



YOUR COMMUNICATOR

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 2021



I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring. During this season your professional association has been fighting hard to improve the lives of the Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard. The last page of the Communicator highlights multiple benefits of being a member. As stated, parity of benefits with our active counterparts is a top priority. This includes procuring modern equipment, training opportunities, and personnel advancements for our members. I want to highlight the diligence of trying to gain parity on the GI bill, to afford NG members greater benefits to pursue higher education, similar to the active duty. However, this can only happen with membership, the larger the voice, the more potential for action. I would encourage everyone to reach out to officers who are not currently members, to explain the benefits of belonging to a professional association. With your help we can continue to be a force for change. WINGA continues to support the strategic priorities of the Wisconsin National Guard.

With the pandemic there have been many challenges, to include last year's state conference being cancelled and this

years moved to a new date. You will find registration information for the Annual WINGA Conference, which will be held 25-27 June 2021. I want to thank the 128th Air Refueling Wing for all the hard work and flexibility in planning this great event.

In addition, I encourage everyone to save 9-12 September 2021 on your calendar. Once again, NGAUS will be conducting the general conference and exhibition, this year in Charlotte, North Carolina. The conferences provide opportunities for mentoring, networking, and discussions with industry. Both events have extremely beneficial for my professional development throughout my career and I encourage everyone to attend.

Finally, it is with great excitement to announce that Wisconsin will be hosting the 2025 NGAUS Conference. It will the third time the event has come to the Badger State.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the engagement of moving WINGA forward.

President Eric Leckel



WINGA Golf Outing

Volunteers are needed to plan a WINGA Golf Outing in the fall of 2021. Call Mike Williams at 608.242.3114 for more information.



WINGA Sporting Challenge

The WINGA Sporting Challenge will be held at the North Bristol Sportsman's Club on Friday 24 September 2021. Stay tuned for details.

NGAUS & WINGA SCHOLARSHIPS

WINGA Education Grant & Scholarship. WINGA will award up to ten \$1,000 undergraduate grants and two \$1,000 graduate scholarships. The WINGA website has the information. One application form works for both the Educational Grant and the Presidential Scholarship Award. Applications are due at the WINGA Office, 2400 Wright St, Room 151, Madison, WI 53704-2572, **not later than 1 July 2021.**

(www.winga.org/html/members/scholarships.html)

AFBA NGAUS Active Life Member Scholarship. The NGAUS AFBA Active Life Member Scholarship awards two \$5,000 scholarships every year to Active Life members of NGAUS or dependents of Active Life members seeking an undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate degrees. Applicants must be a full-time student. The application period closes **1 June 2021.** Go to the NGAUS website <https://www.ngaus.org/membership/member-benefits/scholarships> to apply.

Grantham Scholarship. NGAUS and Grantham University will award two full graduate scholarships. One scholarship is for an active NGAUS member and current Guard member who is a commissioned or warrant officer ranked O5 and below. The second scholarship is for a spouse of an active member. Each scholarship is valued up to \$14,200 and covers tuition costs, required textbooks, software and fees. Scholarship value depends on degree selected and credits transferred. The application period closes **3 August 2021.** Go to the NGAUS website <https://www.ngaus.org/membership/member-benefits/scholarships> to apply.

Van Hipp Heroes Scholarship Fund. Established in 2015, Van Hipp donates 100% of the proceeds from his book "*The New Terrorism: How to Fight it and Defeat It*" to the Van Hipp Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund, which will award scholarships to Guardsmen wounded in action in the War on Terror. This initiative is administered by the National Guard Educational Foundation. The application period closes **1 July 2021.** Go to the NGAUS website <https://www.ngaus.org/membership/member-benefits/scholarships> to apply.

Leonardo DRS Guardian Scholarship Fund. College scholarships are provided to the dependent children of a National Guard member who died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation New Dawn. 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 National Guard Educational Foundation administers the application and selection process. Application deadline period closes **30 June 2021.** Go to the NGAUS website <https://www.ngaus.org/membership/member-benefits/scholarships> to apply.



WINGA / WNGEA / 32d RAVA Annual Conference
Hyatt Regency Milwaukee, 333 Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee 53203
25-27 June 2021



The Adjutant General has approved a limited number of company grade officers/enlisted personnel to attend professional development in a paid status. Selection of personnel in a paid status will be determined by the chain of command. Individuals in a paid status must attend all Professional Development sessions / official functions.

Registration: Online conference registration <https://wngea.org/wngea-conf-reg/> Registration fee is \$25 per person; \$37 per person fee for the Saturday evening banquet; no charge for the icebreaker nor for any meeting/breakfast/luncheon. Registration deadline is **18 June 2021**. If you prefer to mail in your registration, mail the registration form (on page 3) and your check to the 128th Air Refueling Wing to the address on the registration form.

Hotel Rooms: Hyatt Regency Milwaukee. (888) 421-1442 or (402) 592-6464. You can complete your room reservation online at the same time you complete your online conference registration. <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MKERM/G-WING> If you prefer to contact the hotel directly, you must ask for a room in the Wisconsin National Guard Association room block to receive the reduced rate; room block deadline is **18 June 2021**. Room rate is \$84, which does not include tax. Rooms include comp Wi-Fi, fitness center, and complimentary parking.

Conference Check-in: Hotel Lobby. Friday from 1500-1930 and 0700-0830 Saturday morning. Your registration packet will contain your conference program providing you the location and time for all events, exhibitor information, etc.

Friday Night Icebreaker/Reception: Vendors will be co-located with the icebreaker. Light hors oeuvres, beer, wine, and soda will be provided, with a cash bar available. Tailgate-like atmosphere.

Retiree Caucus: Saturday 0800-0830

Professional Development: Professional development sessions may be attended by any conference attendee. See the registration form on page 3 for times and dates of meals, meetings, professional development, banquet, worship service.

- Saturday Company Grade Session with TAG 0730-0830 (includes CGO caucus)
- Saturday Joint WINGA/WNGEA/RAVA Session 0845-1030
- Saturday Luncheon & PD Session 1215-1330; PD sessions 1340-1430; 1440-1530 and 1540-1645
- Saturday Evening Banquet 1900-2100
- Sunday: Breakfast & PD Session 0800-0900
- Army & Air Breakout Sessions 0910-1030, led by DAGs/CSM/CMSgt

Attire: Professional Development/Meetings: On military orders: Class B. Military not on orders & retirees: Business Casual.

Saturday Evening Banquet: AGSUs / ASUs / Formal Dress / Mess Dress

Joint Hospitality Room: The Vue (21st floor), Open Friday 2100-2359 and Saturday 2100-2359.

Vendor Exhibits: Take time to check out the exhibits on display and visit with the vendors sponsoring the conference.



NGAUS Annual Conf

- 143rd: 9-12 Sep 2021
Charlotte, NC
- 144th: 26-29 Aug 2022
Columbus, OH
- 145th: 18-21 Aug 2023
Reno, NV
- 146th: 23-26 Aug 2024
Detroit, MI
- 147th: 22-25 Aug 2025
Milwaukee, WI



TAPS

MAJ (Ret) Boyd Parker
CW5 (Ret) Clair Murray

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

2021 WINGA/NGAUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

1. It is easy to pay your 2021 WINGA & NGAUS membership dues:
 - Pay via Venmo. **WINGA-WINGAAasn.** The last 4 digits of the phone number associated with the WINGA Venmo account are **6274**. You will need to enter the amount of your dues..
 - Call our office (608-206-7006) & 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 pay online. Please do not use a government computer.
 - Mail a check to the WINGA office; make checks payable to "WINGA".
2. WINGA is once again offering the membership incentive program to financially assist officers to become life members of NGAUS and WINGA. Full cost of NGAUS Life membership is \$1,000; WINGA Life is \$80. However, WINGA will underwrite 50% (\$500) for company grade officers and 25% (\$250) for field grade officers. This program is available to a limited number of officers on a first-come, first served basis. Officers must also become WINGA life members. Interested officers should contact us at 608-206-7006.
3. The next deadline for payment of membership dues is 28 June. Dues for membership year 2021 will continue to be collected through 28 September.
4. Membership, participation, and the payment of dues in and for WINGA & NGAUS are a completely voluntary decision of each service member.

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

WINGA/WNGEA/32d RAVA Annual Conference Registration Form (Hosted by the 128th Air Refueling Wing (ARW))

Hyatt Regency Hotel – 333 Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203 (25-27 June 2021)

Block of rooms under Wisconsin National Guard Association, Inc.

Call to Book Rooms: (888) 421-1442 or non-toll free (402) 592-6464

Or Book on line at <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MKERM/G-WING>

Deadline June 18th for Group Rate - Traditional Double or King \$84.00/night (Suites are available on request)

**Registration
Deadline:
18 June 2021**

-Register online at <https://wngea.org/wngea-conf-reg/>
 *New APP option: download off website or in App Store, search WINGA WNGEA
OR
 -Submit complete form and checks payable to **2021 Joint WING Conference:**
128th Air Refueling Wing, ATTN: Capt Kristina Chiu
1835 E. Grange Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207

Name (Last, First) Rank:	WINGA WNGEA RAVA PD Status (Circle One)	Active/Retired (Circle One)	Army/Air (Circle One)
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Home Address: Street _____ City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Organization/Unit: _____

Civilian Email: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

Event	Time	#	Price	Total
Conference Registration Fee Per Person:			\$25.00 ea.	

Friday, June 25, 2021

Family Fun Run/Walk (Name /Circle T-Shirt Size)	Check-In		FREE	
1) <u> </u> Male/Female/Child & S/M/L/XL	2:00 PM		Includes- Shirt	
2) <u> </u> Male/Female/Child & S/M/L/XL				
3) <u> </u> Male/Female/Child & S/M/L/XL	Race:			
4) <u> </u> Male/Female/Child & S/M/L/XL	3 PM – 4 PM			
Ice Breaker (Tailgate: Casual/Sports Team Attire) Light Hors d'oeuvres / Regency Ballroom Hospitality Room – Vue (21 st floor)	6 PM – 9 PM 9 PM - 1200 PM		FREE	

Saturday, June 26, 2021

Continental Breakfast	7:00 – 8:30 AM		FREE	
Joint Meeting Session	8:45 – 10:30 AM		FREE	
Family Event-Harley Davidson Museum Meet in Hotel Lobby 9:30 AM, Transportation on own. Gather at Museum to pay and start tour.	10:30 – 13:00 PM Lunch on your own after tour		Museum – \$12.00 Children - \$5.00	**Pay day of event
Association Business Meetings	10:45 – 12:00 PM		FREE	
Military Professional Development Includes Breakfast (0700-0830) and Lunch (1215-1330)	12:15 – 4:45 PM		FREE	
Banquet (ASUs/Formal/Mess Dress or civilian equivalent) Social Hour Dinner w/Dessert (Complete dinner selection) Hospitality Room – Vue (21 st Floor) (Civilian Attire)	6 PM – 7 PM 7 PM – 9 PM 9 PM – 12 AM	\$37.00 per person x # Pork Loin & Chicken _____ Beef Brisket & Chicken _____ Veg. Napoleon (Vegan) _____		

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Worship Service	7:30 AM		FREE	
Military Professional Development (Includes Breakfast)	8:00 – 10:30 AM		FREE	

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (to help cover Hospitality Room expenses)

TOTAL:



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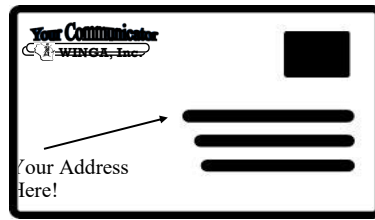
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 MADISON, WI 53704-2572**

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DIRECT BENEFITS OF YOUR WINGA/NGAUS MEMBERSHIP

- 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;
- Funding of 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 women
- 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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