



The President's Page



DENVER GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1952

BY the time the July issue of THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN reaches our readers, the "Official Call" for the 74th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States at the Shirley-Savoy Hotel in Denver, Colo., 6-9 Oct. 1952 will have been transmitted to the several States, Territories, District of Columbia and the membership of the Association generally. Coincidental with the transmittal of the "Call," the States, Territories and the District of Columbia will have been advised as to the number of Delegates to which they are entitled, and which will constitute the voting strength of the Conference. Prior to 1 July, detailed information and instructions will go out relative to the Time and Place of the Conference, the number and time of the sessions, and the manner in which hotel reservations will be handled.

During the week of 18 May, a conference was held at Denver between representatives of the National Guard Association, the Governor and the Adjutant General of Colorado, their Staffs, and the Denver Convention Bureau, in connection with arrangements for the Conference. The Adjutant General of Colorado has some time since perfected the organization of the Conference through the medium of nine Committees, all of which are closely collaborating with the Denver Convention Bureau, other civic agencies and the managements of the several hotels involved, and it is now quite certain that the Denver Conference will be one of the best-handled in our long list of General Conferences.

For the first time in several years, no restrictions have been imposed on the States, Territories and the District of Columbia as to the size of their respective Delegations. In addition to the 796 Adjutants General and accredited Delegates, they are at liberty to bring to the Conference such number of officers and guests as they may desire, subject only to hotel accommodations available and the seating capacity of the Conference Chamber and Banquet Hall. In the matter of hotel accommodations, it will be possible to provide for approximately 1,500 persons, and in addition, accommodations will be provided at Lowry Field, through the courtesy of the Commanding General thereof, for approximately 500 junior officers at a very nominal cost, and bus transportation has been arranged from the base to the Shirley-Savoy Hotel and return. Initially, 600 hotel rooms have been reserved, and should additional rooms be required, it will be possible to obtain them.

As previously indicated, all concerned will be advised as to the system of hotel reservations, and it is essential that the States, Territories, District of Columbia and others concerned comply with those instructions. All requests for reservations will be submitted to The Adjutant General of the State of Colorado, 300 Logan Street, Denver 9, Colo. Reservations requests will be processed through the Colorado Reservation Committee to the Denver Convention Bureau, which will make

the reservations desired, and confirmation of such reservations will then be mailed to the applicant. Conference Delegates and guests will be housed in the Shirley-Savoy, Brown Palace and Cosmopolitan Hotels, all of which are within a block or less of the Shirley-Savoy, which will be the Headquarters of the Association and in which all Conference Sessions and the annual banquet will be held. When submitting requests for hotel reservations, it is requested that the hotel desired be specified, together with the number and types of rooms. The lists of Delegates and guests should be accurate, and it is highly desirable that if there are ladies in the party, their names be included. Insofar as possible requests for accommodations in the hotel specified will be honored, but it will be a case of first come, first served.

The General Conference will consist of seven sessions, with the opening session called to order at 10:00 o'clock, Monday morning, 6 Oct. There will be no sessions Wednesday afternoon, as this time has been set aside to permit Delegates and guests to view the scenic splendors of Denver and vicinity. On Monday evening, 6 Oct., from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Colorado officers and their ladies will be hosts at a reception at the Shirley-Savoy Hotel in honor of the visiting Delegates and their guests. The reception will be followed by a performance of the Koshare Indian Dancers at the Civic Auditorium. The Annual State Banquet of the National Guard Association will be held in the Shirley-Savoy Hotel at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, 8 Oct. Tickets for the banquet will be \$6.00, and will be obtainable at time of registration. On Tuesday afternoon, 7 Oct., the Colorado ladies have arranged to take visiting ladies on a trip to the mountains. This trip will be well worth while.

Preparations are under way in connection with the formulation of the official program, and it is anticipated that the Conference will be honored by the presence of a large group of very distinguished persons representing the Government, the Congress, the Department of Defense, the Selective Service System and the State of Colorado. While the volume of business to be transacted by the Conference is considerable, nevertheless, it is believed that within the time provided, including seven sessions, the Conference can accomplish the business which may come before it.

The States, Territories and the District of Columbia can materially assist those charged with the conduct of the Conference by submitting any resolutions which they intend at least 30 days in advance of the opening date of the Conference, and by making their hotel reservations at the earliest practicable date. It can be safely stated that the Denver General Conference will indeed be a highlight in the history of the Association.

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dear guardsmen:

We're awfully glad that readers keep their copies of THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN from year to year, or (Adv.) buy the bound volume we produce annually. But, until the other day, we never realized how thoroughly those back issues are read.

What brings this to mind is a coupon we received from Texas, ordering two copies of "The Officer's Guide" and one of "The Non Com's Guide." It's nigh onto four years since we stopped handling book sales as a sideline, so we did a double-take, and found that the coupon had been clipped from the August 1948 issue. It's been forwarded to Military Service Publishing Co., at Harrisburg, Penna., with a nostalgic farewell.

Not long ago we were pleased to fill a request by Marjorie Barr, staff artist on the *Investor's Reader*, for the photo of a stripped H19 helicopter being swallowed by a C124 Globemaster, that we ran in our May 1952 issue. Curious as to how THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN got into the hands of a member of the staff of the august financial firm of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane, we inquired, and got an enlightening reply from one of Miss Barr's associates, Elizabeth M. Fowler. Said she: "I was the one who suggested the idea and, to answer your question, National Guardsmen have wives—sometimes curious ones. I always read my husband's college and business magazines and he reads mine, which is why I happened to come across the picture. Although I know nothing about Army life, I do enjoy your magazine and I've learned a lot of hoopla about the good old NG. My husband's name is 1st Lt. Philip Azoy, Adjutant, 2d Bn., 107th RCT, NYNG."

As a famed women's magazine tells its advertisers: "Never underestimate the power of a woman!"

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An F89 interceptor appears to be suspended in a network of tracer fire from its own 20mm automatic cannon, in a spectacular photo taken at night over Edwards AFB firing range. The first tracers had streaked across the film before the aircraft that fired them was "frozen" by a powerful stroboscopic light flash lasting less than 1/5000th of a second. (Air Force Photo)

