Major General William J. McCadden, President, NGAUS

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

POSTING WASHINGTON'S DEVELOPMENTS WITH YOU

It is an ancient old saying, among military men, to the effect that there's always someone who doesn't get the word. It's the Murphy's Law of membership organizations like NGAUS. If NGAUS is to represent the Guard effectively in the Washington legislative arena, it must be able to communicate quickly and well with its members—whom its members—with all its members. It must be able to transmit timely, accurate information and guidance down to the farthest reaches of its membership—to the lieutenants and captains who lead the Guard's smallest elements as well as to generals and field grade officers at the intervening command levels. If we fail to communicate well—if too many members at the working level don't get the word—then they can't give NGAUS the support it needs, and NGAUS can't give them the kind of representation they deserve in Washington.

It became obvious several years ago that NGAUS needed to open new lines of communication with various parts of its membership, and a program of improvement was launched. The NGAUS Red Book was devised, and distributed down to battalion/brigade levels, and a complete and comprehensive summary of information on the Army Guard/Army Guard, and on Washington issues affecting all. The establishment of our legislative-oriented Washington LETTER was broadened to reach the company commander. We began using red-bordered Actiongrams to seek grassroots action on legislation.

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