munitions So Important?
Why Is Our Munitions Team So Important?
National Technology and Industrial Base

Why Is The Munitions Industrial Base So Important?

Foreign Industrial Base
National Technology and Industrial Base

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Foreign Industrial Base
Objective Force . . . This Decade
Trivia Question

When was the last time that Department of Defense spending was 2% of our nation’s Gross Domestic Product?
Never; Previously known as Department of War and Gross National Product.
National Defense As Percentage of GNP/GDP

Since 1900

Year

Percentage

Sources: DOC’s BEA Survey of Current Business, August 1998
OUSD(C) National Defense Budget Estimates for FY2000 (projections)
Conflicts with U.S. Involvement

Since 1900

- World War I
  - US troops sent to Cuba
  - Marines intervene in Honduras
- World War II
  - Berlin Airlift
  - Korean War
  - Marines land in Beirut
  - U2 shot down over USSR
- COLD WAR
  - Vietnam War
  - Invasion of Grenada
  - Libyan airstrike
  - Intervention in Panama
  - F-14s shoot down Libyan MIG's
  - Invasion of Grenada
  - Failed Iranian hostage rescue
  - Intervention in Somalia
  - Intervention in Haiti
  - Gulf War
  - Intervention in Somalia
  - Intervention in Haiti
  - Intervention in Kosovo
  - Patrol Iraqi no-fly zones

Year
Challenge

How do we maintain a world class military on 2% GDP with 100 years of history against us?
Solution

We must change the way DoD does business

a.k.a - Acquisition & Logistics Excellence . . . Transformation