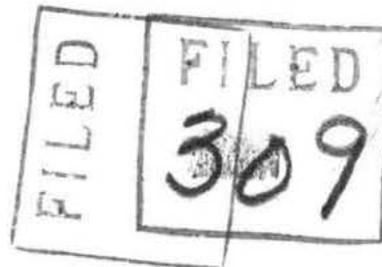


Opinion No. 309
Answered by letter

September 14, 1964



Major General A. D. Sheppard
Adjutant General of Missouri
Adjutant General's Office
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear General Sheppard:

We are in receipt of your request of September 2, 1964,
for an official opinion of this office.

We are informed that you, as Adjutant General of this State desire to arrange participation in National Guard Association of the United States Group Health Insurance, a group health insurance program for employees of the National Guard of this State, most of whom are paid from Federally appropriated funds, that employee participation will be voluntary, that contributions will be solely by the employee and no State funds will be contributed, that contributions will be deducted by the United States Department of Defense and that you desire to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Defense for this purpose.

Under Chapter 41, RSMo 1959, the Adjutant General is the administrative head of the military establishment of this State, under the direction of the Governor. It is the opinion of this office that the Adjutant General of this State, under the direction of the Governor, may arrange participation of National Guard employees in the National Guard Association of the United States Group Health Insurance and enter into the above mentioned agreement with the Secretary of Defense to provide for the payment of contributions of Federally paid employees by withholding sums from their compensation.

Yours very truly,

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Attorney General

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