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46th WNGEA Annual Conference Photos and EANGUS National Conference Photos



MSG (Ret) Aaron LaHaie poses with his daughter Jacqueline LaHaie while receiving the \$1,000.00 Raymond A. Matera Scholarship, on behalf of the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association. Presented by WNGEA Executive Director, SGM (Ret) Gary R. Hans.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ROSTER

Name	Last	Council Position	Membership	Status
Roberta	Coker	President	Life	*
Nathan	Nickel	Past President	Life	*
Libby	Schmiedlin	Vice President	Life	*
Gary	Hans	Executive Director/Treasurer/Retiree & Ins Liaison	Life	*
Rhonda	Martinson	Secretary	Annual	*
Patti	Winter-Schmidt	Publications Manager	Life	*
Nicolas	Ripley	Education Selection Chair	Life	*
Stephen	Berry	Chaplain	Life	*
David	Coker	Historian	Life	*
Sid	Traxler	Parliamentarian	Life	*
Kathy	Pinnow	Ways and Means Manager	Life	*
Edward	Schmitt	Legislative Manager - State	Life	*
Robert	Serrahn	Resolutions Manager	Life	*
Sharon	Dumke	Membership Marketing - Army	Life	*
Michael	Hilson	By-Laws Manager	Annual	*
Ross	Baker	Website Co-Manager	Life	*
Brandon	Zahn	Website Co-Manager	Life	*
Steven	Cywinski	Special Projects Manager	Life	*
VACANT		Awards Manager		
VACANT		Corporate Partnership Manager		
VACANT		Junior Enlisted Manager		
VACANT		Membership Marketing - Air		
Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association Auxilliary Leadership				
Catherine	Berry	Auxilliary President	Aux Life Member	
Shirley	Spitz	Past Auxilliary President	Aux Life Member	
Roxie	Barwick	Auxilliary Secretary/Legislation/Publications	Aux Life Member	
Marie	Traxler	Auxilliary Treasurer/Membership	Aux Life Member	
Area V Directors as of 15 August 2018				
Chuck	Kasin	EANGUS Area V Chair		
Kevin	Hollinger	EANGUS Area V Director		

*Life Member**

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*

Dear Fellow Soldiers and Airmen,

This past year has been very successful for our association. While working with Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA – Officers) we were able to provide Professional Development classes for 50 enlisted and

officers, army and air in paid status and several more who attended not in pay status. With the excellent responses we received from the members we have decided to do it again next year. I hope we see more members attending the conference and professional development classes. Next year's conference will be at Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, please be sure to check us out for registration: www.wngea.org.

This year's 2018 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Annual Conference in West Virginia was very nice. The host did an amazing job for every event. The resolution members did a great job putting together and approving 18 Resolutions. Each of these resolutions are to help airmen and soldiers in the guard. Please take the time to read what your asso-

ciation is doing for you. These resolutions would not be successful as they are without all our current members, but we still need more new members to help EANGUS continue to fight for us. WNGEA annual membership is only \$25.00 and a life time membership is \$220.00. Once a member of WNGEA you automatically become a member of EANGUS. Please consider joining or if you are a current member consider sponsoring a new member this year. To register and become a member our link is www.wngea.org.

Congratulations to our four scholarship winners, Christine McDermott, Stephanie Kluczykowski, Mackenzie Coker and Jacqueline LaHaie. All four did an amazing job with their applications. Our scholarship program is a great way for members and their families to receive help with their education.

Thank you all again and I hope to see everyone at our 2019 WINGA/WNGEA Joint Conference at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, WI, 27 – 28 April 2018.

Respectfully,

ROBERTA COKER, SMSgt, WI ANG
WNGEA President

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR by Gary Hans

WNGEA 2018 Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee met on 18 July 2018 to evaluate the applications for this year's scholarships with the following results:

Raymond A. Matera \$1000.00 Scholarship – Awarded to Jacqueline LaHaie, sponsored by MSG (Ret) Aaron LaHaie.

USAA \$1000.00 Scholarship – Awarded to Mackenzie Coker, sponsored by SMSgt Roberta Coker, 128th ARW.

WNGEA \$500.00 Scholarship – Awarded to Stephanie Kluczykowski, sponsored by CMSgt Allen Kluczykowski, 128th CF/SCX.

WNGEA \$500.00 Scholarship – Awarded to Christina Mc-

Dermott, sponsored by TSgt Kevin McDermott, 128th ARW

Special thanks to the Scholarship Committee for their time and efforts selecting the scholarship recipients. SMSgt Katherine Pinnow, MSG Michael Hilson and MSG Ed Schmitt.

Lifetime Awards Presentations. At the July Executive Council meeting we presented Lifetime Achievement Awards to Lowell Koehler and Ray Manaici for their decades of dedication to the WNGEA. Lowell served as President of the WNGEA from 1996 to 1998 and 1999-2000. Lowell also served on the WNGEA Executive Council and various committees during his service to the WNGEA to include his service as the WNGEA Insurance Trust Liaison. Ray excelled in his efforts on the Executive Council as Chairman of the

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR by Gary Hans



*Gary Hans,
Executive Director*

Ways and Means Committee and the WNGEA Historian by keeping detailed records and recording events through meticulous filing of historical documents and pictures. This short recap of their contributions to the Association in no way document their years of service to the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association.

The 46th Annual WNGEA Conference was held 27-29 April 2018 at the Lismore Hotel in downtown Eau Claire, WI. This was a Combined Association Conference. The Associations sponsored Professional Development Classes for 50 Junior Officer and Enlisted Personnel during the Conference. We received positive feedback on the Professional Development classes and plan to provide the same type of program next year. The overall attendance was an even split between Officer and Enlisted personnel. On the Enlisted side we had the 25 professional development soldiers and airmen, 11 retirees, and 52 personnel whom are still in uniform plus the spouses. See the enclosed Awards Report for the Army and Air National Guard Award Recipients.

The 47th Annual EANGUS Conference (the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States), was held in Charleston, West Virginia from 11-16 August 2018. The Conference attendees included WNGEA President SMSgt Bobbie Coker, Vice President TSgt Libby Schmedlin with her family, Brian and Eve, Leader of Prayer SSG (Ret) Steve Berry, Auxiliary President, Cathy Berry, Past President SGM (Ret) Bonnie Moser and myself. We also had four Professional Development personnel in attendance, SGT Zachary Devalkenqeere and Austin Jahnke from 1-128th Infantry, SSgt Matthew Turner, 115th FW and SSgt Morgan Lipinski from the 128th ARW. I want to thank all attendees for their time and sincere efforts to make the conference an enjoyable and memorable experience.

The 47th Annual WINGA/WNGEA Conference will be held 26-28 April 2019 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, WI and is located across the street

from the Austin-Straubel Airport. Rooms will be offered at the per diem rate. The adjacent Oneida Casino is open 24 hours a day. We are looking forward to another successful Combined Association Conference. The Associations will be sponsoring Professional Development Classes for 50 Junior Officer and Enlisted Personnel at the Conference. Registration forms will be available on-line at WNGEA.ORG and a manual form will be available in the Spring Issue of the Bucky Bulletin.

The 48th Annual EANGUS Conference. The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States 2018 (EANGUS) Annual Conference will be held in Des Moines, IA from 3-7 August 2019.

If you have never had the opportunity to attend a National Conference, this is your chance. Until you attend a National Conference you do not fully understand the impact the National Association has on issues that affect you. You will be able to sit on National Committees, vote on relevant Enlisted issues and meet our EANGUS Legislative Directors that work for our issues on a daily basis. To register, go to the EANGUS.ORG web site and register online.

Please visit our websites at www.WNGEA.org and www.EANGUS.org. These sites will keep you up to date on current legislation and resolutions that affect the enlisted force of the Wisconsin National Guard. 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 Wisconsin National Guard. We are your voice on Capitol Hill.

Office Relocation. The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA) office will be relocated to Room 158 on the first floor in mid-September 2018. We will be located next to the Retiree Office, Room 160.

Gary R. Hans, Sergeant Major, (Ret)

Executive Director

Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association

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TREASURER'S REPORT

2d Quarter Financial Report for 2018 Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association

	Account	2017 Actual Budget 31-Dec-17	2018 Proposed Budget 21-Oct-17	Current Budget 17-Jul-18	Budget Notes
Acct Code					
4010	WINGA Insurance Trust	\$34,000.00	\$33,500.00	\$18,000.00	
4020	Membership Dues	\$8,961.34	\$9,000.00	\$4,364.75	
4040	Ways & Means Sales	\$35.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	
4050	Interest Income	\$70.49	\$50.00	\$0.00	
4060	Misc Income	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
4070	USAA Education Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
4075	State Conference Income	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
4080	Raffle Income	\$1,589.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,322.00	
4085	Area V Caucus Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4090	Donations	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	45,780.83	47,350.00	24,686.75	
EXPENSES					
5020	Raffle Expense	\$976.31	\$1,000.00	\$350.00	500.00 drawing returned to Assoc.
6010	EANGUS Dues	\$4,686.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,035.00	
6050	Membership Expense	\$2,317.26	\$2,500.00	\$2,369.30	
6100	WNGEA Grants	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$250.00	CSM Conde for Region IV Competition
6120	Awards	\$494.39	\$800.00	\$534.92	
6200	Payroll Expense	\$12,780.08	\$12,800.00	\$5,204.74	
6205	W.C. Insurance Expense	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	
6210	Executive Director Expense	\$2,386.20	\$2,000.00	\$973.88	
6300	Professional Fees	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	
6350	Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
6400	Association Office	\$1,813.98	\$2,100.00	\$3,172.74	
6500	Publications Expense	\$5,599.37	\$5,000.00	\$2,926.33	
6600	Presidents Fund	\$1,552.10	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	
6650	State Conference Expense	\$3,254.19	\$2,500.00	\$512.17	
6670	Executive Council Mtg Exp	\$280.50	\$500.00	\$64.50	
6700	National Educational Seminar	\$6,730.93	\$8,000.00	\$3,239.63	Legislative Workshop
6790	Regional Educational Seminar	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$848.63	
6850	Committee Expense	\$99.34	\$100.00	\$152.16	
6950	Taxes	\$45.31	\$100.00	\$42.00	
6980	Permits, License, Fees	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$35.00	
6999	Misc Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
8010	Donations	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Total Expenses	\$45,145.96	\$47,300.00	\$22,711.00	
Submitted By: Gary R. Hans, Treasurer, WNGEA					

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

We are asking all of our membership to go into the WNGEA.ORG website and update their profile. Failure to follow these steps will lessen our ability to keep you informed of important Association information. If you have a military email addresses listed on WNGEA.ORG we are asking you to use a civilian email address. The Military address will strip out all attachments we may send you direct our email to SPAM. We also need everyone to verify their correct mailing address in the database. This can be accomplished by logging into WNGEA.ORG.

1. Type in your username or email address
2. Enter your password, or send for lost password
3. Upper right screen, click on Howdy, your name
4. Click on edit my profile
5. Go to Civilian Email and enter new email
6. Screen down and verify that your mailing address is correct

Please contact me if you are having issues logging into WNGEA.ORG or correcting your profile.

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WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
Auxiliary Membership Application

SIDE BY SIDE WE STAND WITH PRIDE

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

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: _____

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AWARDS REPORT

**Lismore Hotel, Eau Claire, WI
27-29 April 2018**

2018 Air Guard Award Recipients

2018 AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

A1C Cullen Pedersen
128th Air Control Squadron, Volk Field

2018 NCO OF THE YEAR

TSgt Ryan Branz
128th Air Refueling Wing, Milwaukee

2018 SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR

MSgt Timothy Kenney
128th Air Refueling Wing, Milwaukee

2018 FIRST SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

MSgt Sara Jensen
115th Fighter Wing, Madison

2018 Army Guard Award Recipients

2018 NCO OF THE YEAR

SGT Clayton Smith
Det 1, HHB, 1-120th Field Artillery, Berlin

2018 NCO OF THE YEAR RUNNER-UP

SGT Daniel Sward
Troop A, 1-105th Cavalry, Fort Atkinson

2018 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

SPC Austen Jahnke
Company A, 1-128th Infantry, Menomonie

2018 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR RUNNER-UP

SPC Jason Wagner
Det 1, HHB, 1-120th Field Artillery, Berlin

Awards Chair, WNGEA

Soldiers and Airmen of the Year at the Annual WNGEA Conference.



Auxiliary President Catherine Berry presents Marie Traxler an Outstanding Achievement Award for her many years of service to the Enlisted Association.





RESOLUTIONS EVALUATED by Bob Serrahn

Along with this report is the list of resolutions that were submitted by various states, to the 2018 EANGUS national conference for evaluation and acceptance.

If you notice from the list, there were no resolutions submitted by Wisconsin. If you are interested in looking at the official detailed EANGUS Resolutions Report for 2018, please send an email to: WNGEACOM@MAIL.COM. The report is 75 pages, so it is not feasible to put into this Bucky issue. A copy of the full report will be sent to you. There is no direct website link.

If you are familiar with the EANGUS website, you can log into the EANGUS.ORG, click on Document library, Conferences, 2018, Committee Reports, Resolutions Committee. Here you will find all the various resolutions, and committee detailed documents you can download.

If any WNGEA member, active or retired has an idea for a resolution suggestion, you are invited to log into the WNGEA.ORG website. Click on Legislation, Legislative Suggestions. Fill in only your name and email address. Submit your form. When it is received by the WNGEA, I will send you a new fill in form to submit your legislative suggestion.

EANGUS is in the process of making a new legislative suggestion process form, but that might be months down the road. So, if you have a hot idea that will benefit all or some National Guard members, then go online to the WNGEA site and request your new suggestion fill in form.

Please don't wait till the last minute to do this. It takes time to work your suggestion up to the EANGUS level. Suggestions are evaluated and checked out at each level to make sure all areas are covered, and facts presented.

2018 EANGUS RESOLUTIONS

EANGUS #	State	Relating To:	Description
2018-001	Area II, NGB T-10 Chapter, Executive Council	Eligibility for CONUS Cost -of-Living Allowance (COLA) for National Guard Enlisted Soldiers and Airmen Assigned to a Permanent Duty Station in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area (DC053)	Washington, D.C. has the second highest cost-of-living in the United States. Given various non-housing cost factors, National Guard Enlisted Soldiers and Airmen assigned to a Permanent Duty Station in the Military Housing Area: Washington, D.C. Metro Area (DC053) should be eligible for CONUS Cost-of-living Allowance (COLA). Eligibility for this entitlement would benefit National Guard Enlisted Soldiers and Airmen from all 54 States, Territories, and the District of Columbia who are assigned to a Permanent Duty Station in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area.
2018-002	South Dakota	Dual-Status Technician Maternity & Paternity Leave	Dual-status federal technicians would like more comparable maternity/paternity leave to that of AGR's.
2018-003	South Dakota	Mothers of Military Service Leave Act	There is currently a proposed bill (SB1721) to grant the National Guard and Reserve components 12 weeks of fully paid maternity leave in accordance with the DoD Policy "Force of the Future Initiative." This policy was established in 2016 for active military members and left out the National Guard and Reserve components.
2018-004	South Dakota	Automatic re-enrollment in Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) and current dental carrier after Active Duty (AD) time in which Tricare Prime automatically kicked in.	Continue to push for carriers to auto-enroll soldiers back into TRS and dental coverage following Active Duty service.

2018 EANGUS RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

2018-005	South Dakota	Re-enlistment incentives for Soldiers re-enlisting to meet mandatory service obligations (MSO)	Remove the restrictions on incentive eligibility to include soldiers and airmen who are more than 365 days away from their ETS date.
2018-006	South Dakota	Continued contribution to The Thrift Saving Plan (TSP) after expiration of service obligation	Service members are not authorized to continue contributing to their TSP account following completion of their service obligation.
2018-007	South Dakota	Recoupment or Termination of incentives after receiving Technician or AGR positions	Allow new hires for Technician and AGR positions to be allowed to keep their current incentive contracts.
2018-008	South Dakota	Recoupment or Termination of incentives for changing career management fields (MOS or AFSC)	Allow Soldiers and Airmen to keep their incentives when changing career fields so long as the new field is also eligible for incentives.
2018-009	South Dakota	TriCare Retired Reserve rate re-evaluation for grey area retirees	TriCare Retired Reserve Rates are offered at a cost too expensive for most service members to afford coverage between their retirement age and the time they reach age 60.
2018-010	South Dakota	Technician Compatibility	Amend Technician Personnel Regulation 303 to allow technicians to hold a wider variety of M-day positions in their drilling unit.
2018-011	South Dakota	Ensure Reserve Component (RC) health care benefits eligibility for all RC personnel regardless of employment or employer.	Dual-status federal employees are mandated to utilize FEHB and cannot choose Tricare Reserve Select as their health insurance.
2018-012	South Dakota	Concurrent Receipt of Federal Tuition Assistance (TA) and MGIB	College students are not authorized to utilize FTA and MGIB concurrently.
2018-013	South Dakota	Allow Bonus Incentives for All National Guard Service Members	Rank and time-in-service currently prevent Army National Guard soldiers from receiving reenlistment benefits.
2018-014	South Dakota	Allow National Guard Airmen to receive education benefits comparable to National Guard Soldiers	The Army National Guard offers student loan repayment program incentives, while the Air National Guard has no comparable program
2018-015	South Dakota	Technician re-enlistment incentive eligibility	Allow Technicians of the National Guard to be fully eligible for reenlistment incentives.
2018-016	South Dakota	AGR re-enlistment incentive eligibility	Allow AGR's of the National Guard to be fully eligible for reenlistment incentives.
2018-017	Utah	Tricare gap Government shutdown coverage	To ensure all ADOS Soldiers on orders thirty days or longer continue to have Tricare coverage for at least 45 days in the event of a government shutdown.
2018-018	Wyoming	Assistance to Air Guardsmen Completing Application for Retirement	The Air National Guard has no one to assist retirees applying for their retirement benefits and the process has become completely impressionable and automated.
2018-019	Wyoming	Decentralization of Air National Guard Funding for Recruiting Advertising	Centralized Funding for Air Guard Funding becomes prohibitive at the State and Wing Level for Recruiting Advertising in effectively executing of the Recruiting Mission.

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 currently 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.af.mil

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

The Wisconsin National Guard Retiree Council hosts a Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) on a bi-annual schedule for the purpose of providing current information to 'gray area' and retired National Guard personnel regarding benefits (what they are and how to access them) and new and changing programs affecting the military retired community. Recent RAD's, including one held in September 2017, have been hosted at the Wisconsin Military Academy at Ft. McCoy, WI.

Retirees, their spouses and guests have an opportunity to hear speakers such as our Adjutant General on the current state of the Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard, and from subject matter experts on many relevant topics. There are also opportunities to renew acquaintances with those with whom we have served, share memories, etc. The next RAD is planned for September 2019. Details of future RAD's can be found on the Retiree Activities Office website at <http://dma.wi.gov/retirees> within 90 days prior to the next scheduled RAD.



VA GIVES STEPS TO ACCESS “COMMUNITY CARE”

Veterans may be eligible to receive care from a provider outside of VA in their community when VA cannot provide the care you need. This type of care is known as “community care,” and is paid for by VA.

Although some changes have taken place with community care recently, Veterans continue to have access to this type of care.

The process starts at your VA medical facility. Follow the steps below to see if you’re eligible:

1. Go to VA

- Schedule an appointment with a VA provider.
- Your VA care team will work with you to see if you are eligible for community care.
- Eligibility is based on your medical needs, care that is available at VA, and other requirements.
- Important: Make sure VA confirms you are eligible and authorized before going to the next step.

2. Make an Appointment

- VA will work with you to find a community provider and make an appointment.
- You can select a community provider or VA can select one for you.
- Important: The community provider selected must be

in VA’s network and be willing to accept payment from VA.

3. Receive Care

- Arrive promptly for your appointment.
- Important: If you need to schedule a follow-up appointment, check with your community provider to make sure VA authorized the care. If VA did not authorize the care, your community provider should contact VA to arrange the care you need.

You will likely have questions about these steps. See the list of Frequently Asked Questions.

Getting Support

If you have questions about your specific circumstances, please contact your nearest VA medical facility. If you have a question about the Veterans Choice Program, contact (866) 606-8198. You can also call the VA Adverse Credit Helpline at (877) 881-7618 for help resolving adverse credit reporting and debt collection issues from using the Veterans Choice Program.

For more information, visit the following link: <https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/index.asp>



- Spoooner (NWVMC)** N4063 Veterans Way, Spooner, WI 54801
Phone (715) 635-5360 Fax (715) 635-5363/E-mail: NWVMC@dva.wisconsin.gov
- Union Grove (SWVMC)** 21731 Spring St., Union Grove, WI 53182
Phone (262) 878-5660 Fax (262) 878-5664/E-mail: SWVMC@dva.wisconsin.gov
- King (CWVMC)** N2665 County Road QQ, King, WI 54946
Phone (715) 258-5586 x 2203 Fax (715) 256-3513
Email: CWVMC@dva.wisconsin.gov

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR CEMETERY INTERMENT — APPLICATION

STATE OF WISCONSIN, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, 201 West Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 7843, Madison, WI 53707-7843, (608) 266-1311 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)

Cemetery Control #: _____

Please check the appropriate box on application to establish eligibility of a veteran for interment at one of the state veteran's cemeteries: **Spoooner, Union Grove, or King.** Follow registration procedures regarding submission of military service, residency and/or marriage documentation. Once eligibility has been established, you will receive pre-registration confirmation to your request.

CEMETERY PRE-REGISTRATION

If you desire to be contacted by e-mail, please enter your e-mail address below or correspondence will be by mail.

Your E-mail Address: _____

VETERAN APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name	Suffix <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. <input type="checkbox"/> Sr.	First	Middle Name
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Present Street Address:

City	County	State	Zip
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Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Social Security Number	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Legally Separated
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Service Type: (Type of interment can be changed at a later date.) Casket Cremation

SPOUSE APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION: (Complete only if pre-registering.)

Last Name	Suffix <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. <input type="checkbox"/> Sr.	First	Middle Name
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Check if you are a veteran or current military member

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Social Security Number	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Legally Separated
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VETERAN'S MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION

Branch of Service: (Must be consistent with rank.)

- Army Marine Corps Navy Air Force Coast Guard Merchant Marine Other

Period of Service: (Check applicable box(es).)

- Persian Gulf Vietnam Korea World War II National Guard or Reserves (20 years of qualifying service or retired) Other

Service / Social Security Number: _____

Highest Rank Attained: _____

PERIODS OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICE: (If more than 3 active duty periods, enter the longest.)

First Service Period Entry Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Separation Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Second Service Period Entry Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Separation Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Third Service Period Entry Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Separation Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		

I certify that all information I have provided on this application and the supporting documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

DATE: _____

THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CEMETERY PERSONNEL

RESIDENCY CONFIRMED:

CHARACTER OF SERVICE CONFIRMED:

Name: _____ Application is: Approved Denied

Title: _____ Date: _____

If Denied, Reason: _____

Date confirmation sent to applicant confirming pre-registration: _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY
PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please note that pre-registering with a Wisconsin State Veterans Cemetery is not required for interment. Eligibility may also be determined at the time of need.

VETERAN ELIGIBILITY: Burial is based on a veteran meeting military service and Wisconsin residency requirements.

Military service requirement for burial in Wisconsin State Veterans Cemeteries must be in accordance with the eligibility standards as set by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – National Cemetery Administration, and as a minimum must meet one of the following:

- Veteran was discharged from “active duty” under other than dishonorable conditions, or
- Veteran died while on “active duty”, or
- Veteran served at least 20 years in the National Guard or Reserves and qualified for military retirement pay (or would have qualified except death occurred before age 60).

Wisconsin state residency requirement for burial in state veteran cemeteries must meet one of the following:

- Veteran was a Wisconsin resident at the time of entry or re-entry into military service, or
- Veteran was a Wisconsin resident for at least 12 consecutive months after entering or reentering service on “active duty”, or
- Veteran was a Wisconsin resident at the time of death.

Note: There is no residency requirement for a veteran who dies while on “active duty”.

ELIGIBILITY FOR A VETERAN’S IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS

Spouses, surviving spouse, and dependent children are eligible for interment even if the veteran is not buried or memorialized in a state veteran’s cemetery and the veteran would have met both military service and Wisconsin residency requirements. This includes, lost or buried at sea, missing or missing in action, or whose remains have been donated to science or cremated and the cremated remains scattered.

Eligibility Includes:

- Surviving spouse of an eligible veteran that has been interred who remarries retains his or her eligibility for burial.
- Any natural or adoptive child of an eligible veteran who are under the age of 18 years or who are under 26 years of age and pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution.
- An adult child of an eligible veteran of any age if the child is physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support by reason of mental or physical disability.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR PRE-REGISTRATION:

1. **Veteran** - Military discharge (DD Form 214) or other type of acceptable discharge document.
 - a. Proof of Residency *–required only if your discharge does not show your home of record at time of entry into active service as Wisconsin.*
 - Provide a copy of a Wisconsin income tax return (WI tax Form 1 or 1A)
 - For homeowners, copy of real estate tax bill listing veteran as an owner (must be a primary residence not a vacation home)
 - For renters, a copy of a completed lease totaling 12 months
 - WI driver's license or WI ID issued 2008 to 12 months prior to application.
If are unable to provide one of the suggestions above, contact the office for other acceptable documents.
2. **Spouse** - Copy of a legal marriage certificate.
3. **Dependent Child** - Copy of a birth certificate or legal adoption papers. Medical documentation outlining the nature of the child's disability. Upon review of the initial information given you may be asked to provide additional information.
4. If a Power of Attorney is pre-registering and signing the application on behalf of the veteran, you must provide a copy of your POA.
5. If a surviving spouse is pre-registering for a deceased spouse, please provide a copy of the death certificate.

INTERMENT OPTIONS:

The cemetery can inter caskets and cremation urns. Caskets are in-ground only. Cremated remains may be interred either in-ground within the cremation urn garden, above ground in the columbarium, or in the scattering garden.

BURIAL ITEMS PROVIDED:

Burial Space - Next available; no pre-selection, one space per veteran

Lawn crypt - **Concrete liner for casket interments (double depth for Veteran/Spouse)**

- Marker - **Upright granite for casket burials and newer cremation urn garden sections**
- Flush granite for cremated remains in older urn garden sections (in-ground)
 - Bronze Niche Plaque or Granite Niche Cover – for cremated remains in columbarium (above ground)
 - Bronze Niche Memorial Plaque – for cremains in scattering garden

APPLICABLE FEES: (Effective July 1, 2008)

Fees are subject to change & cannot be pre-paid

Interment/Burial Fees (due on day of interment):	Veteran (using pre-set liner for casket*)	No Charge
	Spouse/dependent children	\$550.00
Private Vault Fee* (veterans/spouse/dependent children)		\$650.00

*(*Applicable for casket interments only. This fee is required when a family decides to purchase their own burial vault through a funeral home versus using the liner that is provided by the cemetery.)*



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”

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association
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- **Customer service:** 1 (800) 531-8722
- **Representative:** [Chat online on Messenger](#)
- **Founded:** 1922
- **Revenue:** \$30.02 billion USD (2017)
- **Headquarters:** [San Antonio, TX](#)
- **Number of employees:** 32,896 (2017)

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.



TYPE MEMBERSHIP

CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE

(NEW ANNUAL)

(RENEWAL ANNUAL)

(LIFE MEMBERSHIP)

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2400 WRIGHT ST. DIST BOX 45
MADISON, WI 53704-2572

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NAME: _____
FIRST MI LAST.

PRIMARY EMAIL: _____ (required)

HOME STREET ADDRESS: _____

_____ CITY STATE 5 DIGIT ZIP CODE

PRIMARY CONTACT NO: (_____) _____ - _____ RANK/GRADE: _____ / E-_____

DATE OF BIRTH: mon: _____ day: _____ yr: _____ SPOUSE NAME: _____

CIRCLE CHOICES: (ARMY GUARD) (AIR GUARD) (OTHER) (MALE) (FEMALE)

OFFICIAL UNIT DESIGNATION/NAME: _____

CIRCLE STATUS: (AGR) (TECHNICIAN) (M-DAY / TRADITIONAL) (RETIREE)

ASSOCIATE STATUS: (COMMISSIONED/WARRANT OFFICER) (CIVILIAN) (OTHER MILITARY SERVICE)

MEMBERSHIP DUES - Suggest to join or renew online at WWW.WNGEA.ORG

E-1 to E-9 ONE YEAR - \$25.00 []

ASSOCIATE ONE YEAR - \$25.00 []

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - \$220.00 []

Includes both State and National Dues. You will receive notice via email shortly before the date your membership expires for you to renew. At that time, you can establish an automatic renew option that your dues will automatically be taken from your charge card.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WNGEA

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This is a special discounted price that may go up in the future.

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States will provide a Life Membership Card by mail.

Questions? Contact me

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PAST PRESIDENTS

WNGEA President's & Years of Service	Name	Branch of Service
1972-1973	CSM David Ebert	Army
1973-1974	SGM Jim Abraham	Army
1974-1976	SFC Franklin Stoneburner	Army
1976-1978	MSgt William Fitzpatrick	Air
1978-1980	SGM Wayne Sedgwick	Army
1980-1982	SGM Alan Seidl	Army
1982-1984	CSM Donald Meister	Army
1984-1986	CSM Donald Adams	Air
1986-1988	SGM Neil Thome	Army
1988-1990	CSM Donald Meister	Army
1990-1992	SFC Deanna Luedtke	Army
1992-1994	SGM William Krueck	Army
1994-1996	MSgt Jeff Rohloff	Air
1996-1998	CSM Lowell Koehler	Army
1998-1999	SFC David Conis	Army
1999-2000	CSM Lowell Koehler	Army
2000-2002	MSG Mark Spitz	Army
2002-2004	SMSGt Robert Serrahn	Air
2004-2006	SGM Gary Hans	Army
2006-2008	CSM John Olson	Army
2008-2010	SGM Bonnie Moser	Army
2010-2012	MSgt Jim Cieslewicz	Air
2012-2014	MSG Thomas Krueck	Army
2014-2016	MSgt Nathan Nickel	Air
2016-2018	SMSGt Bobbie Coker	Air

Auxiliary President's & Years of Service	Name
1980-1981	Jean FitzPatrick
1981-1984	Carol Kolata
1984-1986	Jane Rohloff
1986-1988	Kate Mead
1988-1990	Peg Thome
1990-1992	Karen Maum
1992-1994	Kathy Serrahn
1994-1996	Marlene Williams
1996-1998	Ernestine Iannello
1998-2000	Adele Cywinski
2000-2002	Shirley Spitz
2002-2003	Cindy Stansfield
2003-2005	Catherine Berry
2005-2008	Shirley Spitz
2008-2010	Delaine Reis
2010-2014	Shirley Spitz
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