

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Consolidation of Regular Army and National Guard

Since within the memory of most of us, the people of this nation have found it necessary to place their arms in the fields to protect American homes and families,

Since we were given time to expand our armies to their wartime effectiveness because our allies made a virtual stand while we trained our young men to be soldiers,

After the first world war, we allowed the army to shrink to a dangerous point -- a point to which it must never be allowed to shrink again until world security can be protected the citizens of the earth.

We now stand at the cross-roads. Our battles have been won for more than a year, and yet peace has not been declared. In bringing us out to the possibilities of the world's bloodiest war, we accepted the responsibility of seeing that peace is maintained in the spheres where we established it by bringing the powerful enemy to his knees.

We must maintain a Regular Army and National Guard at the highest possible level so have ever known to insure peace in the territories we have acquired, to maintain the technical advances made by this country. It is to be emphasized that the National Guard, as well as the Regular Army, are to be maintained at the highest possible level to take to the field in any emergency. In addition to an adequate Regular Army and National Guard force, we must support the principal units of the Organized Reserve which can also be mobilized with the least possible delay when the need arises.

The last few years have seen the army become increasingly attractive as a vocation for young men, and have seen the reserve organizations established to such an extent that any man may become familiar with his army in almost any walk he wishes.

I, LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL, Governor of the State of Minnesota, in conjunction with the National Government of Army Day, do hereby designate April 7, 1947 as

ARMY DAY in the State of Minnesota

and April 8 through 12 as

ARMY WEEK in the State of Minnesota,

and urge all citizens of the state to familiarize themselves with their Regular Army, its organization, missions and accomplishments.

Further, I urge every eligible man to investigate the possibility of joining one of the reserve organizations (such as the National Guard or Organized Reserve), and to prepare himself in his home community to help his nation preserve the peace for which our fighting army has fought.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in St. Paul this second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-seven and of the State the ninetieth.

Luther W. Youngdahl
Governor

Miles J. Foley
Secretary of State

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