



# WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION, INC.

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**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 association
- Professional development and networking opportunities at conferences
- Newsletters and magazines
- Access to member-only benefits, such as college scholarships

## What does WINGA/NGAUS do for me?

- **Member Benefits:**
  - Since 1975, WINGA has paid out over \$12.1M in death claims to members & their families
  - WINGA sponsors no-cost Officer Professional Development at the State conference
  - Since 2013 WINGA has provided \$55,000 in college scholarships to 85 members & their families
  - WINGA funded 10 officers to attend PD at the 2021 NGAUS Conferences
  - Since 2016 WINGA has funded \$84,750 for NGAUS life membership incentive for 168 officers
- **WINGA Initiatives:**
  - Supported WI Legislation SB 644/AB 769 relating to requirements for college and Act 274 (SB 795/AB 943) relating to benefit parity for National Guard members serving on state active duty
  - Funded \$85,000 to assist with the initiative to bring the F35 aircraft to Madison
  - Provides annual funding of \$2,000 for the Northern Lightening Exercise
  - Provides annual grants of \$500 to each of the MSC and Wing Commands
- **NGAUS Accomplishments:**
  - Seat for the NGB Chief on Joint Chiefs of Staff
  - Adjusted effective DOR for FedRec delays
  - Expanded Post 9/11 GI Bill for Title 32
  - Extended TRICARE to gray-area retirees
  - Early retirement credits under 12304b orders
  - Access by Fed Employees to TRICARE Reserve Select
- **NGAUS Priorities for 2022:**
  - Modernization of F16, UH-60 & Humvee
  - Increase F-35 and KC-46's for NG units
  - Increased Full Time Support/Manning
  - Improved mental health care treatment
  - Robust NGREA
  - Tax Incentives for Guardsmen and employers
  - Increased MILCON Funding
  - Enhance Guard Cyber/Space missions

## Why should I join WINGA/NGAUS?

- National Guard Bureau is a T10 Federal organization. It cannot be an advocate for **(y)our** "issues" (i.e., funding for equipment readiness, personnel benefits, medical coverage, education, and employment opportunities) to Congress – they are duly bound to support the President's and DOD budget.
- WINGA/NGAUS is **(y)our** professional organization that advocates our issues to Congress; they do so with a strong and unified voice. WINGA/NGAUS strength comes from the size of our membership.
- Membership, participation, and the payment of dues for WINGA/NGAUS are a voluntary decision of each service member. Service members will not be treated differently based upon those decisions.

