1997 Army Science Board: “Downsize or Die”
  - Colt---Saco---FN—2 max to survive

Current Industry Strength—on our game
  - Personnel
  - Manufacturing methods

U.S. Small Arms Performance—overall best

Difficult to simultaneously:
  - Build weapons at high capacity
  - Develop weapons of the future
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VISION AHEAD

- Emphasis on
  - Better Products
  - Improved Manufacturing Methods
- Qualified Manufacturing Methods
  - Consistency in manufacture
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Challenges for the Future

- Keeping, attracting, & developing talented personnel
- Specialty Metals – making no sense in our global economy
- Government competing with Industry
- Flaws in Military procurement

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Challenges—Military Procurement

IN MIND

IN NEED OF

IN POCKET:

CADILLAC

CHEVY

CAB FARE

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OPPORTUNITIES

- Learn now what we need to fix
- After action information flow to Industry
- War ends: Use our talents to develop new systems

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