MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



As this issue of the "Guardsman" went to press, two important meetings were in the offing—the Winter meeting of the Adjutants General Association of the United States and the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Council of the NGAUS. A number of NGAUS Special and Standing Committees have convened or are scheduled to meet in the near future.

I want to report to you on several important projects that will be considered at the Council meeting.

First, a reader survey of "The National Guardsman" has been completed. Survey forms were distributed in six States—one in each Army Area—and among a limited number of members in all other States. The returns were analyzed by the Editorial staff which then made recommendations to the Publication Committee for changes in format and editorial content which they feel will generally improve the Association's official publication. The purpose of this exercise was to assure that we are publishing a magazine highly acceptable to the majority of our members.

If the Council approves, the changes proposed will be made over a period of several months; future issues of the "Guardsman" will be better-designed, have more pages, offer broader coverage of military affairs. Our aim is a magazine that will be the equal of the best military publications. Our readers deserve nothing less.

The NGAUS Public Relations Committee meets one week from this writing. I expect it will recommend an aggressive program aimed at increasing the prestige of the National Guard. Our public relations effort is geared to the public affairs programs carried on by the National Guard Bureau. Understandably limited in scope, it is a highly-specialized program that effectively complements the National Guard Bureau efforts.

To assure that the Headquarters staff of your Association was properly organized to function efficiently, and adequately structured to carry out expanded programs in the years ahead, I asked a special committee to make a staff evaluation. This will be completed in time to submit a report to the Executive Council.

These important projects are merely a few of the many that will keep those of us in Washington who are charged with representing your interests in the Nation's Capital and keeping up the operation of your Association, busy through the year.

Through this column appearing in "The National Guardsman" each month I plan to keep members advised of our activities.

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DEAR GUARDSMEN: We're *always* looking for articles that will help Guardsmen to accomplish their varied missions more successfully. By-and-large, that means articles from units, out in "the field," that have made innovations work.

It's not a one-way proposition: we pay good money for worthwhile articles which, in our judgment, tell a story of unusual accomplishment, clearly and well, in such a way as to stimulate others to benefit by your experience.

We're talking about successful ways of licking even routine problems that are common to most units. We have in mind, also, special projects above and beyond the normal routine, that you've made pay-off for your unit. Subject matter can be 'most anything you do: recruiting, "different" approaches to training, maintenance, development of community relations, stimulating drill attendance, building unit esprit.

It's important to tell not only what you did, but in some nuts-and-bolts detail just how you did it.

If you think you have something, we suggest you write us about it, and we'll take it from there.

—THE EDITORS