



# 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

July 2022



Summer is flying by and NGAUS' 144<sup>th</sup> General Conference & Exhibition is fast approaching. Your WINGA team has been working hard to bring Wisconsin's voice to the national stage in Ohio. Welcome to the July **Your Communicator!**

The NGAUS General Conference is the Association's annual business meeting that also provides a venue to interact directly with our industry partners. Army and Air National Guard officers from all 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia gather to network, set their legislative agenda and hear from America's civilian and military leaders. Over 40 WINGA members are registered to participate in the Columbus, OH conference and cast Wisconsin's vote for legislative priorities and NGAUS elected positions.

Wisconsin will be flying its 100% membership banner for the 42<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year at NGAUS; the longest standing 100% membership state in the association. A huge thank you to our membership drive ambassadors and the endless efforts of Lynn Rasmussen to

achieve this milestone. Over 120 WINGA members have taken advantage of the Digital Active Life Membership (DALM) opportunity which will help Wisconsin maintain its 100%+ membership for years to come. It's not too late to take advantage of this pilot program opportunity and support the association's cause. Like any professional organization, membership reflects representation, and the greater the representation the more effective WINGA and NGAUS will be at achieving YOUR objectives.

WINGA and NGAUS are your professional associations that work hard in Madison and Washington DC to get legislation passed to improve benefits, increase military construction, advocate for policy changes, and resource equipment to enhance our missions. These organizations provide the vehicle to voice your concerns and champion your causes in ways you cannot rightfully attempt individually while serving in uniform. Membership in WINGA and NGAUS demonstrates a commitment to your profession... the Profession of Arms! Thank you to the active WINGA participants in making your association a success and I challenge all members to find your own way to make a positive impact to our associations. If you are interested in serving on any of the WINGA committees or as a WINGA Board representative, please contact WINGA.

*President Dan Stutz*



### NGAUS 2022

You can still register to attend the NGAUS 2022 conference, which will be held in Columbus, OH, 26-30 August. Wisconsin's room block is at the Drury Inn & Suites Convention Center. The registration form and additional information can be found on the WINGA website [www.winga.org](http://www.winga.org)

### 2022 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The submission date for 2022 WINGA education scholarships has passed. All scholarship applications have been forwarded to the Education Scholarship Committee. After the Committee reviews all applications and makes their decision, all applicants will be notified of the committee's decision NLT 15 August and their names will be published in the September Communicator.



### FALL GOLF OUTING AND SPORTING CHALLENGE



**Fall Golf Outing.** The Fall Golf Outing will be held on 19 September at the Wild Rock Golf Course in Wisconsin Dells. It will be a 4 person scramble. Details can be found on the WINGA website. Or contact Jeremy Holmes at [jeremy.m.holmes82@gmail.com](mailto:jeremy.m.holmes82@gmail.com)

**Sporting Challenge.** The 2022 Sporting Challenge will be held on 23 September at North Bristol Sportsman's Club in Sun Prairie. It will offer Trap, Skeet, Archery and open rifle & pistol shooting. Participants may partake in any or all of the events. This event is open to service members, their family & friends, and WINGA sponsors. Cost is \$30 which includes a lunch and door prize. Details are available on the WINGA website. Register via email: [wingasportingchallenge@gmail.com](mailto:wingasportingchallenge@gmail.com). Registration deadline is 10 September.

### **TAPS**



LtCol (Ret) Melvin Sensenbrenner

Please notify us if you are aware of a member's death. We publish the names of those who pass away as we are notified, which may result in a delay of notifying you, our members.

**2022 WINGA/NGAUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE,  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP WINNERS,  
AND 100% MEMBERSHIP UNITS**

For the 42nd consecutive year, WINGA achieved 100% membership, an accomplishment not achieved by any other state! If you have not yet paid your 2022 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](http://www.winga.org)

2022 was the first year that NGAUS offered the Digital Active Life Membership. 122 officers became Digital Active Life Members, which brings Wisconsin to 759 active life members. Active life members are members for as long as they are alive, even after they retire from the Wisconsin National Guard.

Congratulations to the Wisconsin Medical Detachment for achieving 100% membership. They received a check for the NGAUS 5% rebate.

On 12 July, President Statz drew names of five winners from a pool of WI ANG, WIARNG, and WIARNG WOs who paid their 2022 NGAUS & WINGA membership dues or became life members prior to 30 June 2022 in the 2022 membership year. These 5 individuals will receive NGAUS & WINGA digital active life membership. NGAUS & WINGA life membership has a value of \$580, which made their \$45 or \$90 annual dues or \$330 or \$445 life dues payment a great investment! Congratulations to the lucky winners!

- LtCol Steven Botsford, 128th Air Refueling Wing
- Capt Jacob Jenkins, 128th Air Refueling Wing
- LTC Chris Mueller, JFHQ
- CPT John Jenkins, 2d Bn 127th Inf
- CW3 Jason Mansfield, 132d BSB

President Statz also drew the two lucky CGOs who will receive a corporate-sponsored NGAUS Conference attendance as well as a NGAUS & WINGA Digital Active Life Membership:

- Patriot Taxiway: 2LT Amanda Lafky, 115th Fighter Wing
- AMI Health: 1LT Matthew Porter, 132d BSB

Congratulations to all winners!

**YOU MAKE THE PRIORITIES,  
NGAUS TAKES THEM TO  
CONGRESS**

When you join NGAUS, you add your voice to thousands of others who understand the role of the National Guard in the nation's security and want to enhance its capabilities to perform that vital mission at home and overseas. With your membership, NGAUS is better able to make the case in Congress for a strong, well-equipped and well-trained National Guard in more than 3,000 communities around the country. Joining NGAUS means ensuring America's defense. Annual and life memberships are available to all active, separated and retired commissioned and warrant officers of the National Guard.

**GIFTED MEMBERSHIPS:** With this new lower life membership rate, senior officers could consider sponsoring a life membership for a junior officer. This is an excellent way to "pay it forward" and start a junior officer's military career with a "gifted" NGAUS & WINGA life membership. If you are interested in gifting an annual or life membership, please contact WINGA at: [michael.j.williams@winga.org](mailto:michael.j.williams@winga.org)



**2022 GIFTED NGAUS & WINGA MEMBERSHIPS**



**2022 GIFTED DALM DONOR**

- CW4 (Ret) Steve Smith
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- Anonymous—NGAUS Life
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- Col Jeannie Jeanetta  
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- BG Robyn Blader
- MAJ (Ret) Lynn Rasmussen
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- Anonymous (1/2 mbrshp)
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**2022 GIFTED ANNUAL DONOR**

- CW4 (Ret) Tricia Gundlach
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- Anonymous
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**RECIPIENT**

- 255S: WO1 Emily Ferries, HHC 157MEB
- CW3 Bill Ryan, Med Co C / Air Ambulance
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- AMEDD Off: CPT Erin Harrington, WI Med Det
- Capt Christine Brooks, 128ARW
- 2LT Shane Wedekind, Volk ANG Base
- Capt Roger Roth, 115FW
- CW3 Zachary Statz, 1-147 Avn
  
- 1LT Jonathan Ferris-Bohorquez, JFHQ
- Maj Frank Blader, 115FW
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- 1LT Gunnar Denhart, 107th Spt Maint Co
- CW3 Nicholas Pergande, 107th Spt Maint Co
- WO1 Vanessa Pederson, 32 IBC T
- CW2 Trevor Klock, 1st Bn 147th Avn

**RECIPIENT**

- CPT Alex Kazmierski, JFHQ
- CW3 Chad Kohlmann, JFHQ
- CPT Hedy Vincent, RRB
- CW2 Justin Tarantino, 176 Cyber Team
- 1LT Ethan Goede, 176 Cyber Team
- WO1 Peter Jenkins, 176 Cyber Team

**KNOW YOUR WINGA LEADERSHIP WHO SERVE VOLUNTARILY**

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**Officers**

- President** – LtCol Dan Statz
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- Warrant Officer** – CW3 Joseph Rasmussen
- Retired Officers** – BG (R) Joni Mathews Col (R) Mike Hinman & CW4 (R) Tricia Gundlach

**WINGA COMMITTEES**

Please contact the WINGA office if you are interested in serving on any of these WINGA Committees:

- Awards, Gifts & Grants:** COL (R) Darrel Feucht – Chair
- By-Laws:** VACANT
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**2022 CAPITOL SUMMIT**

Capt William Reece, 115th Fighter Wing, attended the Capitol Summit 17-20 July. The second 2022 Capitol Summit which will be held 2-5 October. The application form can be found on the WINGA website. Interested CGO WIARNG officers should forward the application to CPT Justin Hofmann, CGO Advisory Committee Co-Chair at [justin.j.hofmann.mil@army.mil](mailto:justin.j.hofmann.mil@army.mil). The deadline to submit an application is 9 Aug. The WINGA Board will make the selection.

The Capitol Summit brings Army and Air National Guard company grade officers to the nation’s capital for a close look at how the government works and the role NGAUS plays in the legislative process.

**COMPLIMENTARY NGAUS & WINGA MEMBERSHIP**

**ATTENTION NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONED OR WARRANT OFFICERS IN THE WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD:**

Newly appointed officers in the Wisconsin National Guard with no prior NGAUS and WINGA membership receive 1 full membership year of complimentary membership in both NGAUS and WINGA. New Wisconsin National Guard accessions with prior NGAUS membership but no prior WINGA membership receive 1 full membership year of complimentary membership in WINGA. You will receive the National Guard Magazine, as well as the WINGA newsletter *Your Communicator*. Additional information can be found on the WINGA website [www.winga.org](http://www.winga.org) and the NGAUS website [www.ngaus.org](http://www.ngaus.org)

**Your Communicator - Electronic vs Printed Copy?**

Would you like to reduce paper clutter and save WINGA money? If you prefer to receive *Your Communicator* via email — or if you do not want to receive a printed copy — please notify us at [lrasmussen@winga.org](mailto:lrasmussen@winga.org)



**145th NGAUS Conf**  
30 August—3 September 2023  
Reno, NV

**2023 CONFERENCES**

**WINGA/WNGEA State Conf**  
28-30 April 2023  
Chula Vista, WI Dells  
Host Unit: JFHQ & 426 Regt





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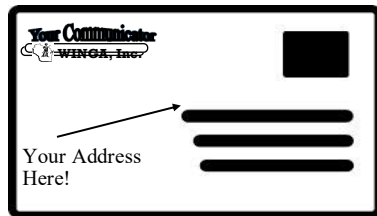
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### DIRECT BENEFITS OF YOUR WINGA/NGAUS MEMBERSHIP

- Tax-free retired military pay in Wisconsin
- WI State Tuition Assistance Program and post 9-11 GI Bill
- Since 2016, funded \$92,000 for NGAUS Life Membership Incentive for 183 officers
- Since 2012, funded over \$63,000 Educational Scholarships for 106 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 members
- 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

