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*Retired Brig. Gen. Stephen M. Koper will participate in his 32nd NGAUS General Conference this month in Las Vegas, Nev. He's attended as a delegate, as a state association executive director and as a National Guard Executive Directors Association president. This year, he'll participate in a brand-new capacity: as NGAUS president. He sat down with National Guard last month to offer a preview of his immediate plans for the association's Washington, D.C., operations.*

