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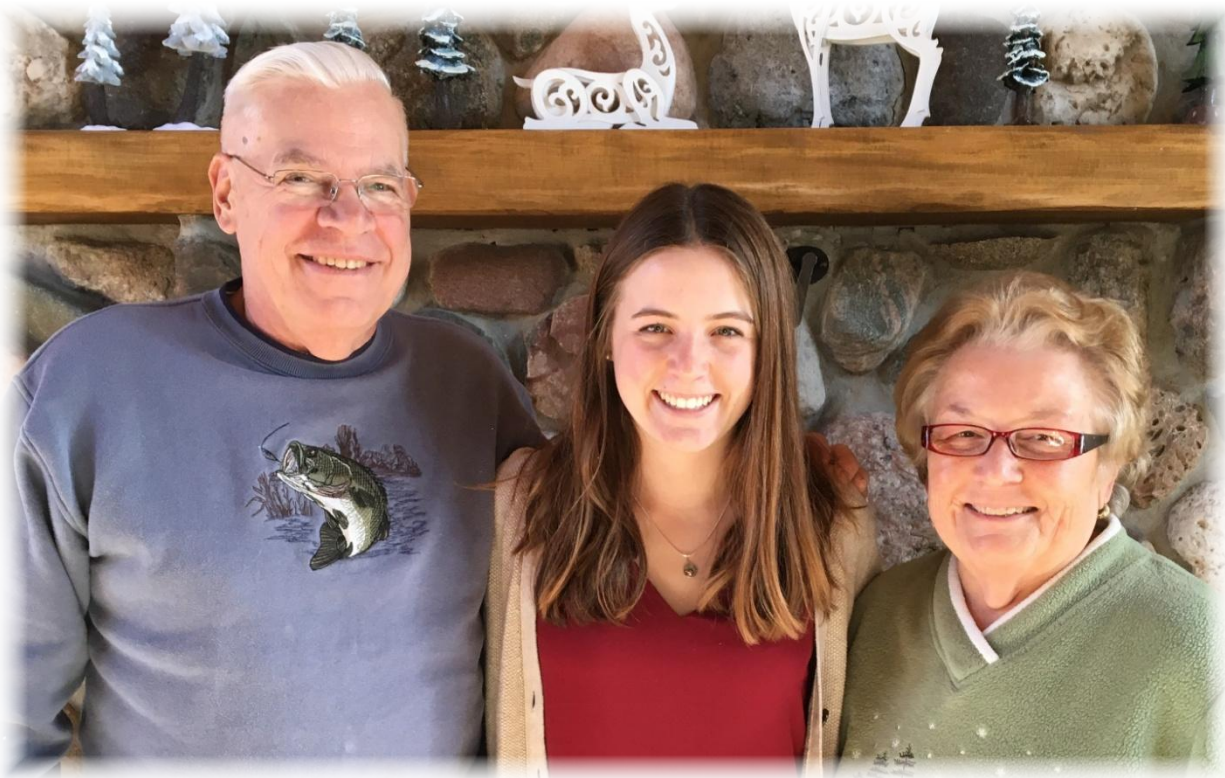
WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION



**WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD
ENLISTED ASSOCIATION**

presents

45th WNGEA Professional Development Conference Registration and Annual Scholarship Applications



2016 recipient of the \$700 WNGEA Auxiliary Scholarship was Laura Yenchesky. Association Member is her grandfather James H. Yenchesky retired from the HHB 57th Field Artillery Brigade as Command Sergeant Major and Auxiliary Member grandmother Bette Yenchesky.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ROSTER

Name	Last	Council Position	Membership	Status
Roberta	Coker	President	Life	*
Nathan	Nickel	Past President	Life	*
Michael	Krausz	Vice President	Life	*
Gary	Hans	Executive Director/Treasurer	Life	*
Rhonda	Martinson	Secretary	Annual	*
Patti	Winter-Schmidt	Publications Manager	Life	*
John	Olson	Corporate Partnership Manager	Life	*
Nicolas	Ripley	Education Selection Chair	Life	*
Stephen	Berry	Chaplain	Life	*
David	Coker	Historian	Life	*
Sid	Traxler	Parliamentarian	Life	*
Lowell	Koehler	Insurance Trust Liaison	Life	*
Robert	Serrahn	Retiree Liaison	Life	*
Thomas	Skaug	Legislative Manager - National	Life	*
Libby	Schmiedlin	Legislative Manager - State	Life	*
Wayne	Trelka	By-Laws Manager	Life	*
Gregory	Cullen	Resolutions Manager	Life	*
Gerald	Parchem	Ways and Means Manager	Life	*
Melanie	Lange	Awards Manager	Annual	02 16
Ross	Baker	Website Co-Manager	Life	*
Brandon	Zahn	Website Co-Manager	Life	*
Steven	Cywinski	Special Projects Manager	Life	*
Catherine	Berry	Auxiliary President	AUX	*
Shirley	Spitz	Past Auxiliary President	AUX	*
Roxie	Barwick	Aux Secretary/Legislation/Publications	AUX	*
Marie	Traxler	Aux Treasurer/Membership	AUX	*

*Life Member**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

WNGEA Members - This is to notify you of the Annual Membership Meeting which will be held on 28 - 30 April 2017 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. You can register on line at WNGEA.org or use the form inside this Bucky publication. On behalf of the Executive Council we look forward to seeing you at this year's meeting.

Rhonda Martinson
WNGEA Secretary

MISSION STATEMENT

Taking Care of Our Own

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association is established and organized to promote and support state and national security; to foster and improve the Wisconsin National Guard, and the National Guard of the United States, and to promote the status, welfare and professionalism of the Enlisted members of the Wisconsin National Guard through education, publications, and the exchange of ideas and information.

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Special Message:

Are you aware that the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) has made significant contributions to both the State and National Associations?

Because of USAA's contributions, we have been able to keep the New Patriot Magazine on time for the last couple of years. USAA pays for the printing and mailing of that quarterly magazine. This saves the membership a lot of money and helps us keep our membership dues to a minimum. In addition to supporting the New Patriot magazine, USAA provides scholarships to the National Association and a **\$500.00 scholarship to each** State Association.

We need to support the organization that has shown fantastic support for our Association, both at State and National level. All we have to do to keep these important benefits is to **call USAA at 1-800-531-8366** for a free auto or homeowners insurance quote or you can explore the other financial services they have to offer. Even if you do not need these services at this time it won't cost you anything but will help us as an Association. Their continued support hinges on our support to their organization.

P.S. You might be surprised at the deals you can get. Please take time to call today.



Report of Change of Contact (Please Print)

(Please update your own record online if you know your access information)

Full Name: _____ Unit: _____

New Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

New Email: _____

RETIREEES ONLY: IF NO INTERNET ACCESS, CHECK HERE: []

Email to: wngea@yahoo.com or mail to: WNGEA Executive Director, 2400 Wright St., Dist. Box 45, Madison WI 53704

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Roberta Coker,
WNGEA President*

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family's had a wonderful and peaceful holiday season. This past year has been a busy year for the enlisted association while we continue to work with the officer association on the upcoming combined conference. The conference is scheduled for April 28 – 30, 2017 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake,

Wisconsin. We have had several meetings discussing having professional development classes for both enlisted and officers in the areas of leadership, mentoring, career development and counseling for NCO's and Company Grade Officers. At this time we have all our instructors/speakers and have completed the agenda. I am hoping all the airmen and soldiers take the great opportunity and attend the conference this year.

ference in April we are offering any enlisted member an annual membership for the low cost of \$20.00. We are also looking for more members to step up and become part of the board. At this time we have an amazing team but as members move on to full-fill other opportunities in their lives, we need more of the other members to step up and bring some new and bright ideas to our board. One area we are looking at is increasing our technology abilities. I am looking forward to finding the member who is willing to assist the association with this. We are also looking for someone to step up and become our new Vice President and several other positions. All these positions are important for our association to continue to be a success.

I ask that you continue to spread the word of your Enlisted Association. Continue to engage with your state and national elected officials. Join us at the 2017 Joint Enlisted and Officer Wisconsin National Guard Association Conference and let's talk about your ideas for the association.

Respectfully,

ROBERTA COKER, SMSgt, WI ANG
WNGEA President

As we move forward to increase our association, we need the help of all soldiers and airmen. During the con-

TREASURER'S REPORT

Acct Code	Account	2015 Final Income/Expenses	2016 Approved Budget	2016 Final Budget
		1 Jan-31 Dec 2015	24-Oct-15	1 Jan - 31 Dec 2016
4010	WINGA Insurance Trust	\$23,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$39,000.00
4020	Membership Dues	\$11,876.66	\$7,500.00	\$9,061.54
4040	Ways & Means Sales	\$27.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
4050	Interest Income	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
4060	Misc Income	\$210.16	\$100.00	\$19.00
4070	USAA Education Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
4075	State Conference Income	\$829.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
4080	Raffle Income	\$1,757.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,087.00
4085	Area V Caucus Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4090	Donations	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL INCOME	38,702.82	42,950.00	\$51,167.54
EXPENSES				
5020	Raffle Expense	\$971.30	\$1,000.00	\$974.94
6010	EANGUS Dues	\$4,444.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,114.00
6050	Membership Expense	\$1,995.80	\$2,000.00	\$3,717.77
6100	WNGEA Grants	\$2,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
6120	Awards	\$676.71	\$500.00	\$780.46
6200	Payroll Expense	\$12,798.32	\$15,600.00	\$12,528.58
6205	W.C. Insurance Expense	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$266.00
6210	Executive Director Expense	\$1,373.41	\$2,000.00	\$1,868.06
6300	Professional Fees	\$607.60	\$1,500.00	\$1,222.50
6350	Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$35.00
6400	Association Office	\$1,725.24	\$3,000.00	\$3,502.03
6500	Publications Expense	\$4,995.32	\$5,000.00	\$6,206.41
6600	Presidents Fund	\$1,141.32	\$1,700.00	\$1,696.48
6650	State Conference Expense	\$2,286.66	\$2,000.00	\$2,439.14
6670	Executive Council Mtg Exp	\$423.40	\$2,000.00	\$536.10
6700	National Educational Seminar	\$4,747.86	\$5,000.00	\$7,350.70
6790	Regional Educational Seminar	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00
6850	Committee Expense	\$120.31	\$100.00	\$129.98
6950	Taxes	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$42.00
6980	Permits, License, Fees	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
6999	Misc Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8010	Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
	Total Expenses	\$40,327.25	\$48,600.00	\$51,510.15
Submitted By: Gary R. Hans, Treasurer, WNGEA				

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR by Gary Hans



Gary Hans,
Executive Director

The **45th Annual WNGEA/WINGA Combined Conference** will be 28-30 April 2017 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI. This will be a combined conference with the Officers Association (WINGA). Ensure to register by **(S: 11 April)** to get the reduced registration fee and make your room reservations by the suspense date as soon as possible. A copy of the Conference registration form is available in this issue of the Bucky or you can go to our WEB site at WNGEA.ORG to the link and

register on line. The Awards Ceremony will be held during the Joint Business Meeting on Saturday morning. On the Army side we will be recognizing the Soldier of the Year and the runner-up along with the NCO of the Year with the runner-up. On the Air Guard side we will recognize the First Sergeant of the year, the Senior NCO of the year, NCO of the year, Airman of the Year and two Honor Guard members.

This year's **Area V Caucus** will be held at the Holiday Inn (tentative) in Omaha, NE on 19-20 May 2017. I will be looking for representatives, especially personnel that will be attending the EANGUS Conference to assist with the Area V Caucus. Please contact me if you are interested.

The **46th Annual EANGUS Conference** (the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States), will be held in Reno, NV from 27-30 August 2017. To register, go to the EANGUS.ORG web site and register online. Pre-reg-

istered are Olson's (2), Berry's (2), Sower's (2), Moser and Hans.

Future EANGUS Conference dates:
2018 19-22 August (Charleston, WV)
2019 4-7 August (Des Moines, IA)
2020 9-12 August (Little Rock, AR)

The **Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association College Grant Program** which include 1-\$1000.00 dollar grant and up to 4-\$500.00 dollar grants based on the number of applicants. **Suspense: 1 May 2017.**

The **Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, CSM Virgil R Williams Scholarship Program.** This is a \$2000.00 dollar scholarship. **Suspense of 1 May 2017.**

The **Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary Scholarship Program.** Applications will be accepted **between 1 and 15 August 2017.**

All Scholarship Forms are located in this issue of the Bucky and on our Web-site at WNGEA.ORG.

"Serving the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Forces since 1972"

Gary R. Hans, Sergeant Major, (Ret)
Executive Director
Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association
wngea@yahoo.com
C-920-723-8098

WHAT IS WNGEA?

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA) is a voluntary membership organization. Its purpose is to foster and improve the National Guard, promote the welfare, status, and professionalism of all enlisted members of the National Guard. Membership in WNGEA gives you a voice in how the state and federal government takes care of their soldiers and airmen in uniform. You may be just one little voice by yourself, but when you join the thousands of other Guard members in Wisconsin and all other states, your voice is multiplied and becomes very loud and direct, so it is heard.

As a member of the National Guard, you have certain benefits of membership. What if you were to lose those benefits, or they were reduced to 50%? What would happen if you lost your 100% college tuition that you receive by being a member of the Wisconsin National Guard? Having a membership in the WNGEA gives you a voice in how the state and federal government takes care of their soldiers and airmen in uniform.

The WNGEA is the only professional organization dedicated to supporting rights and benefits of enlisted members of the Wisconsin National Guard and the United States. As the

downsizing of the military and cutbacks continue, we must fight to maintain the benefits we have, and to continue our efforts to keep the National Guard a viable force in the military.

How to Become a Member:

The WNGEA and EANGUS have an online process for ANNUAL and LIFE membership signup. The online procedure allows you to sign up as a new member. When you join online, you will be asked to make a USERNAME and PASSWORD. Please use your personal primary home email address when you join. Please do not use your .MIL official military email address. Go to <http://wngea.org/>, click the Membership Information tab and select "Join or Renew" then follow the steps. The Annual Membership Rates are as follows:

E-1 – E-9 ONE YEAR - \$25.00
Life Membership for all is now only \$220.00.

Without you, the association cannot exist. Now is the time to become a member of the WNGEA to help us have a voice for all.



Bucky's Auxiliary News



WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

SIDE-BY-SIDE WE STAND WITH PRIDE

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER



*Catherine Berry
Auxiliary President*

Please join us for our WINGA/WNGEA National Guard Joint Conference at Osthoff Resort in Elkhart April 28*30. Plan to join the Friday evening ice-breaker with hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine tasting. The silent auction will accept donations Friday from 5-6pm in the reception room. Exhibits and silent auction will be open during the reception. Please pe-

use our silent auction during the Hors d'oeuvres Reception to raise funds for the WNGEA Auxiliary Scholarship. This is our only fundraiser and we offer a scholarship each year. Saturday morning will kick off with a Grab 'n Go Breakfast in the exhibit area. After the joint morning session with awards, the Auxiliary will have the annual business meeting. Lunch will be on our own (possibly in hospitality room). The Saturday evening banquet will be business formal-not uniform event. Online registration will be available soon. There are numerous hotel options including suites at the Osthoff if you reserve early.

This year WNGEA Auxiliary will offer two scholarships: 1-\$700 and 1-\$500 honoring Adele Cywinski, a prior very active WNGEA Auxiliary Member. Application form was in the fall Bucky and will be included in this issue. For these state level scholarships the applicant must have a sponsor in the auxiliary and spouse of that auxiliary member in the association with two years of membership immediately preceding the application. WNGEA Auxiliary membership form is included in this issue. The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary (EANGUSA) offers several scholarships: 1-\$3000, 1-\$1250, 2-\$1000. Additional EAGUSA Auxiliary Scholarships funded by USAA, Kaplan University, and

Grand Canyon University American Heroes are available. More detail on these is available at eangusauxiliary.org. To be eligible for these national scholarships the applicant must have a sponsor in the auxiliary and spouse of that auxiliary member in the association with one year of membership immediately preceding the application. Our 2016 WNGEA Auxiliary scholarship winner was Laura Yenchesky studying mechanical engineering at MIT.

Our Area V Caucus will be May 19-20 in Omaha, Nebraska. Join our Auxiliary annual meeting to learn more about it.

The 2017 EANGUS Conference will be in Reno, Nevada on August 27-30. Please note that our national newsletter the Signal is available through the national website. Any of you interested in it and not yet accessing it, let me know and I will be happy to send you the link as new issues are posted or I can send as an attachment to an email for you. To view prior issues see: <http://eangusauxiliary.org/publications/>

One of our roles is to lobby for legislation to support our military, veterans and retirees. If you have been contacting legislators we would like to hear about it and their responses, if any.

Life Member Randy Schmidt passed away on December 5, 2016. We give thanks for his involvement with the auxiliary.

Catherine Berry, WNGEA Auxiliary President
4203 Meadowwood Drive, Eau Claire WI 54702-3202
715-579-7733 (ok to text...cell phone)
Cathy.berry@charter.net



WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
Auxiliary Membership Application

SIDE BY SIDE WE STAND WITH PRIDE

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Name: _____

Date Of Birth: _____ Phone Number: () _____
mm/dd/yyyy

e-mail address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Is Spouse a Life Member of **WNGEA/EANGUS**? Yes No
If yes, what is spouse's EANGUS life membership number? _____

Spouse's Unit: _____

Spouse's Rank: _____ Wisconsin National Guard Army Air

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: Annual Associate Gift

Is this New or Renewal?

Annual Membership: Upon application and payment of the prescribed annual dues an annual membership may be issued to the spouse of a member of the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association with all voting rights of the auxiliary.

Associate Membership: State associate membership may be issued to individuals who support the objectives of the Auxiliary, but are not otherwise qualified for annual or lifetime membership in the National Guard Enlisted Association. An associate member shall not be a voting delegate, eligible for scholarships, or qualified to hold office in the Auxiliary.

STATE AUXILIARY DUES: ANNUAL: \$ 12.00 Per Year ASSOCIATE: \$ 5.00 Per Year

Amount Submitted: _____

***GIFT** membership from _____ (member will be notified that a gift membership was given and date membership is paid through)*

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: WNGEAA

SEND TO: Marie Traxler
WNGEA Auxiliary Treasurer
N948 County Rd D
Whitewater WI 53190-3010

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Revised July 2016



**WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD
ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
AUXILIARY
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Auxiliary of the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association has established a fund to be used for scholarship awards. The following persons are eligible:

- 1) Unmarried dependent children and stepchildren (up to 25 years of age) of Auxiliary member
- 2) Unmarried grandchildren and step-grandchildren (up to 25 years of age) of Auxiliary member
- 3) Auxiliary members and spouses of Auxiliary members

Sponsors verification of membership for two (2) years in WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY, immediately preceding the application, must be provided. Applications will be accepted August 1st to August 15th.

Scholarship grants will be awarded by the WNGEA Auxiliary Scholarship Committee on the basis of fund availability for the current year. Applicants must be enrolled as full-time student at an accredited college, university, trade or business school. Graduate students are not eligible. An alternate shall be designated to cover the possibility that the primary recipients do not actually enroll and matriculate for the school term.

Grants will be awarded on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and need. All applications will be accompanied by:

- (1) An **official transcript** of high school credits, or college credits for applicants already enrolled in accredited institutions of higher learning;
- (2) **Signed and dated letter** from applicant with specific goals to continue his/her education and why financial assistance is required;
- (3) Three **signed and dated** letters of recommendation verifying the application and giving general personal traits. These may be from high school principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer, etc.);
- (4) a copy of Auxiliary Membership card

Checks will be sent directly to the recipient when verification of completion of the first semester and recipient is registered for the second semester is received.

These grants are a one-time award and shall not be repeated. Non-winners may reapply as long as stated requirements are met. If the school term is not completed due to causes other than sickness or physical injury, the student shall refund the scholarship award in full to the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary.

Each application shall be sent to the Scholarship Chairperson for review and acceptance (address below and also at the end of the application form). Applications must be received by August 15th of the designated year. Acceptable applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BETWEEN 1 AUGUST AND 15 AUGUST TO:

Catherine Berry, WNGEA Auxiliary President/Scholarship
4203 Meadowwood Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701-9214

2017

**Wisconsin
National Guard Enlisted Association
Auxiliary
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone Birth Date Social Security Number

Male _____ Female _____ Single _____ Married _____

Name, Rank, Address, Phone and Unit of Sponsor: (Parent, Stepparent, Grandparent, Step-Grandparent, Spouse, Self of National Guard Member): _____

Expiration Date of Enlistment: _____

Current status of applicant (check one):

High School _____ College _____ Business/Trade _____ Working _____

If in school or college, fill in the following information:

Name and Address of School or College and grade or term: _____

Number of brothers and sisters and their ages (if living at home): _____

Fill in the following information if applicable:

Spouse's Occupation: _____

Your Occupation: _____

Number of Children and their ages (if living at home): _____

List name and address of College, University, Trade or Business School that you plan to attend:

List activities in which you have participated (school, church, community):

List offices to which you have been elected in any organization:

List honors (school, athletic, citizenship, etc.) which you have been awarded:

What career are you planning to pursue and why? _____

While attending college, will you work part-time _____ or during the summer _____?

Persons eligible to apply are: WNGEA Auxiliary members, their spouse, their unmarried dependent children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and step-grandchildren.

**Wisconsin Enlisted Association
Auxiliary member (Sponsor):**

Relationship to you (Father, Stepfather, Mother, Stepmother, Grandparent, Step-grandparent, Spouse, Self)

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signatures must be hand written.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ **DATE:** _____

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR (PARENT/STEP PARENT/GRANDPARENT/STEP GRAND-PARENT OR SPOUSE):

(Signature of Sponsor)

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school term for reasons other than sickness or physical injury. I agree to return any scholarship money I received to the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

All applications must be accompanied by:

1. An official transcript of high school credits and/or college credits for applicants already enrolled in accredited institutions of higher learning.
2. Signed and dated letter from applicant with specific goals to continue his/her education and why financial aid is required.
3. Three signed and dated letters of recommendation verifying the application and giving general personal traits. These may be from a high school principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer, etc.

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, YOU MAY USE SEPARATE SHEETS AND ATTACH

SEND APPLICATION TO:
*(Deadline postmark date for
Submission is August 15th)*

**Catherine Berry
WNGEA Auxiliary President
4203 Meadowwood Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701**

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State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) Program

The Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA) makes available affordable group term life insurance for Soldiers and Airmen; including Active Duty (AGR and Technicians), M-Day, Veterans and Retirees.

The advantages of SSLI* are:

- **Most valid claims are paid within 24 hours.**
- **You can keep your insurance with no premium increase when you separate from the Guard** (rates increase as you enter a new age bracket).
- **After the first year of coverage, Guardsmen receive a 70% increase in coverage at no additional cost to you.**
- **\$1,000 of life insurance at no-cost to all Guardsmen.**
- **Premiums are payroll deductible.**
- **New Guardsmen receive \$10,000 coverage at no cost for one year.**

Other important features of the SSLI Insurance Plan are:

- Base coverage is available from \$10,000 to \$45,000.
- Maximum coverage with the 70% increase is \$77,500.
- Coverage is available for your spouse to age 70.
- Dependent children covered to age 21 or 25 if a full-time student.
- No health underwriting required for dependent children.
- Coverage is 24 hours/day, 365 days/year.
- No war clause, aviation accident or hazardous duty restrictions.
- Members 18-59 years of age are eligible to apply for insurance coverage.
- Coverage reduces by 50% at age 60 with premiums remaining the same.

Office Location: JFHQ, 2400 Wright Street, Room #205, Madison, WI 53704

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phone: 608/242-3100 Fax: 608/242-3106

E-mail: insinfo@winga.org Web Page: www.winga.org/insurance.html

Underwritten by New York Life Insurance Company, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, NY, 10010 on Group Policy Form GMR/G-14109-1. This is a brief summary of benefits available under SSLI Group Life Plan. For specific provisions, please refer to the Certificate of Insurance.

“Insurance for You, Protection for Your Family”

Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association College Grant Program

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association has established a grant program. The following persons are eligible:

WNGEA members, Unmarried son or daughter's of WNGEA members, Spouse of WNGEA members, and unmarried son, daughter, or spouse of deceased WNGEA members. Applicants must be enrolled as a full time, part time (minimum 9 credits), graduate or undergraduate student at a college, university, trade or business school.

Up to four college grants will be offered in the amount of \$500.00 each for the current school year of application for students taking at least 9 credits. One grant will be reserved for graduate students. In addition, we will have one yearly grant in the amount of \$1,000.00. That scholarship will be called the "RAYMOND A. MATERA SCHOLARSHIP" and will be awarded to the individual selected as the top applicant for the year. This award was established by our Executive Council in honor of MG Raymond A. Matera, the former Adjutant General for Wisconsin. One of the \$1000.00 scholarships awarded will be from funds donated by USAA.

There shall be no consideration whatsoever given because of friendship, rank or grade of applicant, applicant's parents or applicant's spouse. Neither shall the applicant's geographical place of residence in the state be considered. The grants will be awarded on the basis of need, leadership, and good moral character.

APPLICATION PACKETS WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. WNGEA College Grant Program application form.
2. Virgil R. Williams Scholarship application form. (If you want to apply for this scholarship also see "SPECIAL NOTES" below.
Graduate Students are ineligible for this grant.)
3. Copy of latest school or college transcript. If applicant has been out of school for more than one semester, copy of most recent educational transcript **MUST** be included.
4. A letter from the applicant with outlining facts as to:
 - a. His/her desire to continue their education
 - b. Why financial assistance is needed.
 - c. Awards received accomplishments, volunteerism and hours volunteered per week or month.
 - d. Organizational membership and role in organization.
5. A signed letter of academic reference from Principal, Dean or Counselor.
6. Three signed letters of personal reference and recommendation from minister, community leader, etc., giving general personal traits. If applicant is a National Guard member, one of these letters **MUST** be from their First Sergeant or Commander outlining the soldier's contribution to the unit.
7. Proof of acceptance to the applicant's school or educational program.
8. Your WNGEA/EANGUS membership will be validated against the current master list from the EANGUS membership database.

A scholarship recipient may not reapply for two years after receipt of a grant. Those persons who applied and were not selected are encouraged to reapply.

If the awardees does not complete the school term for which the grant was awarded due to any cause other than sickness or physical injury, he/she will refund the award to the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association within 60 days of the date enrollment was terminated.

If a new enlistee is unable to complete his/her contract for any cause other than sickness or physical injury he/she will refund the award to WNGEA within 60 days of the date enrollment was terminated.

Applications must be RECEIVED by the Chair no later than 01 May. No other application forms will be accepted other than the current year's application. The deadline for applications will be observed in all instances. In the event of a full Mobilization, the grant program will be suspended and all money placed in a trust fund until such time as the WNGEA shall once again become active.

The college grant/education committee of the WNGEA shall be made up as follows:

1. Chairman - This person will be appointed by the president of the WNGEA.
2. The remainder of the committee shall be made up of A, B or C below.
 - A. Voting members from the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard.
 - B. A committee of professional educators or
 - C. A combination of Air National Guard, Army National Guard members and professional educators.

The president of the WNGEA shall be a permanent associate member of the committee but will have no vote., and will serve in an advisory capacity only.

SPECIAL NOTE: For those individuals who wish to apply for both the WNGEA grant and the CSM Virgil R. Williams Scholarship, it will be necessary to submit two separate applications. They can be submitted to the Chair in the same envelope, but make sure all required documents and information are present for each scholarship. CSM Virgil R. Williams Scholarships are forwarded to the EANGUS Scholarship Committee for consideration by 1 June . Please note that Auxiliary Scholarships are handled entirely by the Auxiliary and must be submitted through the Auxiliary members.

**MAIL TO: WNGEA Executive Director
ATTN: Nicolas Ripley, Scholarship Chair
2400 Wright Street, Dist Box 45
Madison, WI 53704**

Revised 13 December 2016

**Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association
Educational Grant Application
Must be received no later than 01 May**

1. Name of Applicant _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

2. Your Full Street Address _____

2a. Your location: _____
CITY ST ZIP+ (AREA CODE) HOME PHONE

2b. Primary Email address: _____

3. Birth Date _____ Marital Status _____

4. Enlisted Association Membership: I am a member I am sponsored by my parent/spouse who is a member (check one)

5. Expiration date of current WNGEA membership _____ Circle who's membership: (Yours) (Sponsor's)
(DATE)

6. Your: Military Rank, Unit name. Or, your sponsor's Name, Rank, Unit name, Home Address, and Phone No: _____

7. Expiration term of military enlistment: (member) (sponsor) _____

8. Current status of applicant: (check one) High School, must be scheduled to begin college this fall. College
 Business/Trade School Working. Graduate School. If in high school or college, name and address of school and grade/ term.

Will be attending: Full Time (12 or more credits) Part Time (6-11 credits) (check one) **Must be completed.**

9. Have you applied for or received any other educational assistance? yes no (include GI Bill & WI Tuition Assistance)

If so, specify type and amount _____ Awarded? _____

10. Do you live with your parents? YES [] NO []. Are you claimed by anyone as a dependent for tax? YES [] NO []

11. If you are claimed as a dependent, give the number and ages of other children living at home with financial dependence on parents, including those in college: _____

12. Approximate family income: Under \$25,000 [] \$25,000-\$35,000 [] \$35,000-\$45,000 [] \$45,000-\$50,000 []
\$50,000-\$65,000 [] \$65,000-\$75,000 [] Over \$75,000

13. Are you employed? If so, type of employment and employer? _____

14. Other sources of income? _____

15. Name and address of school that you plan to attend: _____

CERTIFICATION

A. I HAVE ANSWERED THE ABOVE QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

B. If I receive a grant, and I fail to complete the school term for reason other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any grant monies received by me to the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association.

C. I further state that I have provided this information freely and voluntarily and hereby waive any objections to providing this information which might be made pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5USC, Section 552a. WNGEA has my permission to use the information given in considering and processing this application.

IMPORTANT

These items MUST be attached

1. Latest transcript
2. Cover Letter from application (need For assistance, etc.)
3. Letters of recommendation (3)
4. Letter of academic reference
5. Proof of acceptance to school

Use this list as a checklist before you seal your Package for mailing.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR IF APPLICANT IS A DEPENDENT

Revised 22 May 2013

**ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD
OF THE UNITED STATES**

**CSM VIRGIL R. WILLIAMS
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States has established a CSM Virgil R. Williams Scholarship Program. The following persons are eligible:

- 1. EANGUS members**
- 2. Unmarried sons and daughters of EANGUS members**
- 3. Spouses of EANGUS members**
- 4. Unmarried spouses and unmarried dependent sons and daughters of deceased EANGUS members who were in good standing at the time of their death.**

Honorary, Associate and Corporate membership alone does not qualify any of the persons listed above on 1 through 4 for eligibility for a scholarship.

EANGUS member applicants, parent or guardian of unmarried sons and daughters who are applicants and members whose spouse is an applicant must have at least one (1) year remaining on his/her enlistment following completion of the school year for which the application is submitted, or have served twenty (20) or more years of service.

Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000 for the current school year. Applicant must be enrolled as a full time student at a college, university trade or business school. Graduate students are not eligible for scholarships.

Awards will be sent directly to the recipient with each check made payable to the recipient's choice of school. To receive the award, verification will be required from the recipient.

There will be no consideration given whatsoever because of friendship, rank or grade of applicant, applicant's parents or applicant's spouse. Neither shall the applicant's geographical place of residence be considered. Awards will be made on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and need.

All applications will be accompanied by:

- 1. A transcript of high school credits and/or a transcript of college credits for applicants already in an institution of higher learning.**
- 2. A letter from the applicant with personal, specific facts as to his/her desire to continue his/her education and why financial assistance is required.**

3. All personal information may be sent electronically via the internet to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee except the school transcript.

Former recipients of a Virgil R. Williams Scholarship Award are not eligible to reapply. Those persons who have applied previously and were not selected may reapply.

If the recipient does not complete the school term for which the scholarship is awarded, due to any cause other than sickness or physical injury, the recipient will refund the award to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States within sixty (60) from the date of disenrollment.

Scholarship applications may be sent electronically or my mail to the scholarship chairman of his/her respective state or that person so designated by his/her state president. Each application will be reviewed for completeness and forwarded to the EANGUS Scholarship Committee. State Presidents/designees will forward scholarship applications either electronically or my mail with transmittal letter verifying completeness and eligibility.

The deadline date for all applications for scholarships will be observed in all instances.

In the event of mobilization of the membership of EANGUS, which would interrupt the functions of the program, the remaining funds will be placed into a trust fund until such time as EANGUS shall once again become active.

- 1. Chairman: Appointed by the President of EANGUS and shall have no vote in the selection process.**
- 2. The remainder of the committee shall be made up in one of the following ways:**
 - a. A Committee of professional educators**
 - b. One (1) voting member from each of the seven (7) EANGUS areas. (To be selected by the chair of each area.)**

As a minimum, there will be two (2) scholarships awarded each year.

The application must be evaluated by the state prior to being sent to the EANGUS Scholarship Chairman, with a postmarked, not later than 1 June.

**ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD
OF THE UNITED STATES
CSM VIRGIL R. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

HOME ADDRESS: _____
_____ **TELEPHONE:** _____
(City, State, Zip Code)

Email address: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ **MARTIAL STATUS** _____
(Day, Month, Year)

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER: _____
(PHOTO COPY ENCLOSED)

Name, rank, address, telephone number and unit of parent/spouse or Guard member:

Expiration date of enlistment of member/parent/spouse: _____

Current status of applicant: (Check one):
High School () College/University () Business /Trade School ()

Number of brothers and sisters and their ages (if living at home) _____

Have you received any other scholarships? Yes () No ()

If so, specify: _____

List activities in which you have participated: (School, Church/Community) _____

List offices to which you have been elected in any organization: _____

List honors: (School, Athletic, Civic, etc.) which you have been awarded: _____

List name and address of college, university, trade/business school you plan to attend: _____

If additional space is needed to answer questions, you may use separate sheets and attach.

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I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Signature of parent/spouse if applicant is not a member)

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school term for reason other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any/all scholarship monies received by me to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States.

I further state that I consent to providing the information requested in this application. I have provided this information freely and voluntarily and hereby waive any objections to providing this information which might be pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a. The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States has my permission to use the information given in considering and processing this application.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

All Applications must include:

- 1. A copy of applicant's school transcript.**
- 2. A letter from applicant with specific facts as to desire to continue his/her education and why financial assistance is required.**
- 3. Photocopy of state and/or EANGUS membership card (Guard member, parent or spouse).**
- 4. Electronically transmitted applications via the internet are acceptable less the transcript, which must be mailed.**

Complete and include this national application with your scholarship packet. Mail so it will be *RECEIVED* not later than 1 May to:

**WNGEA Executive Director
ATTN: Nicolas Ripley, Scholarship Chair
2400 Wright Street, Dist Box 45
Madison, WI 53704**

The State Scholarship Selection Committee will check for completeness and eligibility; will write a cover letter to confirm that application is valid, and forward everything to the National Scholarship Chairman prior to the due date.

Revised scholarship form dated: 1 February 2017



Combined Conference (WNGEA and WINGA)

28-30 April 2017

Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI

WNGEA Members: This is to notify you that the Annual Membership Meeting of the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association will be held on 28-30 April 2017 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. Registration Forms are available in the Spring Issue of the Bucky Bulletin and on line at WNGEA.ORG. (Rhonda Martinson, WNGEA Secretary).

The WINGA/WNGEA Combined Conference will be hosted by the 157th MEB. Registration fee is \$15.00 per person if registered by 11 April 2017. **Dress for Business meetings and Banquet will be Business Informal.**

Business Informal is defined as: Men wear a business suit with tie or may prefer nice slacks with a sport jacket and tie. Females wear a business suit or business style dress with heels (high or low). The rule of thumb is to stick to business colors of black, navy blue, gray, or brown. It is meant to give a sense of formality while remaining in a professional business environment.

For Professional Development Information Reference Professional Development Schedule.

WNGEA Conference Schedule:

Friday, 28 April 2017

1100 – 1600 Golf Outing (Quit Qui Oc Golf Club) 18 holes, Bag Lunch and 2 Drink Tickets are included. See Registration Form to sign up.

1500 – 2030 Registration in Lobby (WNGEA Representative will be available)

1800 – 2100 Ice Breaker/Silent Auction/Exhibitors (Grand Libelle Ballroom A, B & C)
Ice Breaker includes Beer and Wine tasting stations and a cash bar.

2045 – 2100 Announce Silent Auction Winners (Grand Libelle Ballroom A, B & C)

2100 – ??? Hospitality Room (WNGEA Room #310 & WINGA Room #234)

Combined Conference (WNGEA and WINGA)

28-30 April 2017

Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI

Saturday, 29 April 2017

0700 – 0830 Grab and Go Breakfast (Grand Libelle Ballroom) For all attendees

0730 – 0900 Registration is open in the Lobby (WNGEA Representative will be available)

0845 – 1015 Joint Session/Awards Ceremony (Palm Gardens Ballroom A, B & C)
Awards Ceremony will include Enlisted Soldiers and Airmen of the Year.

1015 – 1030 Break

1030 – 1200 WNGEA Business Meeting (Elkhart Lake Ballroom B) Opening Ceremonies – Include Association Membership and Auxiliary.

1030 – 1200 WNGEA Auxiliary Meeting (Turtle Bay Room)

1200 – 1330 Lunch on your Own

1200 – 1330 Corporate Sponsor Luncheon (Palm Gardens B & C) (President and Executive Director)

1330 – 1600 WNGEA Business Meeting (Elkhart Lake Ballroom B)

1330 – 1600 WNGEA Auxiliary Meeting (Turtle Bay Room)

1600 – 1730 Hospitality Room (WNGEA #310 WINGA #234)

1730 – 1830 Social Hour (Villa Gottfried Room A & B)

1830 – 2030 Banquet/Program (Grand Libelle Ballroom D,E,F)

2030 – ??? Hospitality Room (WNGEA Room #310 & WINGA Room #234)

Sunday, 30 April 2017

Church Service (TBA)

45th WNGEA Annual Conference Event Details
Osthoff Resort, 101 Osthoff Avenue, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020
28-30 April 2017

Registration: You may register for the conference online on the WNGEA (www.wngea.org) website or use the manual form in the Bucky Bulletin. Conference registration is due 11 April 2017. Make checks payable to “157th MEB Staff Fund” and send to: 157th MEB, Attn: LTC Steven Sherrod, 4108 N. Richard Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

Hotel Rooms: For Osthoff Resort room reservations call 1-855-205-3895 and reference the “National Guard.” Room rates: \$82/\$112 Guest Room and One Bedroom Suite or \$164/\$199 Two Bedroom Suites. Rates do not include tax. Hotel Registration Deadline: 7 April 2017. Rooms include complimentary Wi-Fi. Visit the hotel website at: www.osthoff.com. Additional hotel rooms are available at the following locations:

- Siebken’s Resort – 920-876-2600
- Victorian Village Resort – 920-876-3323
- Baymont Inn & Suites – 920-893-6781

Conference Check-in: Will be Friday evening before/during the Icebreaker and late Saturday morning. Your registration packet will contain your conference program providing you the location and time for all events.

Golf Outing: Will be on Friday, 28 April 2017 at the Quit Qui Oc Golf Course in Elkhart Lake. Send payment with your conference registration and indicate if you have a foursome or if you need to be paired with one. Please note it is not necessary to attend the conference or be a member of the Wisconsin National Guard to participate. Additional registration will be from 10AM – 11AM with a shotgun start at 11AM. The cost is only \$55 for 18 holes, a cart, and includes two drink tickets, a goodie bag, brown bag lunch, free range balls, along with hole and door prizes. Come early and enjoy a free bucket of range balls prior to the golf outing to sharpen swing. Finally, please dress appropriately for golf with collared shirt (no jeans). Feel free to visit the golf courses website at: <http://www.quitquioc.com>

Icebreaker/Reception: This year’s theme will be a tail-gate party, so wear your favorite sports team jersey. Enjoy catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances while sampling Wisconsin’s cold and refreshing brews and wines on Friday night. Also, take some time to meet and visit with the vendors sponsoring the conference. Appetizing heavy hors d’oeuvres, beer, wine, and soda will be provided with a cash bar available. An outside bonfire event is planned for after dark.

Saturday Banquet: This year’s banquet will provide more opportunities to socialize with conference attendees. Dress is business informal (civilian attire). Meal options include bacon wrapped meatloaf, butter sage roasted turkey or vegetarian lasagna florentine at \$25 per person. Cocktails are available at the cash bar 30 minutes before dinner and will continue to be available throughout the event. Banquet location will be listed in your conference program.

Professional Development: New this year will be special training and educational opportunities for company grade Officers and NCO’s. Guest speakers will provide motivational and leadership seminars and breakout sessions.

Hospitality Room: Is available at no cost to registered conference participants both Friday and Saturday evenings. The hours of operation will accommodate other events with a published schedule and room location provided at Conference Check-in.

Business Meeting: Will provide the opportunity to accomplish the business of the association, interact with fellow NCO’s of the Wisconsin Air and Army National Guard. **Dress is business casual.** The agenda will be published in the Conference Book.

Vendor Exhibits: Stop in and check out the exhibits on display just for you Friday and Saturday during the conference. Exhibit events, location, and times will be listed in your conference program.

Things to do: Additional fun and exciting activities are within a short distance from the Osthoff Resort including shopping in Elkhart Lake, Road America Group Adventure Programs – geocaching, paintball, off-roading, disc golf, karting, driving Olympics, super moto and more!

Kid’s Activities: A game room and indoor pool are available. Stay tuned for updates!

67th WINGA / 45th WNGEA Annual Conference Registration Form

The Osthoff Resort - 101 Osthoff Ave, Elkhart Lake, WI, 53020
 The block name is under National Guard. Call to book rooms. 855-205-3895
 www.osthoff.com

Please print when filling out this form.

Name (Last, First):	Rank:	Active/Retired (Circle One)	Army/Air (Circle One)
Home Address: Street	City, State		Zip Code
Organization/Unit:	Preferred Phone:		
Guest Name:	Civilian Email:		

Conference registration is due (postmarked) 11 April. Take advantage of the early bird registration.

Online payment available at www.winga.org/conferences.html

Make checks payable to 157th MEB Staff Fund and send to:

157th MEB, ATTN: LTC Steven Sherrod, 4108 N Richards St, Milwaukee, WI 53212

Event	Time	#	Price	Total
Early Bird Registration Fee: (Before 11 April)			\$15.00 ea.	
Conference Registration Fee: (After 11 April)			\$25.00 ea.	
Friday, April 28, 2017				
Quit Qui Oc Golf Course – Elkhart Lake	Check-In		\$55.00 ea.	
Golfers: 1) _____	10 AM – 11 AM		Includes drink ticket, lunch, raffle, hole prizes and more	
2) _____				
3) _____	Shotgun Start			
4) _____	11:00 AM			
Friday, April 28, 2017				
Ice Breaker (Tailgate Casual Sports Team)	6 PM – 9 PM		FREE	
Light Hors d'oeuvres	Bonfire Following			
Hospitality Room				
Saturday, April 29, 2017				
Banquet (Business Informal)				
Cocktails	5:30 PM		\$25.00 per person	
Dinner Reception (Complete dinner selection below)	6:00 PM			
Hospitality Room	8:30 PM			
Sunday, April 30, 2017				
Worship Service	TBD		FREE	
Dinner Choice	# of meals	VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (to cover Conference)		Optional
Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf	___			TOTAL:
Butter Sage Roasted Turkey	___			
Vegetarian Lasagna Florentine	___			

Elkhart Lake, WI	
Local Activities	
Things To Do www.elkhartlake.com (Varies)	Wade House Historic Site www.wadehouse.org (11 min)
Osthoff / Aspira Spa www.aspiraspa.com (On Site)	Bookworm Gardens www.bookwormgardens.org (24 min)
Kohler Arts Center www.jmkac.org (26 min)	Aviation Heritage Center www.ahcw.org (17 min)

For Osthoff Resort room reservations call 855-205-3895. The block name is National Guard.

Room rates:
 \$82/\$112 Guest Room and 1 Bedroom Suite
 \$164 to \$214 Two Bedroom Suites
 Rates do not include tax

Business Meeting Attire: Business Casual

RETIREE ACTIVITY OFFICE by Bob Serrahn

At the last meeting of the Retiree council, it was decided after much discussion that the Retiree council is too large, and some of the positions on the council are becoming obsolete with the changing times, and electronic communications.

From the top, the past president position would be eliminated, and in place would be a vice president. The vice president would be appointed and approved by the council and would take over the next term as president, or in absence of the president. Past President can become a Honorary Member.

It was recommended to replace the eight congressional area representatives to a major command retiree representative that would be appointed by the ARNG major command, or ANG base commander. Each of the other positions will be evaluated to determine if it will be retained or dropped, and that includes the ESGR, WNGEA and WINGA representatives. Other position tasks may be included with other

positions.

All honorary members can continue to be involved, but must notify the Executive Council of that desire, but if there is no involvement for two years, they will be removed from the list.

A proposed bylaws update will be developed by Lowell Koehler, Gary Hans and Don Schuh from the RAO. Retiree Council meetings will be reduced to two per year, and when there is a Retirement Appreciation Day (RAD) there will be three meetings that year.

The next Retiree Council meeting will be in April 2017 which will be with the Senior Leadership Briefing in Madison. A proposed final draft of the new bylaws will be presented at our meeting for approval. Upon approval a new appointment order will be sent to the TAG for signature.

Report submitted by: Bob Serrahn
Wisconsin National Guard Retiree Council Member

VA ANNOUNCEMENTS

VA Online Scheduling System to go Live in January

Veterans will initially be able to schedule primary care appointments by using a new app. And in the future VA officials plan to add optometry, audiology and mental-health. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs plans in January to begin online scheduling of medical appointments nationwide.

With the program, the VA will schedule primary-care appointments for more than 6 million patients through an app on their phones, tablets or computers.

VA officials also plan to add appointments for optometry, audiology and mental-health.

Neil Evans, MD, chief of the office of connected care for the Veterans Health Administration said the move will be “a huge step forward” for the VA. “I think this is really, really, really important for us to be able to offer.”

Kathleen Frisbee, executive director for connected health at the VA’s office of connected care, added that the new software will open in the agency’s health system for more public inspection as patients view open appointments and choose which times are best for them with the click of a computer mouse. “I mean, we are exposing our availability to the world,” Frisbee said.

Initially VA developers planned to offer online requests for appointments rather than actual scheduling. But vets who use the VA’s online portal, called MyHealtheVet, advocated for actual do-it-yourself online scheduling, Evans said. In fact, online scheduling was the most requested item of vets using the VA’s online portal.

The portal software cost \$3.2 million, and runs on technology infrastructure from Agilix Technologies, now Accenture Federal Services, and the VA’s internal development.

Vets.gov Connects Veterans to Services

In November 2015, Vets.gov was released as a new way to connect to some of the Department of Veterans Affairs’ most popular services and transactions. Over the past year, Vets.gov has evolved to include new self-service functionality and tools.

Vets.gov includes 39 product features that improve veteran online access to benefits including health care, education, employment and disability benefits. The goal for Vets.gov is to become the single, one-stop place to go to interact with VA. New content and functionality will be added to the website week by week. You can track that progress via a public dashboard.

<https://www.vets.gov/scorecard/index.html>

TRICARE has come out with two fact sheets that may be of interest to you.

The first gives the new costs for the TRICARE plans. You can click on this link.

<http://www.tricare.mil/Costs/HealthPlanCosts>

When you get to the page look at the upper right hand side and you’ll see “Costs and Fees Sheet.” If you click on that you’ll see the page with the latest cost information.

For the latest information about the TRICARE Young Adult Program you can click on this link.

<http://www.tricare.mil/Costs/HealthPlanCosts/TYA>

When you get to this page, look again at the upper right hand corner and you’ll see “TRICARE Young Adult Program Fact Sheet.” If you click on that you will be taken to the latest information on the TRICARE Young Adult Program.

YOU ARE IN CONTROL OF YOUR RETIREMENT

This message is to all National Guard members that are thinking about retiring soon from the active National Guard, and those that have retired with 20 good years of service, or more, but are not age 60. Between your retirement from the active National Guard, and age 60 you are classified as a Gray Area Retiree.

Retired pay begins on your 60th birthday (or earlier if qualify for reduced retirement age); however, you must apply for it. Retirement pay is not automatic. Air Guard may receive a notice four months prior to age 60, or call 800-525-0102. Army Guard should call the RAO in Madison

It is highly recommended that you start your retirement pay application and get your questions answered shortly after turning 59. It normally takes between one and three months for your retired pay to become active, so your first retirement payment is ready for you at age 60.

Prior to age 59, you can also attend a Retirement Appreciation Day (RAD), held every other odd number year to get some information and answers.

Each National Guard Retiree is unique as to what you need to do to apply for retirement pay: application form, getting new ID Cards, TRICARE, and MEDICARE.

The Wisconsin National Guard has an official Retiree Activities Office (RAO), located in the Adjutant General's

Office/DMA, Madison, and in Milwaukee at the 128th Air Refueling Wing.

Answers to your questions and concerns about retiree issues can be ask, and answered by former retirees that volunteer in each RAO. You can call, or email to ask questions or to set up an office appointment for a short briefing. Spouses are encouraged to attend this briefing.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

MADISON

Tuesday and Thursday – 0730-1130

2400 Wright Street, Room 160

Madison, WI 53704-2572

Phone: (608) 242-3115

Email: widma.retiree@wisconsin.gov

Web: <http://dma.wi.gov/retirees>

MILWAUKEE

Tuesday and Wednesday – 1000am – 1400pm

128th ARW, Retiree Activity Office

1835 E. Grange Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53201-8212

Phone: (414) 944-8212

Email: rao.128arw@wimilw.ang.af.mil

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Concurrent Receipt

We will once again support legislation to give concurrent receipt to military retirees with less than a 50 per cent VA rated disability.

HR 303, The Retired Pay Restoration Act, and HR 333, Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act have already been introduced in the House of Representatives. These are substantially the same bills that have been introduced for the last several years. However, with the change of Administrations and one-party control of Congress, we will be pushing this hard in the year to come. Below are summaries of both bills:

Retired Pay Restoration Act (HR 303)

Expresses the sense of Congress that military retired pay should not be reduced because a military retiree is also eligible for veterans' disability compensation awarded for a service-connected disability.

Allows the receipt of both military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation with respect to any service-connected disability (under current law, only a disability rated at 50% or more). Repeals provisions phasing in the full concurrent receipt of such pay through December 31, 2013.

Makes eligible for the full concurrent receipt of both veterans' disability compensation and either military retired pay or combat-related special pay those individuals who were retired or separated from military service due to a service-connected disability.

Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act (HR 333)

Amends federal military retired pay provisions to: (1) permit veterans with a service-connected disability of less than 50% to concurrently receive both retired pay and disability compensation; (2) eliminate provisions requiring a phase-in between January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2013, of concurrent receipt of retired pay and disability compensation; (3) eliminate a phase-in of concurrent receipt of retired pay and disability compensation for disabled veterans determined to be individually unemployable; and (4) require a limited reduction in retired pay for qualified disability retirees with less than 20 years of retirement-creditable service.

S. 66

A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

We are aware that the Congressional Budget Office has said that one way to reduce federal spending is to eliminate concurrent receipt for everyone now receiving it. We will be watching to see if any member of Congress picks up that idea and proposes it in legislation.

How to Write a Resolution

Guide For Writing Resolutions

A resolution is a formal expression of the opinion of an individual, or the will of a group adopted by a vote. Resolutions call for action by the person or organization that generates the resolution. This new resolution format may be different than what you have used in the past. It is much easier to use.

One of the real benefits of participating in the democratic process is the opportunity to have a voice regarding the public policy issues that affect our lives. It is therefore important that citizens understand the correct procedure for drafting resolutions. Some people are intimidated at the idea of writing a resolution. They shouldn't be. It isn't that difficult. Anyone can write a resolution that can make a change.

Why submit a resolution? If we lived in a perfect world, where all laws, procedures, and policy were made and maintained perfect, there would be no need for resolutions. The resolution process is a method to make new laws, or corrections and updates to the current law of the land that we live under. It is also used to introduce the need for a new law of the land if there is none. In simple terms, you are saying that what is currently in effect, is wrong, or not good enough, and you have a better idea or way to do it or have it.

Steps In Preparing A Resolution:

1. Identify the concern. Be sure the concern is a matter of statewide or national scope. It cannot be a personal or an individual issue. Address only one concern per resolution. Be sure your title is clear and concise.
2. Research and gather factual support materials, which are sufficient to allow a person with no prior knowledge of the subject to make an informed, intelligent decision.
3. Write the resolution in the proposed format below, taking care to insure that each fact statement in the "Background" area is accompanied by sufficient support material. Pointing to existing documents is very good. Each now needs a recommendation or suggestion that offers a solution, or a better process, and also directs the submitting agency or organization to take action
4. All resolutions shall be typewritten or word processed. Your resolution must be accompanied by a cover letter explaining your reason for writing the resolution, and some additional background on your submission to answer the why you are doing this, question.
5. When your resolution is presented before the annual membership conference, it would be appropriate to be present in the audience to answer questions and argue for its acceptance if necessary.

Hints To Help You Get Your Resolution Accepted And Passed:

1. Be concise. A resolution "Background" is to be a statement of fact or current policy on an issue, and your "Recommendation", a solution to solve that is-

sue. The association members will get copies of all resolutions, and this means a lot of reading. If your resolution is too wordy, it will not get the attention it deserves. Try and limit your resolution to five or less paragraphs in the "Background" area. Choose the strongest facts, and use the others in discussion and debate if necessary. Resolutions should not be longer than 2 pages. One page is best.

2. Be realistic. The "Recommendation" statements should include specific actions that are realistic and implementable. Include any resource availability (both human and financial) that will affect the implementability of resolutions, if they are known.
3. Be positive. A positive approach always works better than a negative one. Write positive statements, and address the issue positively when you are speaking to it. You may need to read your resolution many times and re-write it several to come up with the best presentation.
4. Be knowledgeable. Know the facts about all parts of your resolution. Be aware of other resolutions that have been passed on your issue, and be sure to state in your cover letter any differences in your resolution, and why your resolution should be passed.
5. Gather support and assistance. Your organization should not be the only ones involved in getting your resolution passed. Try to involve other organizations and members in supporting your resolution. Share your facts and ask others to speak pro to your resolution. This will not only help you get your resolution passed, it will also encourage other members to get involved.
6. Use your limited time on the floor wisely. As the author, you will have an opportunity to speak on the resolution. Remember that the members have a copy, so don't read it to them. Instead, take this opportunity to state some of the facts that might not be included in the "Background" clauses. Sell the group on the benefits of the resolution if it were to become law or policy.
7. Be available. Make sure you are available to the members to answer questions.
8. Have your documentation handy. Make sure you have at least two copies of your documentation with you. Questions may be asked that need further clarification. Suggestions may be offered to reword the resolution for better reading.

Purpose Of Writing A Resolution:

The goal of the resolution is to inform, and educate the reader in order to inspire them to take action approving the resolution. To do this, a successful resolution must do two things:

1. Identify and explain the facts of the problem or issue that needs to be addressed (the BACKGROUND portion)
2. And propose a solution that will address the problem

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as identified (the RECOMMENDATION portion).

Background:

The first portion of a resolution identifies and states the facts of the problem that needs to be addressed. The problem should be stated in factual terms. Opinions or summations are not expressed in this portion of the resolution. Each fact should be listed as a separate sentence or paragraph. State the most important known facts for the resolution, but don't be redundant

Recommendation:

The second portion of the resolution states the action that you propose, to address the problem or issue as identified in the "Background" portion of the resolution. Because resolving most problems involves an exercise of judgment, this is the portion of the resolution where the author expresses their opinions. If the author proposes more than one solution, each separate solution to the problem should be listed as a separate sentence or. When properly written, this section clearly restates the problem in summary form, and explains to the reader the action necessary to address that problem, without having to repeat any of the "Background" statements.

Sample Resolution Format

RESOLUTION NUMBER: _____.

(Assigned by the organization)

SUBMITTED BY: (Full Name of the author)

(City, St. Zip Code)

DATE: (Of Origination)

Pertaining to :

(TITLE OF RESOLUTION WHICH IDENTIFIES THE PROBLEM OR ISSUE)

Background:

- This is the part of the resolution that explains the primary issue or problem.
- This is where you list all the important facts about the issue. Facts should be listed in order of importance from most important on top to the least important on the bottom.
- Each unique fact should be presented in a separate paragraph.
- Do not summarize your facts.

Recommendation:

- This is the part of the resolution that restates the primary issue or main problem and proposes a solution to the issue or problem identified in the "Background" statements; and be it further
- This is where you provide suggestions or direction for a solution to your issue.
- This is where you offer additional supporting reasoning to your solution.
- This is where you summarize how your solution can fix the issue.
- This is your instruction to the association to take action and approve this resolution.

(SAMPLE) - That the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association, assembled at (conference location), on this (xx day of month, year), do urge the (final approving authority name) to support (the requested action to change, to increase, to initiate or do any action to) the (main subject name of the resolution).

Distribution:

The author may suggest a list of recipients to receive this resolution. Distribution should be in order of priority with the final authority on top of the list. If the author cannot suggest anyone, or does not know where it is to be sent, the author may put, "DISTRIBUTION TO BE DETERMINED".

Resolution Submission:

Copies of the resolution should be submitted to the Association office via postal or email with the cover letter. If sending via email, the resolution should be an attachment, and email letter body may be the cover letter, or may be a second attachment.

Resolutions can be sent to the WNGEA office anytime in the year, or brought to an executive council meeting, but must be received by the WNGEA no later than 1 January 20xx. They are then reviewed and discussed at the January Executive Council meeting. If approved by the council, they will be discussed and voted on at the annual WNGEA meeting in April. Once approved they will be sent to EANGUS for federal level resolutions, or to the Adjutant General for state level resolutions.

The author will receive acknowledgement of receipt, and then after discussions, a letter of actions that the WNGEA is taking on your submission, and the steps your approved resolution will be taking. At any step along the way, the resolutions may be rejected.

SUBMISSION COVER LETTER:

Include the following information on the submission cover letter.

- Reason for and benefits you feel that this resolution should be approved and made into law or policy.
- Examples of the issue that you are aware of, if any.
- How you came about, and why you created this resolution.
- If you wish to personally present your resolution at a future Executive Council meeting.
- All contact information: Name, postal address, telephone numbers, email address.

What Can A Resolution Be Used For?

- To add or change Federal law or policy.
- To add or change State law or policy.
- To add or change County law or policy.
- To add or change City ordinances or policy.
- To add or change EANGUS bylaw or policy.
- To add or change WNGEA bylaw or policy by non-council members.



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