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Wisconsin National Guard Association, Inc.

The Wisconsin National Guard Association exists to promote the readiness, modernization, and relevance of the Wisconsin National Guard family and its members.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

May 2023

Welcome to the May issue of **Your Communicator**! This edition follows a highly successful and well attended (291 guard members, veterans, retirees, spouses, and 30 Partners in Patriotism) Joint State Conference in Wisconsin Dells. I want to personally thank a few people and entities. First, the Joint Force Headquarters Detachment for hosting the 72nd WINGA State Conference and to our Joint Conference Committee with WNGEA for doing all the planning and execution of the weekend. There are photos and a synopsis of the weekend on page 5. You can find even more photos on our website and Facebook page. Second, the affordability of the event was made possible by our Partners in Patriotism and the donations from our promoted officers. ***Thank you.*** I further thank the Executive Officers, Board of Directors, and the WINGA Staff for the uncountable hours spent ensuring the success and advancement of our association. Lastly, to our array of speakers from both inside and outside the association; thank you for bringing additional value to our membership.

Your evaluations were reviewed and steps were taken to make improvements towards next year's conference.

We look forward to next year's **73rd WINGA Conference** at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake to be hosted by the Recruiting and Retention Battalion (RRB) and 426th Regional Training Institute (RTI).

SCHOLARSHIPS. Deadlines for many organizations are in the early summer days, to include those related to military affiliation. **WINGA is offering ten $1,000 scholarships.** You'll find web links on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter.

NEWS. We get information to you via our website, this newsletter, and Facebook. We strive to get you timely, pertinent information where you'll see it. Please consider responding to our survey on page 7.

NGAUS. I highly recommend you register for and attend the 145th NGAUS General Conference in Reno. The event and hotel block deadlines are earlier this year (see pages 4-6); do it before you forget. There's no way to measure the positive impact attending has done for me personally and professionally all these years. There's so much for you and your significant other to learn, experience, and just have fun. If funding is an issue, consider reaching out to your chain of command to be considered to be sent on NGB funded Professional Development (PD) orders. You can also apply for PD opportunities, see pages 6 and 7. **NGAUS OPD Applications, AKA WINGA Scholarships, are due 1 Jul and are available on the WINGA website.** Applicants must be a NGAUS and WINGA member.

President Dan Statz

National Capitol Summit—UPDATE

July event cancelled. ***NEW DATES: 17-19 Sept.***

Applications for *Army* Company Grade Officers (CGO) and Warrant Officers (WO) are on the **WINGA Website**. Send completed forms NLT 4 August to Michael.j.williams@winga.org .

The National Capitol Summits bring Army and Air National Guard CGOs & WOs to our nation's capital for a close look at how our government works and the role NGAUS plays in the legislative process. See page 7 for a review by Capt Roger Roth.

WINGA Education Grant & President's Scholarship. One application form works for both. Applications are due **1 July 2023.** Scholarships are **$1,000 each**. Go to the WINGA website: www.winga.org/html/members/scholarships.html for more information and applications.

Leonardo DRS Guardian Scholarship Fund. Applications are due **30 June 2023**. Go to the NGEF website https://www.ngef.org/get-involved/apply-for-the-leonardo-drs-guardian-scholarship/ to apply.

Van Hipp Heroes Scholarship Fund. Applications are due **1 July 2023**. Go to the NGEF website https://www.ngef.org/the-van-hipp-heroes-scholarship-fund/ to apply.

AUSA. AUSA website**.** Application **deadlines vary**. https://www.ausa.org/scholarships/

Western Governors University (WGU). Military Scholarships page. https://www.wgu.edu/financial-aid-tuition/scholarships.html . Applications are due **30 June 2023.**

TAPS

Col (Ret) Tom Grannis II
LTC (Ret) Lisa Hendershot
CPT (Ret) Edward Patton
LTC (Ret) Timothy Wenger

Please notify us if you are aware of a member's death. We publish the names of those who pass away as we are notified, which may result in a delay of notifying you, our members.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES: CY 2023

Life Membership Dues: NGAUS is offering a Digital Active Life Membership (DALM) for only $500. Officers must also become WINGA Life members for $80. WINGA is again offering a $250 incentive for CGOs and a $125 incentive for FGOs. **The difference** between the DALM and. the traditional is members receive a digital copy of the National Guard Magazine and WINGA newsletter rather than a printed copy. Active life members are members forever—even after they retire—so there is no need to become a retired life member.

Pay Grade	NGAUS DALM	WINGA Incentive	WINGA	Total
O-1 thru O-3 WO1 thru CW3	$500	-$250	$80	**$330**
O-4 thru O-8 CW4 & CW5	$500	-$125	$80	**$455**

Annual Membership Dues: Rates remain unchanged from previous years.

Pay Grade	NGAUS Dues	WINGA Dues	Total
O-1 thru O-3 WO1 thru CW3	$40	$5	**$45**
O-4 thru O-6 CW4 & CW5	$80	$10	**$90**
O-7 & O-8	$130	$20	**$150**

Scan the QRC to pay dues on our website.

WINGA Website Dues Payment Options. Pay your membership dues using Credit, debit, or PayPal (no requirement for payee to have a PayPal account).

Other Dues Payment Options.

- Credit / debit, call Lynn Rasmussen 608-206-7006.
- Venmo, QRC (left), search for WINGA or WINGAAssn (if asked, last 4 digits of phone number are 6274)

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Membership is voluntary.

Timelines. The NGAUS & WINGA membership year is the full calendar year from 1 Jan-31 Dec; Wisconsin's membership campaign runs from 1 Nov 2022 to 27 Sept. 2023. Our 2023 goal is for Wisconsin to meet its 100% membership goal by 28 Jun 2023.

Congratulations to the Wisconsin Medical Detachment and the 54th Civil Support Team (CST) for achieving 100% WINGA & NGAUS membership prior to the Early Bird deadline and earning their 5% rebate check.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Officers who pay their dues by **30 June 2023** will be eligible to receive complimentary WINGA and NGAUS Life Memberships via a random drawing; complimentary memberships will be awarded to two (2) Army, two (2) Air, and one (1) Warrant Officer.

WINGA Polo Shirts For Sale

Both women's and men's sizes are available. The new style (pictured) is available for $40. For $20, there are limited sizes available of the original, first edition. Visit the WINGA Office in JFHQ room 151 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or email us at michael.j.williams@winga.org .

A huge thank you to Matt Flynn, Drink MyHy—PIP, and former Green Bay Packers quarterback, who generously donated a DALM to a CGO who pays their 2023 annual dues by 30 June. That random drawing will take place in July and is *in addition* to the five (5) DALMs that will be awarded by WINGA to one (1) each an Army FGO, Army WO, Air CGO, and two (2) Army CGOs who pay their NGAUS and WINGA membership dues by 30 June.

With the new lower life membership rate, senior officers could consider sponsoring a life membership for a junior officer. Being a mentor & sponsor for a young officer will bring many personal & professional rewards. This is an excellent way to "pay it forward" & start a junior officer's military career with a "gifted" life membership in WINGA and NGAUS. If you are interested in gifting an annual or life membership, please contact WINGA at: michael.j.williams@winga.org .

DIGITAL ACTIVE LIFE MEMBERSHIP (DALM) - GIFTED

DONOR	RECIPIEINT
JFHQ Detachment	CPT Blake Wedl
JFHQ Detachment	WO1 Matthew Cole
COL (Ret) Steve Bensend	1LT Luke Bensend
COL (Ret) Steve Bensend	2LT John Bensend

Wisconsin NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION

The Wisconsin National Guard Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable foundation, is offering opportunities for soldiers, airmen, and family members to apply for education scholarships and grants for 2023. Eligibility, instructions and application forms are available at www.wi-ngfoundation.org or by scanning the QRC.

2023 WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD STATE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

We co-sponsored the 2023 Wisconsin National Guard State Conference with the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA) with special guests from the Red Arrow Veterans Association (RAVA) at the Chula Vista Resort and Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells 28-30 April 2023. The event was hosted by the Joint Force Headquarters Detachment. They conducted a meat raffle during the Friday Night Icebreaker which was such a huge success that they donated proceeds back to WINGA and WNGEA for three (3) Life Memberships, one (1) to WNGEA and two (2) to WINGA. WINGA selected officers who met two criteria: 1) paid annual dues for the 2023 membership year and 2) attended the State Conference. See page 2 for their names. The JFHQ Det., led by MAJ Lonnie Roy, JFHQ Det. Commander, provided entertainment Saturday evening in the form of a Grog Ceremony. It too was a resounding success; many a laugh was had. You can find our event photo galleries on our WINGA website https://winga.org/html/gallery/index.html and on our Facebook page.

The Joint Conference Committee was co-chaired by CPT Justin Hofmann and SMSgt (Ret) Bobbie Coker. Thank you for your countless hours of meetings, planning activities, and execution of this joint venture. We had 291 registrants this year compared to 260 in 2022, including an unprecedented 30 Partners in Patriotism compared to 26 last year. Our speakers list outside WI NG leadership included: Major General John C. Andonei, Deputy Director, Army National Guard; COL (Ret) Scott Halstead, AUSA; CSM (Ret) Mario Terenas, AUSA; Kevin Hollinger, Legislative Director for the EANGUS; and Bridget Esser, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)s Legislative Liaison. We appreciate everyone who was able to submit their conference evaluation forms; the feedback was inciteful with a variety of new ideas for future state conferences.

We are looking forward to next year's Joint WI NG State Conference hosted by the 426th Regional Training Institute (RTI) and the Recruiting and Retention Battalion (RRB) at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake 26-28 April 2024. Save the date!

Thank you to those who attended this year; we look forward to seeing everyone at the Osthoff Resort in 2024.

Outstanding Army Company Grade Officer: CPT Jeffrey Hensley, Btry B, 1-120 FA (not pictured)

Resolutions: Col Statz gave a great overview of the resolutions process. He encouraged everyone to check the NGAUS website for standing resolutions before submitting to avoid duplicating efforts. He said the NGAUS Task Forces are reviewing standing resolutions to ensure they meet NGAUS priorities.

Army: WI-1 passed unanimously by the present WINGA membership and will move to NGAUS for their consideration.

Joint: zero (0) were presented.

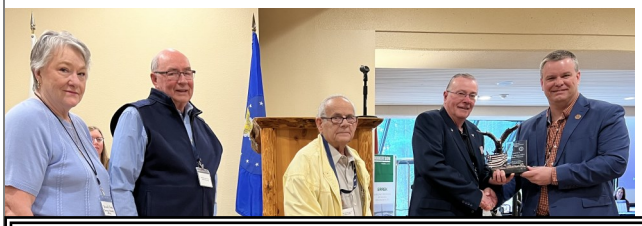
Air Force: 13 were proposed. Col Statz is working with the CAV Task Force to review the weapon systems of each of the major AF platforms.

Election Results:
CGO-Army: CPT Justin Hofmann
CGO-Air: Capt William Reece
Retired WO Rep: CW4 (Ret) Tricia Gundlach

Thank you to the outgoing board members for their time and hard work: Capt (P) Cedar Hamilton, COL Doug Kolb, CW3 Joe Rasmussen, LTC Brian Russell, and MAJ Lonnie Roy.

Col Dan Statz, WINGA President, swears in CPT Justin Hofmann, CPT Mitch Hoh, MAJ Trevor Thomas, Capt William Reece, and CW4 (Ret) Tricia Gundlach.

Outstanding Air Company Grade Officer: Capt William Reece, 115th FW; Outstanding Company Grade Warrant Officer: CW2 Renae Giertych, 32nd IBCT; NGAUS Valley Forge Certificate for Heroism Award, CPT Brittni Swanson.



WINGA Distinguished Service Awards (left-right): Retiree Activities Office: (MSgt Vernell Ficken, CSM (Ret) Lowell Kohler, Lt Col (Ret) Don Schuh, & Brig Gen (Ret) Jerry Olesen) (not present CSM (Ret) Mary Scullion.); Maj Gen (Ret) Don Dunbar, WI TAG; and Col (Ret) Terry McArdie, JAG Officer. Also pictured: Col Dan Statz and Maj Gen Paul Knapp.

NGAUS Meritorious Service Award: COL (Ret) Todd Nehls

Promoted Officer Donations

A big THANK YOU to the following officers who were promoted in 2022 and contributed to the 2023 Wisconsin National Guard State Conference:

- BG Matt Strub
- COL Mark Brooks
- Col Jeannie Jeanetta
- Col Dan Statz
- Col Jessica Sullivan
- Col Chris Triplett
- LTC Dustin Cebula
- Maj Katie Divyak
- MAJ Aaron Greisen
- Maj Charlotte Koshick
- MAJ David Kranz
- CPT Jay Hale
- CW5 Steve Wightman
- CW3 Joe Rasmussen
- CW3 Danial Sauter

Partners in Patriotism (PIP)

We thank our Partners in Patriotism for their generous support of the 2023 WI NG State Conference:

Armed Forces Benefits Association (AFBA), AMI Health, American Military University, Cascade Designs, Chris Mears & Associates, Deployed Resources, Drink My Hy, Elevance Health (Blue Cross Blue Shield), ESS Eye Pro, Galvion, Guaranteed Rate, Leonardo Electronics, Mack Defense, Mead & Hunt, National University, Nutanix, Oshkosh Defense, Patriot Taxiway Industries, Power Flare Safety Beacons, Robertson Fuel Systems, Southern New Hampshire University, Transition Assistance Program, USAA, Western Global, Viterbo University, Western Global, and Wisconsin Inspire. In addition, the following non-profit organizations attended the conference: American Legion, Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR), Homes for Heroes, and Military One Source.

National Guard Association of the United States

145th General Conference & Exhibition

August 18-21, 2023 | Reno, Nevada

Wisconsin Conference Registration Form

NGAUS 2023 QRC

MEMBER REGISTRATION

For information about the conference and events, visit www.ngaus.org/conference.

Registration includes limited transportation, coffee breaks, professional development sessions, exhibit hall access, exhibit hall ribbon cutting, brunch, hospitality night, the Governor's Farewell, the Spouses Luncheon, and the States Dinner.

Registration fee for all members, spouse and additional guests is $180 per person.

Please check as appropriate:

☐ Retiree ☐ Currently Serving

☐ Company Grade OPD/TDY

☐ I would like to be considered as a delegate for my state

Full Name _____ Name on Badge _____

(Include Rank/Title/Prefix/Suffix if applicable)

Street Address or PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Civilian E-mail _____

NGAUS will use email addresses to send out conference updates, special event invitations, etc.

ADDITIONAL GUEST REGISTRATION | Registration Fee $180 Per Person

A new form must be completed if there are more than two additional guests.

1. Check one if applicable: ☐ Spouse ☐ Guest

Full Name _____ Name on Badge _____

(Include Rank/Title/Prefix/Suffix if applicable)

Civilian E-mail _____

NGAUS will use email addresses to send out conference updates, special event invitations, etc.

2. Check one if applicable: ☐ Spouse ☐ Guest

Full Name _____ Name on Badge _____

(Include Rank/Title/Prefix/Suffix if applicable)

Civilian E-mail _____

NGAUS will use email addresses to send out conference updates, special event invitations, etc.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Used for Travel to Conference: ☐ Plane ☐ Train ☐ Personal Operated Vehicle

FLIGHT/RAIL INFORMATION (if applicable):

Arrival Date _____ Arrival Time _____ Departure Date _____ Departure Time _____

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Please note any special requirements or dietary restrictions.

CONFERENCE EVENTS

Check which of the following events you and/or your guest(s) will attend. **Please note some events are exclusive or have limited capacity.**

EVENT	ATTENDEES Primary	Guest 1	Guest 2	DATE	EVENT FEE
Motorcycle Ride	☐	☐	☐	Fri., Aug. 18	No Fee, Limited
NGAUS Golf Tournament	☐	☐	☐	Fri., Aug. 18	$125 per person, Limited
Mt. Rose Hike	☐	☐	☐	Fri., Aug. 18	$20 per person, Limited
Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer	☐	☐	☐	Fri., Aug. 18	Included (must be O1, O2, O3, WO1, CW2, CW3, CW4, CW5)
Field Grade Officer Mixer	☐	☐	☐	Fri., Aug 18	Included
Fun Run	☐	☐	☐	Sat., Aug. 19	$25 per person
Warrant Officer Luncheon	☐	☐	☐	Sun., Aug. 20	Included (WO Only)
Spouses Luncheon	☐	☐	☐	Sun., Aug. 20	Included (Spouses & Guests only)
Retired/Separated Luncheon	☐	☐	☐	Sun., Aug. 20	$5 per person
States Dinner	☐	☐	☐	Sat., Aug. 19	Included
Governor's Farewell	☐	☐	☐	Mon., Aug. 21	Included

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Please note that the last day to book a room within a block is July 15, 2023. Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Wisconsin's room block is at the Silver Legacy, https://book/passkey.com/go/NGAUWI3. (If it doesn't work try a different browser.)

TRAVEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Shuttle transportation **between the airport and the hotel** is provided. Shuttles will run in a loop Aug. 17 - 22 from 4 AM - midnight.

Shuttle Transportation Needed? ☐ Primary Attendee ☐ Guest 1 ☐ Guest 2

METHOD OF PAYMENT | Check, Credit Card, or Venmo

$ _____ Total Cost for Conference Registration Fees

$ _____ Total Cost of Additional Conference Events

$ _____ Other Fee (i.e. Assn. Hospitality Suite)

$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT

There is a $5 per registrant administrative fee charged for all credit card payments.

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ AMEX

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ CCV _____

Make check payable to: **WINGA**

OR pay via Venmo

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REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY

Refunds less a $15.00 administrative fee will be granted for requests received in writing prior to **12:00 PM EST July 14, 2023.** Email cancellation requests to **lrasmussen@WINGA.org**. All refunds will be processed after the conclusion of the conference. After **July 15, 2023**, all sales are final and no refunds will be processed.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO: WINGA, 2400 Wright St., Rm 151, Madison, WI 53704 or email lrasmussen@winga.org .

For additional conference information, visit www.ngaus.org/conference or www.winga.org

145th Annual NGAUS Conference
Reno, Nevada
18-22 August 2023

The 145th NGAUS Conference will be held in Reno, Nevada, the "Biggest Little City in the World", 18-21 August (22 August is a travel day). Most meetings and industry exhibition will be held at the Reno Convention Center, 4590 S Virginia St, Reno. The States Dinner (Saturday 19 August) and Governor's Farewell (Monday 21 August) will be held at the Reno Events Center Downtown, 400 University Way, Reno. Wisconsin has a block of rooms at the Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino, 407 N Virginia St, NV (888) 428-0927. Room rates are $188.01 per night (King - includes taxes & resort fees) or $199.36 per night (Queen – includes taxes & resort fees). Complimentary self-parking; Valet service is $10 per car. Check in: 3 PM; check out 11 AM. Resort Fee includes access to fitness facilities, outdoor pool, complimentary Wi-Fi and complimentary airport shuttle service (0400-2400). Attendees will be bussed to the Convention Center (approx. 5 miles away). The event registration form is in this newsletter; a fillable PDF is also available on the WINGA website www.winga.org .

NGAUS OPD. NGB authorized funding for a limited number of company grade/warrant officers to attend the NGAUS Conference in a paid status; commands will select those individuals. WINGA will fund *additional* CGO/WOs to attend; while those individuals will not be in a paid status, their expenses will be reimbursed by WINGA. The WINGA CGO Advisory Committee will select the WINGA-funded CGO's/WO's. Applicants must be a NGAUS & WINGA member to attend the NGAUS Conference. The OPD application form is on the WINGA website www.winga.org. Applications must be received by the WINGA Office NLT 1 July 2023. See page 7 of this newsletter for additional information.

Friday, 18 August
Travel Day
Golf Tournament
Motorcycle Ride
Mount Rose Hike
Joint Resolution Committee Meeting
Meet & Greet in WI Hospitality Room
TAG Reception (Invite only)
CGO & WO Mixer
Field Grade Mixer
Senior WO Mixer

Saturday, 19 August
Chasing the Sun Fun Run
CGO Professional Development—First Session
Army & Air Resolutions Committee Meeting
Area V Meeting & Caucuses
Ribbon Cutting & Exhibit Hall opening with brunch
General Business/PD — First Session
States Dinner

Sunday, 20 August
Religious Services
CGO Professional Development—Second Session
General Business/PD — Second Session
Spouses Luncheon
Retired/Separated Caucus & Luncheon
Task Force Meetings
Warrant Officer Caucus & Luncheon
Hospitality Night

Monday, 21 August
General Business/PD — Third Session
CGO Professional Development—Third Session
Army and Air Breakouts
TAG Spouses Reception
AGAUS Working Luncheon
Governor's Farewell - Concert

Tuesday, 22 August
Travel Day

HOTEL REGISTRATION: IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR THIS YEAR
All attendees must make their own hotel reservations directly with the Silver Legacy (part of The Row / Caesars Resort). **Please click on this link:** https://book.passkey.com/go/NGAUWI3 to make your hotel reservations. Only use the link that WINGA provides - or you might click on an illegitimate site and not end up with a valid hotel reservation. WINGA will be able to monitor our group's hotel reservations.

KEY DEADLINES:
Email the fillable PDF to **lrasmussen@winga.org** or mail the registration form to **WINGA, 2400 Wright St, Rm 151, Madison, WI 53704.**
WINGA will register all conference attendees. Only conference-badged individuals will be able to attend NGAUS conference events.
26 June—Last date for conference attendees to book a room within Wisconsin's room block at the Silver Legacy
14 July—Last date to cancel a paid conference registration, less a $15 administrative fee
After 14 July—All conference registration sales are final; no refunds will be processed

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:
The Silver Legacy Resort Casino will have complimentary transportation to & from the airport running from 0400-2400 daily. NGAUS will post the link for this bus service on their website so you can track bus departure & pickup times.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE:
$180 registration fee per person (includes access to Trade Show, all Mixers, Governor's Farewell, all Luncheon events, and States Dinner).

ATTIRE:
Professional Development: OCP Uniform / Civilian Business Casual
TAG Reception & TAG Spouse Luncheon: Business Casual
Luncheons: Business Casual
Social Events: Casual
States Dinner: Western Wear

MISC:
Detailed NGAUS 2023 conference schedule of events: https://www.ngaus.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/SOEWebsite051023.pdf
Additional conference & event information can also be found on the NGAUS website www.ngaus.org or WINGA website www.winga.org
WINGA will send newsletters with updates to those who register for the conference. Conference app will roll out in early August.

National Capitol Summit Review
By: Capt Roger Roth

In March, I participated in the NGAUS Capitol Summit for CGO's in Washington, DC. It was a worthwhile experience that began with a foundational briefing on the history of the National Guard that was both informative and inspirational. We were reminded that the history of the NG is our history, and as CGO's we must take the time to share it with our Soldiers and Airmen.

We also received briefings from ARNG and ANG senior leaders highlighting the mission and objectives from their respective viewpoints. They emphasized the NG as the combat reserve of the Army and Air Force, and the importance of cultivating strong State Partnership Programs (SPP) and how those relationships pay off during times of crisis. Having a grasp of how our individual units fit into the larger picture, and the intricate role of the NG in the overall defense of our nation will be invaluable to CGO's as we continue in our careers.

NGAUS leadership also arranged briefings for us on the congressional defense authorization and appropriations process, including a panel discussion with congressional staffers. That dovetailed nicely into the mission of NGAUS itself, and the vital role it plays in advocating for Guard issues within the halls of Congress. We were given time to meet with our CODEL. I was not able to meet with house members as they were not in session. I did meet with Senator Ron Johnson for approximately 15 minutes and had a good conversation regarding my NGAUS experience and current NGAUS issues. I spoke with his COS for an additional half hour on those, recruitment issues, and the arrival of the F-35 at Truax.

Presenter Recommended Reading List

The Concord Hymn, by Ralph Waldo Emmerson

Strategy, by B.H. Lindell Hart

The Tragedy of Great Power Politics, by John J. Mearsheimer

An Army at Dawn, by Rick Atkinson

Perhaps as important as the instruction received, the friendships I was able to build with fellow CGO's in those few days is something I will lean on throughout my military career. I am grateful for the experience, and highly recommend to fellow CGO's if they're able to attend in the future.

I found the NGAUS Capitol Summit experience to be well worth the time. I was able to make great connections with other Army and Air CGOs from around the 54. I highly recommend WING CGOs take part in this experience.

Rate 1 for most used and 15 for the least.
E-mail your responses to
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Survey: Where do you go for information?

Facebook_____
Messenger_____
WhatsApp_____
LinkedIn_____
Flickr_____
Google_____
Email_____
Other_____

Instagram_____
Twitter_____
SnapChat_____
YouTube_____
Pinterest_____
Web_____
TikTok_____

WINGA OPD Scholarship For CGOs To Attend the NGAUS Conference

- In addition to the select number of NGB funded CGOs/WOs who will be placed on military orders, referenced on page 6 under the heading, "NGAUS OPD", the WINGA CGO Advisory Committee traditionally selects a handful of CGOs (O1/O2/O3/WO1/CW2/CW3) to attend the NGAUS conference on a WINGA Scholarship. These individuals on WINGA Scholarships will not be in a paid military status but will instead have their conference travel expenses reimbursed by WINGA.
- The WINGA OPD Scholarship Application Form for the 2023 NGAUS Conference is on the WINGA website www.winga.org. Scholarship applications must be received by the WINGA Office NLT **1 July 2023**.
- The WINGA CGO Advisory Committee will review the WINGA Scholarship applications and select the awardees. Applicants must be a NGAUS & WINGA member to attend the NGAUS Conference.
- The selected CGOs are expected to participate in **all** professional development sessions.

Save these Future Conference Dates

2024: 26-28 April 2024, Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake,
Host Unit: 426th Regt & RRB

146th Annual Conf:
23-26 August 2024,
Detroit, Michigan

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DIRECT BENEFITS OF YOUR WINGA AND/OR NGAUS MEMBERSHIP

- Tax-free retired military pay in Wisconsin
- VA Home Loans available for Title 32 service
- Post-deployment mental health care & TRICARE Coverage
- Annual funding for Hall of Honor & Hall of Fame Programs
- Annual grants of $500 to each MSC and Wing Command
- Funded Officer and Warrant Officer Summits
- Definition of "veteran" now includes NG and Reservists with 20 years of service
- Reemployment rights for State Active Duty or responding to a national emergency or natural disaster
- WI State Tuition Assistance (Remission) Program & Federal (Post-9/11) GI Bill Benefits
- 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
- No-cost $2,500 Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Benefit for NGAUS Members
- Since 2016, funded over $107,000 for NGAUS Life Membership Incentive for 306 officers
- Since 2012, funded over $75,000 in Educational Scholarships for 106 members and dependents
- Three month maternity leave from unit training assemblies with pay & retirement credit for drill-status members
- Annual WINGA Conference, including sponsoring of no-cost Professional Development
- WINGA newsletter (published 6 times per year) & monthly NGAUS magazine
- Benefit parity for the National Guard

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The National Guard Association of the United States