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The 119th General Conference

The 119th General Conference was the highlight of the year for NGAUS and its membership. The address given in New Mexico were filled with the anticipation of a promising future for the National Guard, including a directive from Defense Secretary William S. Cohen that spurred the integration of the guard Force and a commitment from Army Chief of Staff GEN. Dstell E. Rentier for improved communications between the Army and the Guard. In addition, the Harry S Truman award was presented to SSGT Cyril Stevens (N-Minnesota), and attendees witnessed the best defense industry exhibits of the history of the General Conference.

The NGAUS Sets Legislative Agenda for 1998

One of the primary tasks during the General Conference is to compile a list of resolutions that outline the NGAUS' legislative priorities for the upcoming year. The NGAUS membership annually votes on the resolutions at the Conference. The NGAUS staff in Washington, D.C. then aggressively pursues these issues on Capitol Hill. This year, the membership passed 126 resolutions.

Symposium on the Revolution in Military Affairs

The NGAUS recently hosted a symposium on the Revolution in Military Affairs. Papers addressed the changing political climate around the world and the U.S. military's role in dealing with these new challenges. Also addressed was whether or not the Quadrilateral Defense Review achieved its goal of assessing the military's capabilities and readiness in this changing world and what the National Defense Plan should conclude.

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Cover: SSGT Cyril Stevens (N-Minnesota) delivers his address at the 119th General Conference after accepting the Harry S Truman Award, the NGAUS' most prestigious honor. Senator Bennett S. Harrison of South Carolina, in remarks concerning the future of the National Guard, was25 impresive and positive. See page 14 for more. Inset: Former Senator Gary Hart was one of the pioneers of the NGAUS symposium on the Revolution in Military Affairs. Cover by Dennis and Sackett Design.

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