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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 **March/April 2024**

Welcome to the April issue of **Your Communicator!** February's edition highlighted National issues that NGAUS is addressing head-on. Since February, NGAUS engaged Congress on your behalf, advocating for both FY25 NDAA language and a FY24 budget. NGAUS uses a "Write to Congress" (https://www.ngaus.org/legislation/write-congress) function to enable your personnel membership to count; please act on these messages if you agree with the effort… it matters.

As part of NGAUS' February legislative workshop, Jeannie Jeanetta and I had the opportunity to meet with congressional delegations/staffs at their Washington, D.C. offices. We engaged in productive conversations, advocating for your top priorities. In the process, we also recognized the active engagement of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation and opportunities for increased support:

U.S. Senator Baldwin has been a strong military supporter, sponsoring Dental Care for our Troops and American Aviator Acts while co-sponsoring retired Pay Restoration Act and many others. Her Military Legislative Assistant, Lucy Perkins, will be at our April conference to receive NGAUS' Patrick Henry Award.

U.S. Rep. Van Orden (3rd District) is very engaged in military related legislation and sits on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Chairs the Economic Opportunity Subcommittee. He sponsored the Military Leave Enhancement Act (changing 15 days of Military Leave to 30 days), Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act, MGIB-SR Tuition Fairness Act, TAP Promotion Act, Protect Military Dependents Act, and EMPLOY VETS Act to name a few.

Wow… 2-years fly by quickly. I was elected as your President in 2022 and my term is coming to an end at the April General Conference. As in any role, when there is a qualified team ready to fill your position, it is time to step aside for other's involvement and opportunity. I have been on the Executive Committee for 6 years and it is time to take that step. I've been honored to serve in this role and plan to stay involved with resolutions, legislation, and the NGEDA Board of Directors (pending the next president's approval).

WINGA continues to evolve, and I have been blessed to work with an outstanding group of professionals on the Board of Directors, in committees, and within WINGA's staff. Collectively, we achieved many goals but there is still work to be done. I'll see you at the Osthoff later this month!

President Dan Statz

Nominations

Election and voting of our **Executive Committee officers** will be conducted during our WINGA Business Meeting on Sat. 27 April at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. WINGA members in attendance will cast their ballots. Those elected will serve a two-year term. The candidates are:

- President – write-in only
- Vice President Army – CPT Justin Hofmann
- Vice President Air – Col Tim Guy
- Secretary – LTC Myron Davis
- Treasurer – Capt William Reece

Election and voting of our **Board of Directors positions** will be conducted during their respective Caucus Sessions on Sat. 27 April at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. Details: Full terms are three years; CGO positions must be vacated when promoted to Major. The positions are:

- Army CGO Rep (off-cycle), 2024-2026 to fill unexpired term
- Air CGO Rep (on-cycle), 2024-2027
- Retired Officer (on-cycle), 2024-2027

NGEDA Officer Election

Col. Statz was elected in January by the National Guard Executive Director Association (NGEDA) for another year as their Association Officer Representative. The WINGA Staff and Board of Directors thank you for your perpetual dedication to WINGA and our mission.

TAPS

Chaplain (Brig Gen) (Ret) John Hebl
Lt Col (Ret) Roger Mayer
COL (Ret) Ralph Olsen

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.

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

- WINGA achieved +104% membership in NGAUS for the 43rd consecutive year, still more consecutive years than any other state.
- WINGA co-hosted the 72nd Annual Joint State Conference with the Enlisted Association and the Red Arrow Veterans Association (RAVA) at the Chula Vista Resort in WI Dells. JFHQ Det. hosted the conference on 28-30 April which was attended by 291 WI NG members, veterans, retirees, spouses, and corporate partners.
- The Nevada National Guard Association hosted the 145th NGAUS Conference in Reno. The WI delegation of 61 guard members, retirees, and spouses. Our block of rooms and hospitality suite were at the Silver Legacy Hotel and Casino.

⇒ Six officers (4 Army, 2 Air) attended on PD orders (3) or on a WINGA scholarship (3), plus four corporate sponsorships thanks to Drink MyHy, Patriot Taxiway, and AMI Health.

⇒ Col Jeannie Jeanetta was elected as the Air Force Area V Rep. on the NGAUS Board of Directors and CPT Mitch Hoh, was appointed to the NGAUS DOMOPS Task Force Executive Committee.

- Capt Roger Roth, 115th FW, attended the one Capital Summit NGAUS hosted.
- WINGA sponsored a Shooting Challenge at North Bristol Sportsman's Club on 22 Sept. 35 officers, enlisted and their guests participated. $404 were raised for Wisconsin National Guard Scholarship funds.
- LTC Jeremy Holmes organized two (2) WINGA sponsored golf outings. The first was 22 May at The Meadows of Sixmile Creek in Waunakee. The second was 18 Sept. at Broadlands Golf Course in North Prairie. The total amount raised was $2,108.
- WINGA received eight scholarship applications and the Awards Committee recommended all eight receive $1,000 scholarships.
- WINGA received $128.50 from NGAUS for the 5% "Early Bird Rebate", which was redistributed to the WI Med. Det. and 54th Civil Support Team for meeting the 100% membership target date.

View WINGA, Inc.'s entire 2023 Year In Review on our website.

Awards, Gift & Grants

WINGA

WINGA Education Grant & President's Scholarship. WINGA awards up to ten $1,000 undergraduate grants and two $1,000 graduate scholarships annually. One application form works for both the Educational Grant and the President's Scholarship. Applications are due 1 July 2024. Go to the WINGA website to research and apply. www.winga.org/html/members/scholarships.html .

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION

The Wisconsin National Guard Foundation (WNGF), a 501(c)3 charitable foundation, offers multiple grants and education scholarships; deadlines vary. Go to the WNGF website to research and apply. https://www.wi-ngfoundation.org/ScholarshipsAndGrants.php .

NGAUS & NGEF

NGAUS and the National Guard Educational Foundation (NGEF) offer four special scholarship programs to help Guardsmen and their families start or continue their educations. Each program has its own eligibility criteria and application process. They can be accessed at: https://www.ngaus.org/membership/member-benefits/scholarships .

NEW **The NGAUS-CSU Scholarship** is for those with current NGAUS memberships. NGAUS teamed with Columbia Southern University (CSU) in Orange Beach, Alabama. The scholarship will cover up to $32,700 in one online degree program. The recipient may transfer the scholarship to their spouse or another family member. The application period is 1 Feb.—1 July 2024.

The AFBA/NGAUS Active Life Member Scholarship awards two $5,000 scholarships to Active Life & Digital Active Life members of NGAUS or their dependents seeking undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate degrees. Applicants must be a full-time student. The application period is 1 March-31 May 2024.

The Van Hipp Heroes Scholarship Fund is for Guardsmen wounded in an operational or training mission during Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn. Applicants may receive the $1,000 scholarship no more than four times. Scholarships & grants are to help cover the cost of tuition, applicable room and board, fees, and books. The educational institutions must be in the 54 states and territories. This initiative is administered by the NGEF. The application period closes 1 July 2024.

The United Services Automobile Association (USAA) Guardian Scholarship Fund provides college scholarships to the children of National Guardsmen who were lost in service to our nation during Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, or New Dawn. Over the past decade, NGEF has awarded more than 100 scholarships to students through the Leonardo DRS and USAA Guardian Scholarship Fund (s). This grant provides up to $25,000 per student over a four-year college education to help cover the cost of tuition, application, room and board, fees, and books. The NGEF administers the application and selection process. The application period closes 30 June 2024.

AUSA

NGAUS and AUSA signed a partnership in 2022. Your active membership in either organization gives you access to membership & scholarships to BOTH associations. For many of the 12+ AUSA scholarships military experience is not a requirement. Go to the AUSA website to research and apply. https://www.ausa.org/scholarships/ . The application period is 21 Feb.—13 May 2024. Also, check out the section of **Non-AUSA Scholarship Resources**.

OTHER MILITARY FRIENDLY

Western Governors University (WGU) has four military-related scholarships, think spouses and dependents too. Before you can apply for the scholarships you must first apply for admission and be accepted. The admission deadline was 31 Mar 2024. Scholarship application deadlines vary around 30 June 2024. https://www.wgu.edu/financial-aid-tuition/scholarships.html .

NEW **A Guide to Financial Aid and Scholarships for Veterans.** A third of the way into this article there's a list of institutions and organizations that offer military service related education benefits. This guide provides a discussion of the different types of educational aid available to veterans. It also includes information about finding and accessing benefits such as those included in the GI Bill. In addition, the guide provides a list of national and regional scholarships for veterans, their children, and their spouses. Go to their website to research and apply. https://study.com/resources/college-scholarships-for-veterans

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2024

2024 Objective: For Wisconsin to meet its 100% membership goal no later than ***28 June 2024*** and continue our streak to 44 consecutive years of 100% membership in the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS).

The NGAUS & WINGA membership year is a calendar year from 1 January – 31 December; Wisconsin's membership campaign runs from 1 November 2023 to 25 September 2024. Membership is voluntary.

Life Membership Dues: In 2024, NGAUS is again offering Digital Active Life Membership for only **$500**. Officers must also become WINGA life members at a cost of $80. WINGA is offering an incentive of $250 for company grade officers and $125 incentive for field grade officers. **This option means that company grade officers can become active life members of NGAUS & WINGA for only $330 while the cost to field grade officers is only $455.** The only difference in the digital life membership vs. the traditional life membership is members receive a digital copy of the National Guard Magazine and WINGA newsletter rather than a printed copy. Traditional NGAUS life membership dues cost $1,000 making this is a ***50%*** savings. 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**

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**

Annual Membership Dues: Annual membership dues remain unchanged from previous years.

Scan this QR Code to take you to the WINGA Website www.winga.org

Dues Payment Options on the WINGA Website. You can pay your membership dues (annual, DALM, and retired life) directly on the WINGA website using:

Credit or Debit

PayPal, it is WINGA's PayPal account; no requirement for payee to have a PayPal account.

Drop down menus will display the correct dollar amount for each rank within each membership type.

In addition to our website, you can pay dues using the following:

Call Lynn Rasmussen at 608-206-7006 and pay via Credit or debit *or* venmo .
Scan the QR Code to the right or search for WINGA or WINGAAssn (if asked, last 4 digits of phone number are 6274)

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DIGITAL ACTIVE LIFE MEMBERSHIP (DALM) - GIFTED

DONOR	RECIPIEINT
MAJ (Ret) Lynn Rasmussen (1/2 membership)	MAJ Joy Staab
Anonymous WINGA Board Member	1st Lt Victoria Hill
MAJ (Ret) Lynn Rasmussen (1/2 membership)	MAJ Joseph Trovato
Brig Gen David May (1/2 membership)	2nd Lt Benjamin Doss

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

Save these 2024 Dates

WINGA/WNGEA Joint State Conference
Location: The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI
Host Units: 426th Regt & RRB
Dates: 26-28 April 2024

146th Annual NGAUS Conference
Detroit, Michigan
23-26 August 2024

GOLF OUTING
17 May,
Old Hickory Golf Club, Beaver Dam

WINGA/ WNGEA Sporting Challenge
20 Sept., North Bristol Sportsman's Club, Sun Prairie

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Officers who pay their dues by 30 June 2024 are eligible to receive complimentary WINGA & NGAUS Life Memberships via a random drawing; comp. memberships will be awarded to two (2) Army, two (2) Air, and one (1) Warrant Officer.

WINGA/WNGEA Joint Annual State Conference
26-28 April 2024 at The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI
Host Units: 426th Regt & RRB

NGB approved a limited number of company grade officers/enlisted to attend professional development (PD) in a paid status. Selection of personnel will be determined by the chain of command. Individuals in a paid status **must** attend **all** PD sessions and official functions.

Registration: Register online at: **https://wngea.org/conference-registration/** , also linked on the **WINGA website** to the conference registration site. If you prefer to mail in your registration and payment, send the registration form (see page 5) and your check, payable to "2024 Joint WING Conference" to: WNGEA, ATTN: SGM (Ret) Gary R. Hans, 2400 Wright Street, Room #158, Madison, WI 53704.

Through **12 Apr.**, the Early Bird Registration fee is $10/adult for Company Grade (E6/O3/CW2 & below) & $20/adult for Field Grade (E7/O4/CW3 & above). **Effective 13 Apr.**, the registration fee increases to $20/adult for Company Grade (E6/O3/CW2 & below) & $30/adult for Field Grade (E7/O4/CW3 & above). The only meal you pay for is the Sat. evening meal at $30/person, all other meals are complimentary.

Conference App: There is a conference app (search "WNGEA" in the App Store) to register for the conference and obtain the latest info.

Hotel Rooms: The Osthoff Resort, 101 Osthoff Ave, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020, 1-800-876-3399. You must call the hotel **directly** to reserve a room in our room block. Room Block Name: "**Wisconsin National Guard Conference**". Single $90 or $129 Double, plus tax. There are also two-bedroom suites for $180 per night, plus tax. The room block deadline is **5 April.** After 5 April, the Osthoff will honor the above rate if there are still rooms available.

Special Note: Event rooms & times may change from what's depicted here. An updated schedule of events will be provided in your registration packet at check-in and will be maintained on the WNGEA app.

Conference Registration Check-in: Fri. 1200-1930 & Sat. 0700-0800 in the Grand Libelle Foyer.

FREE Childcare: Friday and Saturday from 1800-2100 in Villa Gottfried A.

Icebreaker/Social/Trade Show: Fri. 1800-2100 in the Grand Libelle Ballroom. Come experience a tailgate atmosphere with a Tailgate Buffet of burgers, brats, BBQ chicken, potatoes, tossed salad, coleslaw, corn on the cob, & dessert, plus complimentary beer & wine taste-testing tables. A cash bar will be available. Wear a jersey or other attire to show us who you root for. Our **Trade Show corporate partners & their exhibits** will be co-located. Enjoy a game of BINGO for a chance to win prizes by engaging with them; they attend to meet you, their attendance helps reduce conference costs. There will also be a yoga demonstration and a 50:50 raffle. There will be a **Bonfire Social** from 2100-2300 at the conclusion of the Icebreaker, weather permitting.

Hospitality Room: Fri. 2100-2400 & Sat. 1700-1800 /2030-2400 in the Elkhart Lake Ballroom & Lake View Room. Entertainment: Fri. eve photo booth and more. Sat. eve

WO Caucus: Sat. 0715-0800 in the Grand Libelle Parlor
Retiree Caucus: Sat. 0730-0800, with elections, in the Palm Garden F
CGO Caucus (PD): Sat. 0730-0800, with elections, in Villa Gottfried A

Professional Development (PD): Sessions may be attended by any conference attendee and are REQUIRED for those in a paid status.

- Sat. 0800-0900, Joint WINGA/WNGEA Opening Ceremony and Awards Program
- Sat. 0910-1030, Army & Air DAG Breakouts
- Sat. 1030-1200, WINGA Business Meeting, includes Executive Committee Elections
- Sat. 1200-1315, Corporate Partner Luncheon, includes NGAUS Legislation Update
- Sat. 1330-1430, Army & Air, Officer & Enlisted Breakouts
- Sat. 1440-1545, China/Taiwan Brief with COL James A. Frick
- Sat. 1555-1645, State Military Leadership Panel with the TAG, DAGs, CSM, and Chiefs
- Sat. 1655-1725, China/Taiwan Breakout with COL James A. Frick
- Sat. Social 1800-1900, Evening Meal & Historic Flags Program 1900-2030 with a cash bar. Entertainment will be provided after dinner in the **Hospitality Room** by "New Dueling Pianos" www.newduelingpianos.com .
- Sun. 0800-0900, Command & Retiree Breakouts during the hot breakfast

PD Keynote Speakers: Speakers were invited to share their expertise on topics to improve and enhance leadership, teamwork, legislative awareness, and mentorship skills. Their biographies are available on the app and on our website. The following are our keynote speakers and their topics.

- Maj Gen Paul Knapp, WI TAG
- COL James A. Frick, Assistant Professor at the U.S. Army War College, China/Taiwan Brief
- BG (Ret) Maria Kelly, NGAUS Membership & Marketing Director, NGAUS Legislation Update

ATTENTION RECENTLY PROMOTED OFFICERS

WINGA sent letters to officers who were promoted in 2023 (or late 2022) soliciting donations to support the WINGA/WNGEA Joint State Conference. The letter was sent to O3s & CW3s and above. Suggested donations are listed here. We request that officers who choose to make this donation to please do so by 10 April. Promoted officers can pay via Venmo, check, or can call Lynn's cell at 608-206-7006.

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$20 – CPT
$30 – MAJ / CW3
$40 – LTC / CW4
$60 – COL / CW5
$90 – BG
$120 – MG

Family/Guest Yoga Class: Sat. 0915-1000

The Osthoff House Cooking School is offering a Cream Puff Pastry class on Sat. 27 Apr., 1330-1500 for $25/person. Ensure you register; it won't be held if interest is low.

Spouse/Guest Listening Session: Sat. 1500-1600. Snacks & beverages provided. Meet spouses & guests.

Golf: 9-holes at the Quit Qui Oc Golf Club Sun. 28 Apr. Tee time is 1030. $35/person, includes cart, pay at the golf club on Sunday. Weather dependent.

Dress Code: Business Casual attire is authorized for all attendees incl. those in a military duty status or in a paid duty status for PD sessions. Attire for the Sat. evening dinner is business attire/semiformal; if you wish to wear a formal military uniform are authorized to do so. Slides are available on the app and website.

WINGA/WNGEA Joint State Conference Registration Form

Hosts: Recruiting & Retention Battalion & the 426th Regional Training Institute

Location: The Osthoff Resort, 101 Osthoff Ave, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020 **Dates:** 26-28 April 2024

Room Block Name: "WI National Guard Assoc." Must Call to Book Rooms in the room block: **1-800-876-3399.**

Hotel Room Block Deadline: 5 APR 2024 - $90 (single), **$129** (double), **$180** (2-bedroom suite) /night plus tax.

Registration Methods: 1) Online: https://wngea.org/conference-registration/

2) Phone App: search (WNGEA) & download from your app store

3) Submit this form & enclose a check payable to "2024 Joint WING Conference". Send to: WNGEA, ATTN: SGM (Ret) Gary R. Hans, Rm #158, 2400 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704

Conference Registration Deadline: April 12, 2024

Member Name (Last, First): _____ _____ **Guest Name** (Last, First): _____ _____	**Rank** (write-in)	◯ **Active/** ◯ **Retired** (Select One)	☐ **WINGA/WNGEA/ Paid Status** ☐ (Select One)	**Army/Air** ☐ ☐ (Select One)

Home Address: Street, City, State, Zip Code

Unit:

Civilian Email: **Phone:**

Event	#	Price	Total
Conference Registration Fee (Early Bird Special) **CG=Company Grade**		$10.00/**CG** per adult	
CG (E6, O3, CW2 & below) / **FG** (E7, O4, CW3 & above)		$20.00/**FG** per adult	
Conference Registration Fee After 12 April 2024 **FG=Field Grade**		$20.00/**CG** per adult	
CG (E6, O3, CW2 & below) / **FG** (E7, O4, CW3 & above)		$30.00/**FG** per adult	
Conference Registration for Kids (17 & under)		FREE	
Friday, April 26, 2024			
Registration (Grand Libelle Foyer)		Prices Listed Above	
Ice Breaker/Trade Show/Yoga Demo/Bonfire (Grand Libelle Ballroom) **Theme**: Tailgate **Attire**: Casual/Sports Team **Food**: Wine & Beer Tasting, BBQ chicken, brats, burgers, etc.		FREE	
FREE Childcare (Villa Gottfried A): List names & any special needs: _____ _____	0-11 mo. ____ 1-3 yo. ____ 4-6 yo. ____ 7-12 yo. ____ N/A ____ (Enter qty in ea. range)		
WINGA/WNGEA Hospitality Room (Elkhart Lake Ballroom) Attire: Casual		FREE	
Saturday, April 27, 2024			
Registration (Grand Libelle Foyer)		Prices Listed Above	
Continental Breakfast (Grand Libelle ABCDEF)		FREE	
Joint Opening Ceremony/Awards Program (Palm Gardens Ballroom ABC) [PD] **Attire:** Business Casual		N/A	
Deputy Adjutants General Breakouts [Professional Development]		N/A	
Family Yoga (Villa Gottfried B)		TBA	
WINGA/WNGEA Association Business Meetings (Palm Gardens Ballroom ABC/Villa Gottfried A) [PD]		N/A	
Luncheon with Corporate Partners (Grand Libelle Ballroom) [PD]		FREE	
Afternoon Sessions [PD] Army/Air & Officer/Enlisted Breakouts, Joint PD, State Leadership Panel, China/Taiwan Breakout, Spouse Listening Session		N/A	
Osthoff House Cooking School (Osthoff Kitchen)		$25.00/person	
Social, Dinner & Entertainment (Grand Libelle Ballroom)		$30.00/person	
Attire: Semiformal, Business Attire, or Military Uniform (optional) **Dietary Restrictions**: e.g. Gluten Free (GF), Vegetarian, Vegan, other: _____	Chicken Marsala (GF) _____ Pork Scallopini _____ Three Cheese Ravioli _____		
FREE Childcare (Villa Gottfried A): List names & any special needs: _____ _____	0-11 mo. ____ 1-3 yo. ____ 4-6 yo. ____ 7-12 yo. ____ N/A ____ (Enter qty in ea. range)		
WINGA/WNGEA Hospitality Room (Elkhart Lake Ballroom) Attire: Casual		FREE	
Sunday, April 28, 2024			
Commander's Time Hot Breakfast (Garden Foyer)		FREE	
9-Hole Golf Outing @ Quit Qui Oc Golf Club (Tee Time: 10:30 AM weather permitting)	Pay the fee at the clubhouse.	$35.00/person, includes cart	
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (to help cover expenses)			
		Grand Total:	

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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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