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While DoD officials hinted the Army Guard will lose its eight combat divisions, the Association's 'Old Guard' rose to the occasion during this year's General Conference, warning of the all too familiar pattern. Speaking frankly, they pointed to past attempts by the military structure to decimate the militia. They called on each and every state and territory—with the help of key political leadership—to fight one of the longest standing battles of this nation's democracy.

One of the primary missions of the annual conference is to issue the NGAUS staff in Washington their marching orders for the coming year. The Cleveland Conference was no exception to this rule, and in the coming year, Association members can track the progress of 72 Resolutions that the Washington staff will

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