

WINGA/WNGEA Annual State Conference
Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark, 2501 River Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
28-30 April 2023

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/wngea-conf-reg/> There is also a link 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 “2023 Joint WING Conference” to: WNGEA, ATTN: SGM (Ret) Gary R. Hans, 2400 Wright Street, Room #158, Madison, WI 53704.

Through **15 April, the Early Bird** Registration fee is \$10 per person. Effective 16 April, the registration fee increases to \$20 per person. The only meal you pay for is the banquet Saturday evening at \$30 per person, all other meals are complimentary. Also, there is no charge for any professional development, business meetings, training, etc.

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: Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark, 2501 River Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965, (844) 974-0678. You must call the hotel directly to make room reservations if you plan to take advantage of the room block. Ask for a room in the “Wisconsin National Guard Conference” room block to receive the reduced rate on a Traditional Double or King of \$104/night plus tax. The room block deadline is **21 April**. Each room includes waterpark passes for each adult and child.

Special Note: Event rooms & times may change from what’s depicted on the registration form. An updated schedule of events will be provided in your registration packet at check-in and will be maintained on the WNGEA app. You can anticipate a firmer schedule and speaker’s list in the March newsletter. The information will also be distributed on the [WINGA website](#) and on our Facebook page (search “Wisconsin National Guard Association - WINGA” or [@WisconsinNationalGuardAssociation](#)).

Conference Registration Check-in: Friday from 1200-1930 and Saturday morning (exact time TBA).

Icebreaker/Reception/Trade Show/Alumni Reunion: Come experience a tailgate-like atmosphere with a Tailgate Buffet of burgers, hot dogs, brats, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, veggies, watermelon, & brownies, 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 with the icebreaker. 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. New in 2023, a **Wisconsin National Guard Alumni Reunion**. Mingle with the past, present, and future of the Wisconsin National Guard at this inaugural event.

Dress Code: Business Casual attire is authorized for all attendees *including* those in a military duty status, anyone in a paid duty status for PD, and the Banquet. A slide deck is forthcoming with examples e.g. [collared shirt (incl. polo), blouse, sweater (incl. half-zip sweater), vest, dress slacks, pants, & skirts. Ties and jackets (optional). Military speakers will be in a military uniform. Those wishing to wear military uniform (ASU/Class A/Mess Dress) are authorized to do so.

Joint WINGA/WNGEA Hospitality Room: The Hospitality Room will be available Friday after the Ice Breaker ends and Saturday after the Banquet Dinner ends. (Civilian attire)

Professional Development (PD): Sessions may be attended by any conference attendee and are REQUIRED for those in a paid status. PD comes in many forms e.g. service and organization breakouts and panels, and the speakers come from both the military and civilian sector.

- Friday Leader Sessions (1300-1600) There will be multiple events during this period and includes the Company Grade Officer (CGO) Caucus where the Army & Air CGO elections will be held along with other PD information.
- Saturday Joint WINGA/WNGEA Associations Opening Ceremony and Awards Program
- Saturday WINGA Business Meeting (AM)
- Saturday Military Speaker
- Saturday Luncheon
- Saturday multiple PD sessions (PM)
- Saturday Social, Banquet, and **Grog Ceremony** (Business Casual, military uniform optional) A brief social precedes the banquet. A cash bar will be available.

Retiree Caucus: Saturday morning

Golf: On Sunday enjoy 9-holes of golf at the Cold Water Canyon Golf Course. You register with us but your payment will be separate and not until the day of at the Club House.