Major General Edward R. Fry, President, NGAUS

President Message

The theme seems less than two years have passed since I assumed the presidency of the National Guard Association of the United States in Las Vegas. This supports the idea that time passes swiftly when you enjoy what you are doing. It has emphatically stated that the time has flown. Nevertheless, the reins of the presidency have now been turned over to my elected successor, and I have assumed the position of Immediate Past President of our great Association.

Instead of addressing a specific issue for this edition of the President's Message I take this occasion to reflect on various impressions I have gained during the brief tenure of your praiseworthy efforts.

Our membership program is healthy but that claim is not without cause. We are well-supported, and membership in all grades of our association staffs is high. Well over 80% of the membership of our effective commanders and the actions of the state National Guard associations. We take none of these for granted. Rather, we cherish each individual membership for its value to the total effort as well as to each of our supporting member. Several alterations have been made in the administrative handling of the membership program, and we are proud of the results. We are aware that these changes have made it easier for those who wish to join. In turn, we hope that each member, whether new or old, feels a part of our association.

The legislative program, a real "bread and butter" item, has thrived and produced valuable benefits in the enhancement of the National Guard in its total Force role. Again, this does not occur without intelligent and total effort. As a guiding element in this regard, I recognize the efforts of our fine staff members who diligently and professionally apply the collective efforts of our member associations to achieve our objectives.

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