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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

As we finish-up our vacations with family, send kids back to school, and we prepare for the inevitable winter months ahead, I want to let everyone know your association continues to fight hard for our membership. As always, WINGA is fully engaged to ensure your National Guard is prepared to respond to the needs of the Nation and the State of Wisconsin. WINGA is continuously developing ways, to provide resources to accomplish the number one priority of the association, which is ensuring our elected officials are informed, and championing our legislative goals. Each of the resolutions and legislative priorities will build readiness and capacity to prepare WI NG Soldiers and Airmen to respond to the needs of our citizens. These initiatives will also help ensure our members and families are respected and treated as part of the total force.

I would like to thank the large contingent who represented Wisconsin during the 141st NGAUS General Conference in Denver. The theme was "the National Guard, an American Treasure". Everyone who attended can attest to the need for increased membership to ensure our voice is heard and the Guard remains a national treasure. As MG Matt Quinn articulated there are multiple areas where DOD and NGB are trying to take authorities from the state and consolidate power. This will have devastating effects on the quality of life and operational efficiency of you and your Soldiers/Airmen. These actions by NGB do not facilitate the message from the Army Chief of Staff General James McConville, who said his priorities are people and winning or Air Force Vice Chief of Staff General Stephen Wilson's charge of "go long, I trust you".

As we begin another membership year, I ask every member to share the benefits and criticality of being a member of your professional association. In addition, please continue to forward ideas, capability gaps, and resolutions to move WINGA into the future.

The 128th ARW and WINGA are currently in the process of planning for the 70th annual WINGA conference, which will be held at the Sheraton, located in Brookfield, WI. We will continue to build on the professional development momentum from the previous three conferences. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in April at the conference.

As we get ready for the 2020 membership drive, I ask everyone to view MG Quinn's video from this year's NGAUS conference and the importance of membership in professional associations. I want to thank each one of you for the engagement of moving WINGA forward.

President Eric Leckel

2020 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE and NGAUS/WINGA LIFE MEMBER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The 2020 Membership Year Drive will begin in November. WINGA will once again offer an incentive program toward NGAUS & WINGA Life Membership ($500 for company grade officers and $250 for field grade officers). See page 4 for details.

The "WINGA is Working for You" flyer is an insert to this newsletter.

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If you are aware of the passing of a member, please notify us.

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Calendar

STATE

WINGA & WNGEA State Conf
Sheraton Hotel, Brookfield
24-26 April 2020

NATIONAL

NGAUS Annual Conf

142rd: 28-31 Aug 2020
Boston, MA

143rd: 9-12 Sep 2021
Charlotte, NC

144th: 26-29 Aug 2022
Columbus, OH

145th: 18-21 Aug 2023
Reno, NV

WINGA 2019 GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARD	RECIPIENT	SPONSOR
Education Grant	Jordan Adamson	LTC Kathleen Adamson
Education Grant	Elizabeth Hanson	LTC (Ret) Dan Hanson
Education Grant	Meghan Kehoe	LTC (Bill) Kehoe
Education Grant	Andrew Padgett	CPT Mary Padgett
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Education Grant	Konur Peterson	Col Erik Peterson
Education Grant	Aaron Pulvermacher	COL Dan Pulvermacher
Education Grant	Kyle Pulvermacher	COL Dan Pulvermacher
President's Scholarship	Capt David Cefalu	Capt David Cefalu
President's Scholarship	1LT Ryan Schnake	1LT Ryan Schnake

These students were awarded a $500 education scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year from the Wisconsin National Guard Association, Inc (WINGA).

On behalf of the WINGA Board of Directors and the WINGA Awards, Gifts and Grants Committee, congratulations in your pursuit of a higher education degree.

WINGA 2019 GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS THANK YOU'S

From 1LT Ryan Schnake: Thank you for the generous scholarship. I am in my third year of seminary studies and have transitioned from the 32 MP Co to being a Chaplain Candidate with JFHQ. Again, I thank WINGA for all they do.

State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) Facts

- Two in five consumers have NO life insurance at all
- Three out of ten households are uninsured
- More than 1/3 of households would feel the financial impact of the loss of the primary wage earner within just ONE month
- Nearly HALF of all consumers said they would need to make drastic or significant financial changes if a death occurred
- SSLI can be purchased for as little as $3.66/month compared to other common expenses such as gourmet coffee: $4.30, movie ticket: $8.00 and lunch out: $10.00

For more information about SSLI Life Insurance go to www.winga.org or call the WINGA Insurance Office at 608.242.3100.

RETIREE INFORMATION

Websites & Links:
WI Retiree website: http://dma.wi.gov/retirees
To sign up for email notifications:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIDMA/subscriber/new?category_id=WIDMA_C1
Army Echoes website: https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Retirement/army-echoes

Key Dates of Upcoming Events:
27-29 Oct—National Capital Summit, Washington, DC (CPT Cody Anderson selected to attend)
11 Nov—Veterans Day
6 Dec—Senior Leadership Conf, Volk Field
9-10 Dec—NGAUS Industry Day, Washington, DC

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LEGISLATIVE CORNER

by LTC (Ret) Jackie Halverson

Legislative priorities that emerged from the 141st NGAUS Conference focused on several key issues for the Air and Army National Guard. Chief issues include urging Congress to pass S. 164/H.R. 613 to provide TRICARE Reserve Select eligibility for federal employees, including dual status technicians, and for Congress to authorize and fund full-time Army National Guard support personnel at 20% of authorized end strength with 35% set for the Air National Guard. Other issues on the NGAUS radar are retirement age reduction and reintegration benefits parity for 12304b deployments, fund $100 million for the National Guard HMMWV modernization program, and support a budget request for 64 new UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters in the FY 2020 defense appropriation.

At the state level, the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate held public hearings in September on AB-361/SB-334 regarding requirements for colleges when service members are called into active duty for less than 30 days. Current law provides enrollment and tuition reimbursement protections at the 30-day mark when students are called to active military service. The bill would provide similar protections for shorter periods of federal or state active duty. The need for this bill crystalized in 2017 when the 32nd IBCT was activated for Hurricane Irma as students were enrolling into the fall semester. Please contact your state legislators to express your support for this legislation that will protect our student Guardsmembers when they answer the call to serve.

As of writing of the column, Congress has not passed the FY20 National Defense Authorization Act and the federal government is currently funded under a continuing resolution set to expire Nov. 21.

WINGA SPORTING CHALLENGE

by MAJ Matt McDonald, Event Coordinator

On Friday, 13 September, 28 attendees including Guard members, their family and friends, met up at the North Bristol Sportsman's Club to celebrate the end of the training year and enjoy camaraderie at the 12th Annual WINGA Sporting Challenge. This year's event is the first we've held in the fall instead of the April conference weekend, which allowed participants to fine tune their marksmanship skills right before hunting season and provided another opportunity to learn about the many benefits WINGA provides. Also new this year, a modified "three-gun" competition featured shooters competing in pistol, rifle, and shotgun events. We enjoyed the hospitality of a North Bristol Sportsman's Club cookout lunch before learning whose ticket won a chance to take home one of the six firearms and a dozen other prizes to include truck bedliners, binoculars, gift cards we raffled off (nearly $4,000 in value). We raised $400 for the WINGA scholarship fund and hope to make next year's event (18 September 2020) better than ever. Special thanks to our sponsors including Vortex Optics, North Bristol Sportsman's Club, Madison Auto Trim, Patti Lardie and many more.

WINGA GOLF OUTING

The WINGA Golf Outing, which was scheduled for Friday, 20 September at the Cherokee Country Club in Madison, was cancelled due to lack of participation. The Golf Committee will be working on scheduling a golf outing in 2020. Anyone interested in helping with the golf outing can contact the event coordinator, Col (Ret) Dave Olson at (608) 469-7903.

2020 WINGA/NGAUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

1. Information on 2020 NGAUS and WINGA membership will be distributed to the commands in November. Thereafter, commands will receive spreadsheets on a monthly basis with updated payment information.
2. It is easy to pay your membership dues:
- Call our office (608-242-3114) & provide credit card information.
- Pay online on the WINGA website www.winga.org ; click on the Join or Renew button and follow the prompts to create an account or sign into an existing account. Some have experienced issues when using a government computer.
- Drop by our office (Tuesday thru Thursday / 0730-1600) - we accept check, cash or credit card.
- Pay your unit with cash or check (checks should be made payable to WINGA)

3. NGAUS Life membership is $1,000; WINGA Life is $80. **WINGA will once again offer an incentive program whereby company grade officers will receive a $500 incentive and field grade officers will receive a $250 incentive toward the payment of NGAUS life dues. That would make NGAUS & WINGA life membership for company grade officers $580 and field grade officers $830. This incentive program will be on a first-come, first served basis. You must also become a WINGA life member in order to take advantage of this offer. If you are interested in this incentive program, please contact our office (608-242-3114).**
4. Active Life Memberships continue to count towards WINGA and NGAUS' 100% membership even after member retires.
5. Commands who achieve 100% membership by the Early Bird deadline will be eligible for the 5% Early Bird rebate. **The Early Bird Membership deadline is Friday, 27 March 2020.**
6. The second deadline for membership dues will be 29 June 2020. Dues for membership year 2020 will continue to be collected through 28 September 2020.

At the NGAS 2019 Conference in Denver, the membership voted to change the dues structure. All company grade officers pay one rate, all field grade officers pay one rate and all general officers pay one rate.

Pay Grade	NGAUS Dues	WINGA Dues	Total
O-1 thru O-3; W01 thru CW3	$40	$5	**$45**
O-4 thru O-6; CW4 & CW5	$80	$10	**$90**
O-7 & O-8	$130	$20	**$150**

2019 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

As of 30 September 2019, the percentage of paid members of actively drilling soldiers and airmen was 58% for the WI ANG and 70% for the WIARNG. Wisconsin's overall NGAUS membership strength was 104% - due in large part to the 594 individuals who are active life NGAUS members. Even after the member has retired, active life membership counts toward NGAUS membership .

WELCOME TO NEW NGAUS/WINGA MEMBERS

The individuals listed below have been appointed as officers in the Wisconsin National Guard since the last *Communicator* (May 2019). Newly appointed officers with no prior NGAUS and WINGA membership receive 1 year of complimentary membership in NGAUS and WINGA. New accessions with no prior WINGA membership receive 1 year of complimentary membership in WINGA.

Congratulations to those officers who have been discharged from the Wisconsin National Guard and became a NGAUS and/or WINGA Retired Life Member. Currently, NGAUS Retired Life Membership is $125 and WINGA Retired Life Membership is $15.

Complimentary Membership
2LT William Ayer, 157MEB
WO1 Dane Beecham, 1-147 Avn
2LT Shannon Breske, 115FW
WO1 Daniel Cutler, 1-147 Avn
2LT David Doughty, 132 BSB
CPT Daniel Dunbar, Med Det
2LT Joshua Ganrude, 128ARW
2LT Danielle Geier, 132 BSB
2LT Ethan Goede, Cyber Tm
CPT Erin Harrington, Med Det
2LT Samuel Jollie, 1-128 Inf
2LT Zachary Lauridsen, 724
2LT Brandon Lohrentz, 157MEB
2LT Joshua Long, 1-120 FA

(complimentary mbr contd)
2LT Jeremy Maurer, 115FW
2LT Landon McDonald, 1-105 Cav
1LT Rory McGarry, 32IBCT
Capt Jordan Miller, 128ACS
2LT Brianna Neumeyer, 132 BSB
2LT Jason Permann, 457 Chem
2LT Claire Reimer, 1-105 Cav
CPT Christopher Roeloffs, 157MEB
2LT Christian Ryan, 1-121 FA
2LT Daniel Shimon, JFHQ
1LT Bryan Stoppenbach, 2-127 Inf
WO1 Shane Strong, 1-147 Avn
2LT Michelle Tadych, 132 BSB
CPT Bryant Volling, 1-105 Cav

(complimentary mbr contd)
2LT Cassandra Weiss, 132 BSB

Compl WINGA Only Mbr
CPT Matthew Jones, 157MEB
MAJ Clifford Syner III, 132 BSB
LtCol Troy Zierden, Volk CRTC

Retired Life Members
LTC (Ret) Jerry Eastman
MAJ (Ret) Rebecca Nieves
LTC (Ret) Stephen Pelicano

2019 NATIONAL CAPITAL SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

by Capt Bradley Kelly, 128th Air Control Squadron, Volk Field ANGB

Day 1: At General Lengyel's (CNGB) private residence on Ft McNair we were treated to a backyard BBQ. I was able to speak one-on-one with both him and Lt Gen Rice (DANG) for about an hour. The major topics of conversation included getting our officer corps familiar with the future fight, Multi-Domain Command and Control (MDC2), and as a result of a more integrated future fight, having our officers as joint experienced and more familiar with the other branches of service. Additionally, one of the major struggles that top leadership conveyed was the National Guard becoming more of a true Operational Force since September 11, 2001. It is important that we not only tell our story of not just being warfighters, but also protecting the homeland, our State Sponsorship Programs (SPP), and mentoring our young leaders to find innovative ways to make drill weekends and annual training as efficient and productive as possible, in order to help this constant readiness challenge.

Day 2: NGAUS gave us a thorough understanding of how the political machine works on Capitol Hill and how the military intertwines with the nation's political process. Advice on maintaining political neutrality, networking with peers, and the importance of developing relationships early and often were NGAUS's key advice on getting any kind of political action accomplished. We also heard on the differences between authorizations and appropriations, the NGREA process, responsibilities of the HASC, SASC, HAC-D, and SAC-D, and lastly NDAA legislative highlights. We then received a tour over at the Pentagon getting an insight look into the history, as well as a firsthand look at the offices of key leaders.

Day 3: The last day started with a brief from Rep William Timmons (R-SC 4th), who was also a 1LT in the South Carolina ANG. His brief was again focused on the importance of building relationships in order to get any traction on Capitol Hill. Next, we held a panel and asked questions to multiple congressional staffers who work for various senators and representatives. The afternoon then finished with a small group of six of us going over to U.S. Senate Offices of Sen Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Sen Tammy Duckworth (D-IL). Here we were able to speak with both of their staffs on two important issues facing the National Guard; passing legislation to raise the minimum percentage for National Guard full time support/manning and passing S. 164 and H.R. 613 to provide TRICARE Reserve Select eligibility for federal employees, including more than 70,000 dual status military technicians in the National Guard and Reserves.

SUMMARY: Overall, this opportunity was one of the most eye-opening and best experiences of my military career. I did not fully understand what "NGAUS lobbying" on our behalf meant until I saw the process in action and was actually a part of traveling to the various offices of different senator and representatives. I highly encourage all Company Grade and Warrant Officers to apply for this program and get involved in what NGAUS is working toward every day to help achieve for our state's soldiers and airmen.

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When you join NGAUS, you add your voice to thousands of others who understand the role of the National Guard in the nation's security and want to enhance its capabilities to perform that vital mission at home and overseas. With your membership, NGAUS is better able to make the case in Congress for a strong, well-equipped and well-trained National Guard in more than 3,000 communities around the country. Joining NGAUS means ensuring America's defense. Annual and life memberships are available to all active, separated and retired commissioned and warrant officers of the National Guard.

WI ANG Hall of Fame and WIARNG Hall of Honor Ceremony

On 5 September, Maj Gen (Ret) Jerald Slack was inducted into the WI ANG Hall of Fame. COL (Ret) Todd Nehls was inducted into the WIARNG Hall of Honor. The induction and honors represent a lifetime of achievement and contributions to the National Guard. The awards banquet was held at Volk Field. WINGA provides the plaques that are presented to the awardees. Congratulations!

WI ANG Hall of Fame plaque & proclamation is presented by Maj Gen Dunbar, TAG, and Brig Gen Ebben, ATAG Air, to Maj Gen (Ret) Jerry Slack

WIARNG Hall of Honor plaque & proclamation is presented by Maj Gen Dunbar, TAG, and BG Mathews, ATAG Army, to COL (Ret) Todd Nehls

NGAUS Conference OPD Attendee Comments

by CPT David Kranz

1. It was a great networking opportunity. Even though I may not keep contact with any Officers from other States, I made closer acquaintance with other Wisconsin Officers. In fact, the amount of time that I got to spend with senior WIARNG leadership was amazing. I was very grateful for that opportunity.
2. Hospitality Night was definitely the social event highlight, in my opinion. The venues were good (especially Lucky Strike), drink tickets motivated everyone to travel from venue to venue, and the social environment was awesome. Great event!
3. For the most part, Officer Professional Development (OPD) briefings were pretty good. The only one that could have been done without was the briefing to GEN Lengyel. I feel like nothing will be changed based on those presentations that we gave. Also, I feel like the time could have been better used for actual developmental opportunities.
4. Most vendors were friendly. I was excited to see that the United States Field Artillery Association was involved :)
5. The General Officers who came to speak with us were all outstanding. It was fantastic getting to here from all of them, especially about the topics regarding Army Futures Command and where the Army is headed in the future.
6. Some people said that they liked the first business meeting better in previous years. Personally, I really liked the first business meeting. Between the states introductions, to the Silhouettes, to the John Denver impersonator - all of this was phenomenal, in my opinion.
7. I truly appreciate the opportunity to attend NGAUS on scholarship. This was a conference that I will never forget. It was an incredible experience that I hope to be able to experience again.

NGAUS 2019 PICTURES

Golf Outing

Motorcycle Rally

Fouteener Climb

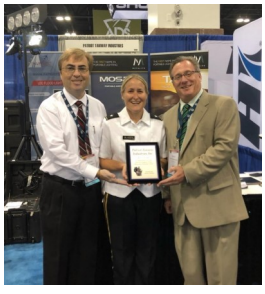
Fun Run

WINGA CORPORATE SPONSORS AT NGAUS 2019

Special thanks to our corporate sponsors: Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA), Decatur Dairy, Oshkosh Defense, Patriot Taxiway, and Robertson Fuels.

Thank you plaque presented to AFBA / 5 Star Life

Thank you plaque presented to Robertson Fuels



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2019 NGAUS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado and Wyoming National Guard hosted the 2019 NGAUS Conference in Denver—the Mile High City. Wisconsin was well represented with 84 delegates and guests. 17 Company Grade Officers attended and participated in Officer Professional Development. NGB authorized funding for 5 company grade/warrant officers to attend the conference in a paid status; WINGA funded the travel expenses for an additional 4 CGO/WOs, plus 2 CGO award winners. Those CGOs who were selected to attend included: Capt Natalie Huschka (115FW); Capt Emmett Yule (128 ACS); 2LT Joshua Ganrude (128ARW); CPT Phillip Cluphf, HHD 426th Regt; CPT David Kranz (RRM); CPT Patrick Peterson (Co C (-) 1st Bn 168th Avn); 1LT Sawn Smith (Co D FSC 132 BSB); 2LT Isaac Geffers (HHC 173 BEB); WO1 Matthew Hipp (1157 Trans Co). **Individual awards**: State Rep Ken Skowronski was awarded the Patrick Henry Award and Capt Brad Kelly of Volk CRTC was awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Award. Capt Dave Cefalu of 128th Air Control Squadron was awarded a $5,000 AFBA Scholarship, which is awarded to Active Life Members. **Unit Awards**: The 128th Air Control Squadron received the Distinguished Mission Support Plaque; the 115th Fighter Wing received the William W Spruance Safety Award and the Maj Gen John J Pesch Flight Safety Award. Key events during the conference included three business sessions, three OPD sessions, Army & Air Break-out sessions, Committee Meetings, and Task Force Meetings. Wisconsin was housed at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center Hotel. Wisconsin was one of 7 states to host the Big 10 Hospitality Night at the Otra Vez Mexican Cantina. In their spare time, Wisconsin attendees enjoyed golf, a motorcycle rally, a fourteener climb at Quandary Peak, a fun run, a Rockies Baseball Game, the local casino, or explored the Denver area on their own. The Governor's Reception was held at the Wings over the Rockies Air & Space Museum. 14 states were honored for having 100 percent membership. **Wisconsin once again led the way with 39 years of consecutive 100% membership.** Additional conference photos can be found on the WINGA website www.winga.org

Patrick Henry Award is presented to State Representative Ken Skowronski

Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Award is presented to Capt Brad Kelly, Volk CRTC

$5,000 AFBA Scholarship is presented to Capt Dave Cefalu, 128th Air Control Squadron

Maj Gen John J Pesch Flight Safety Award is presented to 115FW

Distinguished Mission Support Plaque is presented to 128ACS

Wisconsin CGOs with CNGB General Lengyel: 1LT Smith, CPT Cluphf and Capt Yule

WI Delegation at the States Dinner

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- Tax-free retired military pay in Wisconsin
- WI State Tuition Assistance Program and post 9-11 GI Bill
- Over past 4 years, funded $67,000 for NGAUS Life Membership Incentive for 147 officers
- Over past 7 years, funded over $38,500 Educational Scholarships for 77 members and dependents
- Annual WINGA Conference, including sponsoring of no-cost Professional Development
- No-cost $10,000 life insurance policy to new members of the WI National Guard for 1 year
- No-cost $1,000 life insurance coverage for all actively serving WI National Guard members
- Annual funding for Hall of Honor & Hall of Fame Programs
- Annual grants of $500 to each MSC and Wing Commands
- Annual funding of $2,000 for Northern Lightening Exercise
- Funded $85,000 to assist with the F35 aircraft initiative
- State Soldiers & Sailor Relief Act
- Definition of "veteran" now includes NG and reservists with 20 years of service
- Post-deployment mental health care & TRICARE Coverage
- WINGA newsletter (published 3 times per year) & monthly NGAUS magazine
- Benefit parity for the National Guard

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