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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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

July 2021

The 2021 Wisconsin National Guard State Conference is in the rear-view mirror. It was a great success, considering the conference was delayed a year due to COVID and the conference was moved from April to June. The Milwaukee Hyatt Regency was a great location and we look forward to the 2022 conference in Green Bay. The 128th Air Refueling Wing did a superb job hosting this years' conference.

Congratulations to our WINGA members for achieving 100% membership in NGAUS for the 41st consecutive year. No other state or territory has achieved this milestone. Your membership in your professional associations will have a long-term positive impact on improving funding, programs and services for the Air and Army National Guard and our families.

The WINGA staff will now focus our attention on the NGAUS 2021 National Conference and Trade Show in Las Vegas on 26-31 August. WINGA has a hospitality suite and a block of rooms at the Luxor Hotel. There is an enclosed walkway between the Luxor and Mandalay Bay, so you won't have to walk in the Nevada heat to get to the Mandalay Bay where most of the conference events will take place. We will be publishing several newsletters for conference registrants to give you the latest in information to make your experience at this year's national conference very memorable.

If you are not aware, WINGA is taking the lead in organizing a new Wisconsin National Guard Foundation. This will be a 501(c)3 charitable foundation which will serve all National Guard members and their families. We are currently organizing the Board of Directors and we plan to have our first Board meeting in August. Proceeds from the September Golf Outing and Sporting Challenge will go to the new Foundation. Individuals and businesses can make tax-deductible donations to the Foundation as well.

On behalf of Lynn Rasmussen and myself, it is our pleasure to serve those who serve.

COL (Ret) Mike Williams
WINGA Executive Director

NGAUS CONF
Las Vegas
27-31 August

You can still register to attend the NGAUS 2021 conference, which will be held in Las Vegas 27-31 August. Wisconsin's room block is at the Luxor Hotel. The registration form and additional information can be found on the WINGA website www.winga.org

NGAUS Capitol Summit
24-26 October 2021

CPT Darryl Deboer, 32d Inf Bde Cbt Team, has been selected to attend the NGAUS Officer Professional Development Capitol Summit in Washington, DC. Each state was able to select one Army or Air Company Grade Officer to attend the Capitol Summit, which will be held 24-26 October 2021.

WINGA Golf Outing
University Ridge
13 September 2021

The WINGA Golf Outing will be held at University Ridge Golf Course, 9002 County Road PD, Madison on Monday, 13 September. It is open to anyone, there is no requirement to be a WINGA member. Start time is 0930 (shot gun start). It is a 4 person scramble. Single golfers are welcome and will be matched up with other players. Early registration cost is $95 per person (prior to 15 August); the cost is $115 per person after 15 August. The flyer can be found on the WINGA website www.winga.org Email registration information to Jeremy Holmes: jeremy.m.holmes82@gmail.com All proceeds from this event will go to the WI National Guard Foundation, Inc..

Sporting Challenge
North Bristol Sportsman's Club
24 September 2021
0800-1400

The 12th annual WINGA Sporting Challenge will be held on Friday, 24 September at the North Bristol Sportsman's Club, 7229 N. Greenway Road, Sun Prairie. It is open to anyone; there is no requirement to be a WINGA member. Registration is from 0800-0830; in-brief is at 0830; events are from 0900-1200; lunch is at 1200; raffle is at 1300. The Sporting Challenge offers trap, skeet, archery, and open rifle & pistol shooting. There are no additional costs for archery or open shooting; there is a cost for shooting trap/skeet. Cost is $30 per person, which includes lunch & a door prize. The flyer can be found on the WINGA website www.winga.org Registration deadline is 10 September. Pay cash/check at the door. Register via email: wingasportingchallenge@gmail.com All proceeds from this event will go to the WI National Guard Foundation, Inc..

TAPS

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

MG (Ret) Jack Chosy
CPT (Ret) William Falk
CW4 (Ret) Don Martin
LTC (Ret) Michael Morris

Wisconsin National Guard State Conference

22-24 April 2022
Radisson, Green Bay
Host Unit: 64th Trp Cmd

28-30 April 2023
Chula Vista, WI Dells
Host Unit: 157 MEB

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143rd: 27-30 August 2021
Las Vegas, NV

144th: 26-29 Aug 2022
Columbus, OH

WINGA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The WINGA Legislative Committee is looking for an Air Guard officer to serve as the co-chair of the WINGA Legislative Committee. Interested members can contact Executive Director for more information at michael.j.williams@winga.org or call 608-242-3114.

2021 WINGA/NGAUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, LIFE MEMBERSHIP WINNERS and 100% UNITS

For the 41st consecutive year, WINGA achieved 100% membership, an accomplishment not achieved by any other state! If you have not yet paid your 2021 WINGA & NGAUS membership dues—and wish to—you may still pay through 27 September. Details can be found on the WINGA website www.winga.org

Congratulations to the Wisconsin Medical Detachment and the 732d Combat Sustainment Support Battalion for achieving 100% membership. These units each received a check for the NGAUS 5% rebate.

On 15 July, President Leckel drew names of five winners from a pool of WI ANG, WIARNG, and WIARNG WOs who paid their 2021 NGAUS & WINGA membership dues or became life members prior to 30 June 2021 in the 2021 membership year. These 5 individuals will receive NGAUS & WINGA life membership. NGAUS & WINGA life membership has a value of $1,080, which made their $45 or $90 annual dues payment a great investment! Congratulations to those lucky winners!

- Maj Brian Wyman, 115 Fighter Wing
- 1lt William Sziebel, 128th Air Refueling Wing
- MAJ Scott Johnson, 157 MEB
- CPT Jennifer Kuhnert, 132d Bde Spt Bn
- CW3 Heather Twinde, 641 Trp Cmd Bn

WINGA SSLI Job Announcement

The State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) office is currently accepting applications to fill a part-time position as an **Office Assistant**.

Job Description (includes but not limited to): Position requires learning and understanding the SSLI Insurance program. Answering phones and emails regarding SSLI program. Creating spreadsheets in excel, typing letters and creating labels in Word. Entering information into database, quarterly billing, scanning, and maintaining filing.

Projected Start Date: 7 September 2021

Work Hours: 16 hours/week (Friday, Saturday & Sunday office is closed)

Hourly Wage: Starting at $16.25/hour. Merit increase available after 6-month probationary period.

Fringe Benefits: Pro-rated vacation. No health or retirement benefits.

Qualifications: Skilled in Microsoft Office Software Suite (Excel and Word); strong people skills; demonstrated ability to work independently and in a team situation; post-high school education desirable but not required; strong communication skills (written and verbal); ability to give attention to detail; military knowledge a plus, but not required.

Deadline for Applications: submit your resume to the SSLI office, attention SIA, no later than 20 August 2021. Resumes may be mailed or emailed:

WINGA-State Sponsored Life Insurance Office, Joint Force Headquarters, Room #162,
2400 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704
or to bschultz@winga.org

Questions about the position, responsibilities and compensation can be directed to the Office Manager, Brooke Schultz at (608) 242-3100.

2021 WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD STATE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the 2021 Wisconsin National Guard State Conference was successfully accomplished with favorable results. The 2021 Conference, held at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee 25-27 June 2021, was hosted by the 128th Air Refueling Wing and sponsored by the Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA), the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA) and the Red Arrow Veterans Association (RAVA). Conference Co-Chairs, Capt David Lake and SMSgt Roberta Coker, with support from the Conference Committee, did a superb job planning and executing the conference. Plans are already underway for the 2022 WING State Conference on 22-24 April at the Radisson Hotel in Green Bay; the 2022 Conference will be hosted by the 64th Troop Command. We had 208 registered guests including a great group of corporate partners and five excellent professional speakers. The conference evaluation forms provide some good feedback and some excellent ideas for the Conference Committee to consider for future conferences. Thank you to those who attended in 2021 and we look forward to seeing everyone in Green Bay in 2022.

A select number of WIARNG & WI ANG company grade officers and enlisted personnel were authorized to attend the Professional Development in a paid status. Speakers included: Mike Hadley (NGAUS), Dan Newberry, Maj Gen Knapp, Betsy Allen-Manning, and Paul Krismer. A Company Grade Professional Development Session was held with Maj Gen Knapp. There were Professional Development Breakout Sessions for Army and Air. During the Company Grade Caucus, Capt Cedar Hamilton, 128th Air Control Squadron, was re-elected as Company Grade Officer Air. Col (Ret) Mike Hinman was re-elected as Retired Officer at Large representative during the Retiree Caucus.

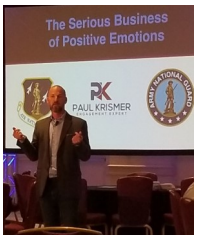
The following award winners were recognized:

- 2020 Outstanding Army Company Grade Officer: CPT Craig Destree, 32 Inf Bde Cbt Team
- 2021 Outstanding Army Company Grade Officer: CPT Jordan Schultz, 64th Trp Cmd
- 2020 Outstanding Air Company Grade Officer: Capt Thomas Fry, 115th Fighter Wing
- 2021 Outstanding Air Company Grade Officer: Capt Seth Dahlke, 115th Fighter Wing
- 2020 Outstanding Warrant Officer: CW2 William Ryan, 1st Bn 147th Avn
- 2021 Outstanding Warrant Officer: CW2 Dayna Walchak, 132d Bde Spt Bn
- 2020 NGAUS Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Award: Capt David Cefalu, 128th Air Control Squadron
- 2020 NGAUS Valley Forge Cross for Heroism: 1lt Shannon Breske, 115th Fighter Wing
- 2020 WINGA Distinguished Service Award: MAJ Brian Faltinson for his work on the "Dawn of the Red Arrow" documentary
- WINGA President's Award: Public Affairs Office for their development of the "Dawn of the Red Arrow" program
- 2021 WINGA Distinguished Service Award: Ms. Kimberly Jones, Dane County Regional Airport Director
- 2021 WINGA President's award: Maj Gen (Ret) Don Dunbar
- 2021 WINGA President's award: Brig Gen (Ret) Gary Ebben

Distinguished Service Award to Kim Jones, Dane County Airport

President's Award to Brig Gen (Ret) Gary Ebben

Maj Gen Knapp, TAG



Speaker Paul Krismer

2021 Wisconsin National Guard State Conference Corporate Partners

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A big THANK YOU to the following officers who were promoted in 2019 & 2020 and who contributed to the 2021 Wisconsin National Guard State Conference:

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- Tax-free retired military pay in Wisconsin
- WI State Tuition Assistance Program and post 9-11 GI Bill
- Since 2016, funded $84,750 for NGAUS Life Membership Incentive for 168 officers
- Since 2013, funded over $55,000 Educational Scholarships for 85 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
- Funded Officer and Warrant Officer Summits
- VA Home Loans available for Title 32 service
- Three month maternity leave from unit training assemblies with pay & retirement credit for drill-status females
- Reemployment rights for State Active Duty or responding to a national emergency or natural disaster
- Definition of "veteran" now includes NG and reservists with 20 years of service
- Post-deployment mental health care & TRICARE Coverage
- WINGA newsletter (published 6 times per year) & monthly NGAUS magazine
- Benefit parity for the National Guard

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