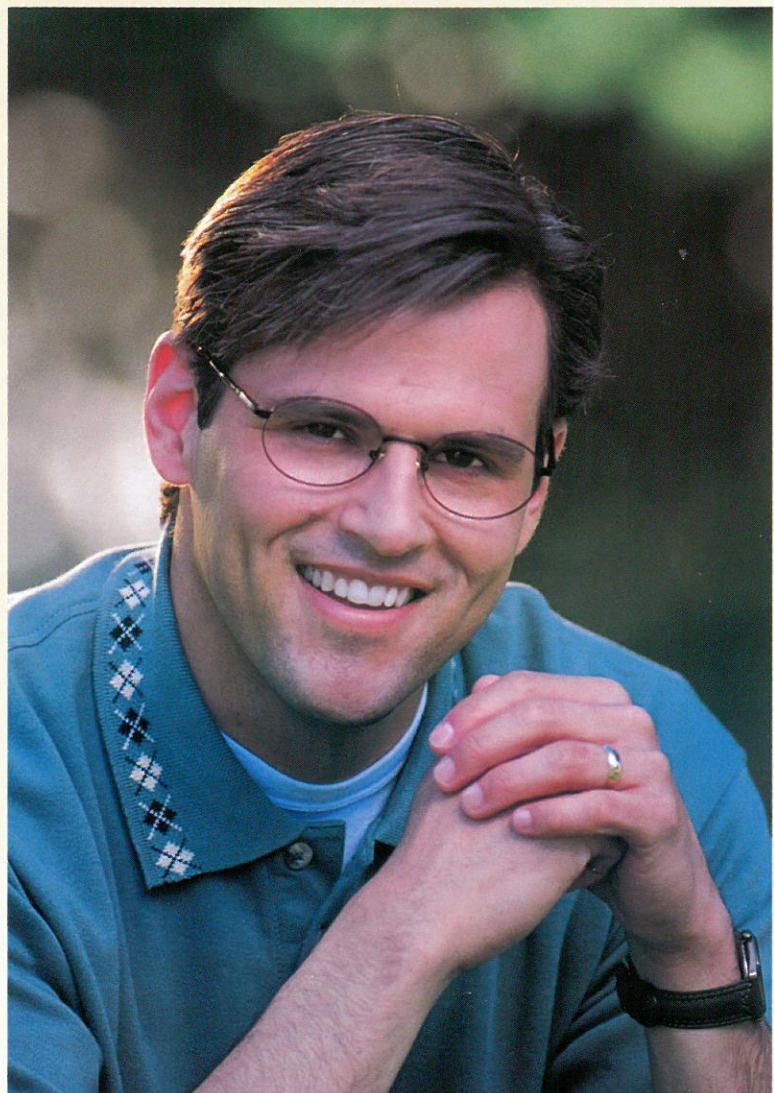


*"The new IRA choices?
I had a couple of questions –
so I turned to USAA."*



USAA realizes your need to understand the new choices in retirement planning. And unlike most financial institutions, USAA offers a variety of funding options under one roof.

Our representatives provide easy-to-understand explanations of the changes – making it simple to decide what's best for you.

IRAs from USAA offer you a lifetime relationship from a company that's familiar with your specific needs.

For more information, call your source for IRA solutions at 1-800-IRA-USAA (1-800-472-8722) or in San Antonio, 210-456-7516.

Your goals. Your money. Your future.



IRAs FROM USAA
BANKING • INVESTING • INSURANCE • MEMBER SERVICES
1-800-IRA-USAA

The National Guard Association of the United States
One Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

NGAUS Officers

- PRESIDENT
Maj Gen Richard C. Alexander, Ohio
- VICE PRESIDENT-ARMY
Maj Gen Donald E. Edwards (ret.), Vermont
- VICE PRESIDENT-AIR
Maj Gen E. Gordon Stump, Michigan
- SECRETARY
Maj Gen Edmund C. Zysk, California
- TREASURER
LTJG Emmett H. Walker Jr. (ret.), Mississippi
- IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Maj Gen John L. France (ret.), Colorado

Executive Council

- AREA I
VT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, RI, CT
Maj Gen MG Raymond A. Vezina, Massachusetts
Maj Gen COL James J. Sordi, New York
Maj Gen Brig Gen Robert S. Durko (ret.), New Jersey
- AREA II
DC, KY, MD, NC, OH, PA, VA, WV
Maj Gen MG Carroll Thackston, Virginia
Maj Gen COL Ronald G. Young, Ohio
Maj Gen Maj Barry C. Metcalf, Kentucky
- AREA III
AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VA
Maj Gen MG Stanhope S. Spears, South Carolina
Maj Gen COL Herman G. Kirven Jr., South Carolina
Maj Gen Brig Gen Douglas Burnett, Florida
- AREA IV
AR, KS, IA, MS, MO, OK, TX
Maj Gen MG James F. Rueger, Kansas
Maj Gen LTC George "Mike" Ross, Arkansas
Maj Gen Brig Gen Kenneth L. Ross, Louisiana
- AREA V
IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, ND, NE, SD, WI
Maj Gen Maj Gen Keith D. Björke, North Dakota
Maj Gen BG Robert V. Taylor, Michigan
Maj Gen Col James F. McMurray, Nebraska
- AREA VI
AK, AZ, CA, CO, GU, HI, ID, MT, NV,
NM, OR, UT, WA, WY
Maj Gen MG Raymond F. Rees, Oregon
Maj Gen COL Dennis L. George, Nevada
Maj Gen Col Alexander T. Mahon, Arizona
- RETIRED SEPARATED
Maj Gen COL J. Tipton Lewis (ret.), Mississippi
Maj Gen Col Raymond W. Magill (ret.), Massachusetts
- COMBINED GRADE
Maj Gen CPT Thomas J. Hill IV, Kentucky
Maj Gen Col Capt Kimberly Bell, Pennsylvania

NATIONAL GUARD, April 1998. The NATIONAL GUARD MAGAZINE (ISSN 0163-3945) is published monthly by the National Guard Association of the United States, with editorial and advertising offices at One Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Telephone (202) 789-0031. Fax: (202) 682-8938. E-Mail: magazine@ngaus.org and home page: www.ngaus.org. Periodical postage paid at Washington, D.C., and at additional mailing offices. Copyright 1998 by the National Guard Association of the U.S. All rights reserved. NGAUS members pay \$25 of their membership dues to receive NATIONAL GUARD magazine. Individual subscriptions are \$25 per year. Guard unit subscription rate is \$15. The director of communications welcomes original articles pertaining to national defense. Postmaster: Send Form 3526 to NATIONAL GUARD, One Mass Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

NATIONAL GUARD

April 1998
Volume 52, Number 4
www.ngaus.org



THE 1998 LEGISLATIVE ISSUE

FEATURES

Governors Weigh In on the Debate 18

When the 54 adjutants general expressed their concern with the Secretary of Defense about National Guard funding shortfalls, they were told to follow their chain of command. The TAGs did just that. Contacting their commanders—the state governors—they mobilized an effective and powerful force that is clearly heard from the islands of Hawaii to the halls of Congress. And Governor Tommy Thompson lead the way at the most recent National Governors' Association conference.

FY99 Funding Shortfall Runs Into the Millions. 22

Once again, the proposed FY99 Defense budget contains a major ARNG shortfall. All components of the Army have a shortfall in their respective budgets, but as a percentage, the Army Guard has the lion's share of the shortfall. The ANG is also feeling the pinch of shrinking defense budgets and needs additional funding for modernization.

Conspiracy of Silence 46

NATIONAL GUARD magazine is privileged to print the first chapter of former Senator Gary Hart's new book *The Minuteman, Returning to an Army of the People*. "Gary Hart asks the most important and contentious military-political question facing the nation since the outbreak of World War II: will the nation continue to support an anomalous Cold War military structure indefinitely into the 21st century—well after its mission has ended—or will it return to its historic reliance on trained, organized and equipped citizen-soldiers? *The Minuteman* is must reading, not only for decision makers and opinion molders, but for every citizen," says Maj Gen Edward J. Philbin (ret.), executive director of the NGAUS.

DEPARTMENTS

President's Message 4	Tielines 12
Views From The Field 6	Newsbreaks 14
Capital Focus 10	

Cover: Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson has been a key supporter of maintaining a strong and viable National Guard. A former Wisconsin Guardsman, Governor Thompson led the charge two years ago while serving as president of the National Governors Association. He and many of the nation's other governors have continued to apply political pressure on lawmakers in Congress. Photo by Larry Sommers. Cover by Dennis & Sackett Design.

PUBLICATION STAFF

- Maj Gen Edward J. Philbin (ret.), PUBLISHER
- COL David McGinnis (ret.), CHIEF OF STAFF
- Capt Kevin McAndrews, PRODUCTION MANAGER
- Colleen Wolfe, STAFF WRITER/PHOTOGRAPHER
- Pamela A. Kane, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
- Bonnie Carter, CIRCULATION/MEMBERSHIP
- R. Glenn Ross, ADVERTISING SALES
- Dennis and Sackett Design, ARTWORK