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NGAUS to Meet in Capital

FOR some years, many members of the National Guard Association of the United States have urged that we hold one of our General Conferences in the Nation's Capital, in order that we might honor all those members of Congress, and others, who have given the National Guard their support through the years.

Twice since the end of World War II, the Association has gathered in Washington, in 1950 and 1951, but those were years when the Country was involved in a war in Korea and a sizeable portion of the Army and Air Guard was on active duty. Consequently, the sessions were limited in both attendance and in the scope of activities.

Now, this lapse is to be redeemed. This Fall, after a 16-year gap, Washington will be the scene of our annual General Conference, the 89th of its kind since the post-Civil War founding of our organization. Dates for the event are 18-21 September. We expect it to be especially significant and interesting, not alone because of the locale but because so many important developments have been crowded into the months since our 1966 Conference.

We expect to bring a number of the Country's highest military and civilian officials to the platform during the sessions to give Delegates a thorough and well-rounded view of matters that so deeply concern them. Likewise, separate sessions are scheduled for Army and Air representatives at one point in the program to provide an opportunity for some detailed, nuts-and-bolts discussion of specific problems.

A highlight of the Conference will be, as always, the Annual States Dinner. It is our intention to have as guests of honor at that colorful affair the members of the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees of the Congress who are so intimately involved with our programs. I am hopeful that every State will invite to the Annual States Dinner the members of their Congressional delegations and their wives and that they will make plans to host the respective members before and during the affair. I am happy to learn that a number of States already have made such plans and I am confident that others will do likewise.

No stone is being left unturned in our effort to make this Conference an outstanding National event. The Conference is being supported enthusiastically by the Adjutants General of Maryland and Virginia and the Commanding General of the District of Columbia National Guard, who will serve as co-hosts.

I urge the States and the State Associations to make their plans early and to call on the NGAUS staff for any help or cooperation they may require. ♦

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