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Cover: Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., in his office at the U.S. Capitol with the Harry S Truman Award (see story on page 20). Photo, Brian R. Calvert

## FEATURES

**120th General Conference . . . . . 20**  
National Guard officers from every state in the Union attended the 120th General Conference in Milwaukee Sept. 5-7. During his address to the delegation, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., who received the Harry S Truman Award, called for the Defense Department to give the Army Guard its share of funding and resources. Maj Gen E. Gordon Stump, the adjutant general of Michigan, was elected NGAUS president.

**49th Division Headquarters Going to Bosnia . . . . . 28**  
For the first time since the Korean War, an Army Guard division commander will lead active Army troops when the 49th Division Headquarters deploys to Bosnia in 2000. Army Chief of Staff GEN Dennis J. Reimer announced his decision to send the "Lone Star" Division during a speech to the 120th General Conference. The 49th will command troops from 11 nations including elements of the U.S. Army's 3d Armored Cav.

**Where the Rubber Meets the Road . . . . . 30**  
The congressional process can be befuddling. Nevertheless, Guard participation in the entire process, especially concerning defense budgets each year, is imperative. Congress, thanks to the Constitution, has a very specified method of passing bills into law, which includes the conference committee process between the House and the Senate. In this issue, NATIONAL GUARD simplifies the process, helping readers help the Guard.

**Treasurer's Annual Report . . . . . 32**  
LTG Emmett H. Walker Jr. (ret.), former National Guard Bureau chief who was reelected during the 120th General Conference to his fourth term as NGAUS treasurer, reports on the financial status of the association. Although the NGAUS's fiscal outlook has improved, membership in the association must be increased in order for the organization to remain a viable voice in the nation's capital, according to the general.

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