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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENTIAL YEAR #1: A FEW ISSUES

This issue of NATIONAL GUARD will arrive at a few NGAUS members' homes before the 109th General Conference in Portland, and most other readers will receive it shortly after the Conference.

The full NGAUS President's Annual Report will appear in the December issue along with coverage of the Conference. However, I thought a summary of some of the issues planned for the President's Annual Report would be in order simultaneously with their presentation in Portland.

Budget. Last year, we obtained a modest dues increase, the first such increase in nearly a decade. It is fair to observe that no other major association or organization that depends in large part on dues for its revenues has avoided dues increases to the same extent as the NGAUS has.

We heard during the floor debate on the dues increase of the members' concerns of the requirement for deficit spending to meet activity levels mandated by the scope of programs to meet the resolutions passed by the membership. The financial stability of this Association is the responsibility of the elected officers. Our aim is to achieve a balanced budget without cutting back on operations.

This year, it appears we will have a balanced budget and maybe even generate the means to make up the deficit we accrued in 1986. This has been accomplished through a combination of better income experience, prudence in spending and deferral of some projects to the future. All three techniques are appropriate for an Association that has a relatively small membership, and a membership whose size is ordained by the limited number of potential members.

Budget Information. A fuller explanation of the income and spending accounts for the Association are contained in the Treasurer's Annual Report, which will be distributed at the Conference in Portland, along with the President's Annual Report (same document) and then printed in the De-

cember NATIONAL GUARD. This budget information will be disseminated in the interest of fully informing all NGAUS members about how the money is spent and where it comes from.

Many will be surprised, perhaps, that dues accounts for less than half the income. They also may be interested to know that magazine advertising income is the fastest growing single area of revenue. We also, this year, received substantial income from the NGAUS Insurance Trust.

Membership. Good work out in the field, harnessed with new and innovative management, have reversed a troubling trend of recent years. This year's membership is up—it is increasing, dues are being paid on a timely basis and the 100 percent membership roster is a reality again.

The National Guard Memorial. The NGAUS has had a Strategic Planning Task Force for nearly two years, studying what likely will be the scope and breadth of this Association in the 21st century. One subcommittee of this task force intensively examined the National Guard Memorial as the physical facility that houses our national headquarters on Capitol Hill.

Many Guard officers have visited the Memorial. Without fail, you compliment the Association on the handsome facility, one all Guardsmen can be proud of. Many of you contributed one day's pay some years ago to finance its construction. Many of you have contributed to the building maintenance fund in more recent years.

It seems fair to point out, however, that the National Guard Memorial is 28 years old. For a person, that is young. However, for a professional athlete or a building, it is middle-aged.

In the course of looking at the cost of replacing the heating and cooling system and the other major items, it was found prudent to look at our location and the building we have.

What we found is that we occupy one of the prime Capitol Hill locations in Washington. We found that we

have some potentially very valuable "capitol view" office footage. We also found that we are not fully utilizing the piece of property we own. Indeed, the land underneath the Memorial is worth more than the building.

It is too early to predict where we are headed with this subject. Those who attend the Conference will hear more of the options open to us. The Executive Council will hear more specifics as to possible courses of action in December.

Legislative Activities. Always one of the primary missions of the NGAUS is providing united representation before Congress in behalf of the National Guard, Army and Air. We have been working hard at that this year, a particularly challenging year for one principal reason.

That is the continuing issue of governors control of the National Guard in peacetime and overseas training. Between the challenge of the lawsuit seeking to overturn the Montgomery Amendment (it was found to be constitutional and enforceable) and Senator J. James Exon's (D-Nebraska) proposal to simply repeal the Montgomery Amendment, our plate has been full.

We have spent far too much time on these vital issues—time that might have been spent on our primary mission of improved readiness of the Army and Air National Guard.

A part of the budget question was setting aside—out of hide—\$200,000 to fund the possible NGAUS participation in the lawsuit. A major effort legislatively has been to line up votes in the Senate to defeat the Exon initiative. Those who receive our legislative calls for action have heard plenty about that this year. As this is written, we don't know the outcome of our Capitol Hill efforts. We are, however, assured of an appeal of the lawsuit.

This, the first year of my NGAUS presidency, has been a full and invigorating one. I look forward to next year with anticipation.

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Twenty-four Arkansas and Indiana Air National Guard F-4Cs and Es and their crews deployed to Balikesir, Turkey, to take part in a major NATO Southern Region exercise. A British officer shares his views of the exercise.

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Flight line crews work on an Arkansas F-4C in Balikesir, Turkey, during DISPLAY DETERMINATION '86. Under code name CORONET CHEROKEE, 24 F-4Cs and Es of the Arkansas and Indiana Air Guard took part in this NATO exercise. AFSOUTH Photo, MSgt William B. Belcher, USAF Design, Johnson Design Group.

Connecticut Guard Accepts HMMWVs

The Connecticut Army Guard has received 54 of the Army's new High Mobility, Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles, or HMMWVs, as a replacement for the old reliable "Jeep." It provides greater protection against weather and small arms.

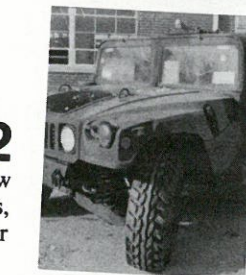
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