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NGAUS Conf 2020

Virtual Conference

NGAUS is bringing the 142nd General Conference to you. In a year like no other, NGAUS will conduct a conference like never before—livestreamed from the National Guard Memorial in Washington DC to your computer, tablet or mobile device. You will have a front-row seat to see and hear senior defense officials. The event is set for 28-29 August.

The NGAUS business meeting and reports will be held on Friday, 28 August. The Roll Call of States, keynote speaker and National Guard leadership will be on Saturday, 29 August.

Unlike past years, there will NOT be a conference app. However, two weeks prior to the conference you will receive a link to the virtual conference platform where you will have the opportunity to discover the many aspects of the conference before it begins. While you will have the freedom to choose which events you would like to attend, attending the event in its entirety will help you to get the most out of the experience.

Complete details for the digital conference can be found on the NGAUS website www.ngaus.org/events/142-general-conference

Thinks to know about registration:

- Members will register themselves. You must be a NGAUS member to participate.
- In order to access the virtual conference, attendees will each receive an access link to the civilian email address they provided during registration.
- The conference registration cost is \$18.78. So that all WINGA members can experience a NGAUS conference, WINGA members can request reimbursement of their registration fee from WINGA. Simply send an email to Mike Williams, WINGA Executive Director at michael.j.williams@winga.org
- All registered participants will receive this year's commemorative coin, mailed directly to the individual.
- There will be a virtual tradeshow.

Please go to the NGAUS website www.ngaus.org for additional details.



WINNERS OF THE 40 OR BUST LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Congratulations to the randomly drawn winners of complimentary NGAUS & WINGA life membership. These 5 individuals paid their 2020 NGAUS & WINGA membership dues by 29 June and were eligible for the random drawing of complimentary life memberships. WINGA established this motivation to increase NGAUS & WINGA membership in an effort to attain 100% for the 40th consecutive year.

- 1LT Katlyn Steinbrecher, 1st Bn 147th Avn
- 1LT Chinedu Obowu, HHB 157 MEB
- CW3 Matthew Salm, 132d Fwd Spt Bn
- MAJ Aaron Ammerman, Joint Force Headquarters
- LtCol Todd Walton, 128th Air Refueling Wing

The random drawing was held in the WINGA office on 14 July. The NGAUS & WINGA membership is a \$1,080 value, which is a great return on the investment of \$45 or \$90 annual membership dues.

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President – COL Eric Leckel

Army VP – CPT Alicia Dorsett

Air VP – LtCol Dan Statz

Secretary – LTC Myron Davis

Treasurer – LTC D J Klauser

Executive Director – COL (R) Michael Williams

Board of Directors

HQ JF ARMY – LTC Doug Kolb & MAJ Brian Russell

64th TC – LTC Jeremy Holmes & CPT Justin Hoffmann

32nd IBCT – LTC Brion Aderman, MAJ Bill Barthen & CPT Lonnie Roy

157th MEB – LTC Brendon Manglos & CPT Nicholas Rinaldi

128th ARW – Capt David Lake

115th FW – Capt Natalie Huschka

Volk Field ANGB – 2LT Adam Lichtenberg

Company Grade Officers – (Air) – Capt Cedar Hamilton (Army) CPT Emily Yttri

Warrant Officer – CW2 Joseph Rasmussen

Retired Officers – Col (R) Mike Hinman, COL (R) Kristine Schultz & CW4 (R) Tricia Gundlach



TAPS

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

MAJ (Ret) Wesley Berg
 COL (Ret) Don Cooper
 Capt (Ret) Ronald Witkowiak

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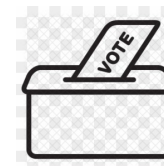
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WINGA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Because the 2020 State WINGA/WNGEA Joint Conference was cancelled due to the COVID19 Pandemic, election of WINGA officers was conducted via email. 2020 election results are as follows:

- President: COL Eric Leckel
- Air Vice-President: LtCol Daniel Statz
- Army Vice-President: CPT Alicia Dorsett
- Secretary: LTC Myron Davis
- Treasurer: LTC DJ Klauser
- Army Company Grade Officer: CPT Emily Yttri
- Air Company Grade Officer: Capt Cedar Hamilton
- Retiree At Large: CW4 (Ret) Tricia Gundlach



Congratulations to the elected officers!



CANCELLED

WINGA Sporting Challenge and Golf Outing



Due to the COVID19 pandemic, **BOTH** the WINGA Sporting Challenge and the WINGA Golf Outing have been cancelled for 2020. Both events will be rescheduled for 2021.



100% MEMBERSHIP UNITS

Congratulations to the following units who attained 100% membership in membership year 2020. They each received a check that represents 5% of their paid annual dues for the period 1 January - 30 April 2020.

732 CSS Bn

173d Bde Engr Bn

WI Med Det

NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

The WINGA Board is pleased to announce the appointment of 3 new officers:

- 64th Trp Cmd—CPT Justin Hofmann—appointed thru April 2022
- 115 Fighter Wing—Capt Natalie Huschka—appointed thru 2022
- Volk Field ANGB —2LT Adam Lichtenberg—appointed thru 2023



NGAUS CAPITOL SUMMIT

Congratulations to the following officers who have been selected to attend the NGAUS Capitol Summit:

- July 2020 — CW2 William Ryan, Co C (-) 1st Bn 168th Avn
- July 2020 — CPT Craig Destree, HHC 32IBCT
- October 2020 — Capt Kathryn Divyak, 115FW



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>



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Awards, Gifts & Grants:

COL (R) Darrel Feucht – Chair
 LTC Doug Kolb
 Maj Jeremy Phillips
 COL (R) Marty Seifer

By-Laws:

COL Michael Hanson – Co-Chair
 LTC (R) Tammy Gross—Co-Chair
 LtCol Christina Schmoker

Credentials:

Lt Col (R) Don Schuh—Chair
 COL (R) Michael Williams
 CW4 (R) Tom Gundlach

Finance:

LtCol Dan Statz – Chair
 COL Eric Leckel
 CPT Alicia Dorsett
 LTC Myron Davis
 LTC D J Klauser
 COL (R) Michael Williams

Insurance:

COL (R) David Gault – Chair
 COL (R) Michael Williams – SIA
 BG Joni Mathews
 LTC Douglas Moore
 COL (R) Terry McArdle
 SGM (R) Lowell Koehler
 SGM Janice Finck
 SGM John Juen
 CMSgt (R) Gregory Cullen
 LTC (R) Bob Strange

Legislative:

Col Erik Peterson – Co-Chair
 MAJ Brian Faltinson—Co-Chair
 Col Jon Kalberer
 LtCol Ryan Gaffaney
 CPT Alicia Dorsett

Nominations:

MAJ (R) Kevin Quist – Chair
 COL (R) Ricky Kappus
 Lt Col (R) George Balcik

Communications:

LTC Sarah Frater – Chair
 CPT Emily Yttri
 CPT Alicia Dorsett

Resolutions:

Joint: LtCol Jeannie Jeanetta
 Army: LTC Myron Davis
 Air: LtCol Dan Statz

Corporate Relations:

Col (R) Mike Hinman—Chair
 MAJ Kathrine Berberich
 LtCol Tom Mielcarek
 Capt Luke Steffel
 CPT Alicia Dorsett

Company Grade Advisory:

CPT Emily Yttri—Co-Chair
 Capt Cedar Hamilton—Co-Chair
 CPT Cody Anderson, Capt David Cefalu,
 2LT Brianna Christensen, 1LT Jonathan
 Ferris-Bohorquez, CPT Ben Gelhaus, CPT
 David Kranz, CPT Ben Krall, CPT Josh
 Ligocki, CPT Kimberly Roeloffs, CPT
 Shawn Smith, 1LT Tim Vial



**2020 WINGA/NGAUS
 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**



- It is easy to pay your membership dues:
 - Call our office (608-206-7006) & provide credit card information.
 - Mail a check to the WINGA office; make checks payable to “WINGA”.
 - 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. Google Chrome is recommended. You will **NOT** be able to renew on a government computer.
- NGAUS Life membership is \$1,000; WINGA Life is \$80. **WINGA offers 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, please contact us at 608-206-7006.**
- Active Life Memberships continue to count towards WINGA and NGAUS’ 100% membership even after member retires.
- Dues for membership year 2020 will continue to be collected through 28 September 2020.
- 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 |

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA) and the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) are **your** professional associations. The success of these organizations is based on your membership, involvement and participation on association activities and volunteer support. Membership in professional organizations can enhance your personal and professional development and provide endless networking opportunities. Membership in WINGA/NGAUS displays a business initiative, engagement in the military and commitment to stay abreast of current developments in the National Guard. Benefits of association membership also includes:

- leadership roles within the associations
- newsletters and magazines
- professional development opportunities at conferences
- access to member-only benefits such as college scholarships

Networking opportunities and a chance to influence legislation which benefits the National Guard are two of the greatest benefits of association membership. However, to benefit from these initiatives, we encourage you to participate and be an active member of your associations. Paying your annual dues is not enough to reap the benefits of association membership. You must also make an investment of time and effort in association activities and become involved. Simply put, what you get out of association membership is directly relative to what you put in.



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
- 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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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

Calendar Alerts



STATE

**WINGA & WNGEA State Conf
Sheraton Brookfield
23-25 April 2021**

