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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AN OUTSTANDING NGAUS GENERAL CONFERENCE COMING UP

With the dog days of summer upon us, it is pleasant to contemplate an excellent 111th NGAUS General Conference coming up in less than two months in Detroit.

The Association's leaders and the NGAUS staff in Washington have lined up an outstanding agenda, and our Michigan hosts are laying on an attractive array of outside activities to make our stay in Detroit very pleasurable. Here are a few of the highlights we can discuss to date.

Several of our first choices as potential major speakers at the Conference already have accepted and are scheduled. Among these are GEN Colin E. Powell, commander-in-chief of U.S. Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia. As most will recognize, General Powell until this spring was the White House national security advisor. Although his charter is to talk about FORSCOM, we cannot but be fascinated with the prospect of having as one of our principal speakers an Army leader who so recently was at the apex of U.S. foreign policy.

Another outstanding opportunity to hear the latest from a powerful player in the national defense equation will be the message from Representative Les Aspin (D-Wisconsin), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Congressman Aspin will be attending and speaking to our Conference in a unique new role. The NGAUS has created a new award this year to honor the leaders of the outstanding Army and Air Guard units. It is called "The Chairman's Award" and it will be presented by Chairman Aspin at the Conference.

One of the best features of the NGAUS Conference each year is that each host state tries to lend its

own unique flavor to the event. Last year in Texas, we had the Latin American flavor during our evening at the La Villeta grounds with many kinds of Mexican-American and Texas foods and drinks.

This year, we will be in Motor City. The presence and effect of the major automobile manufacturing companies on Detroit is so pervasive that it would be impossible and foolish to try to ignore or forget that. Why would we?

We won't because General Motors will be a major factor in producing the first evening's social event at Greektown, a Detroit ethnic neighborhood located near the Renaissance Center, our headquarters. We will travel to Greektown on the People Mover, downtown Detroit's little railroad. There, we will sample ethnic foods and have a chance to check out some of Detroit's ethnic heritage.

Roger Smith, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of General Motors, will be one of our major main business session speakers. As senior leader of one of the world's largest and most successful companies—including the Defense equipment field—we look forward to hearing from him.

As those who have attended the last two General Conferences will know, since the 109th General Conference, the NGAUS has encouraged Defense contractors and other businesses selling products to the Army and Air Force to have booths and display their wares to the Guardsmen in attendance. This year, we are having particular success in marketing these booths, which will be located in the Renaissance Center's Ontario Exhibit Hall, directly below the ball-

room where all the main business sessions will occur.

We will be holding a special opening day reception to introduce the industrial exhibits this year on Wednesday, September 20 (arrival day) from 4 to 7 p.m. This will be an outstanding opportunity for delegates, members and guests to visit the displays being sponsored by industry, meet their representatives and get more acquainted with the products being produced by the Army and Air Force for the Guard.

Of course, the reason why the NGAUS calls its annual meeting a "conference" and not a convention is that we conduct very important business at our gathering. By the time you read this, we will be partway along in the resolutions process that determines our legislative agenda each year. The NGAUS Executive Council will review the resolutions submitted by the states at its regular August meeting. The Resolutions Committee, composed of two members from each state, will convene the day before the 111th General Conference actually begins to start the sifting and winnowing of the various resolutions submitted by the states and by individuals. This is the hardest working, yet one of the most satisfying committees of which to serve.

We also will present the Harry Truman Award, the Association's highest honor, to a distinguished American at the States Dinner. This always is a highlight of the Conference.

Last year in San Antonio, we had more than 3,000 in attendance at the 110th General Conference. We encourage all who can to make plans now to be with us in Detroit next month.

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Adjutants General Meet in Omaha

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The 54 adjutants general, who make up the Adjutants General Association of the United States, conducted their spring meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. MG John R. Piatak, director for plans and resources, U.S. Transportation Command, was the guest speaker.

The Guard Expands Drug War Role

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For years, the Guard has been involved in fighting the war on drugs. But this year the Guard received \$40 million from DoD to expand its role in the drug war. NATIONAL GUARD Magazine looks at four states that are actively involved in the fight.

The Limits of Posse Comitatus

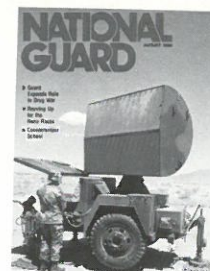
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As the Guard gets called on more and more to fight the nation's drug war, the limits of Posse Comitatus get reviewed as well. MAJ Aleksandra Rhode, a JAG officer at the Pentagon, explains the Posse Comitatus Act.

"One Shot . . . One Kill"

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There is no margin for error at the Minnesota National Guard Precision Shooting and Countersniper School. Author Reed Hildreth spends a few days at the school and recalls his impressions.



COVER:

A New Mexico Army National Guardsman, belonging to a Hawk missile unit, tracks possible drug trafficking with the unit's radar. New Mexico is a lead state in fighting the war on drugs. Photo, Capt Jean Marie Brawders. Design, Johnson Design Group.

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