

# Bucky's Bulletin

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION



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ENLISTED ASSOCIATION**

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**48th Annual WNGEA Conference hosted by the  
128th Air Refueling Wing**



SPRING 20

# 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	Leader of Prayer	Life	*
David	Coker	Historian	Life	*
Sid	Traxler	Parliamentarian	Life	*
Edward	Schmitt	Legislative Manager - State	Life	*
Robert	Serrahn	Resolutions Manager	Life	*
Leslie	Moseley	Membership Marketing - Air	Auto	*
Morgan	Sondelski	Membership Marketing - Army	Auto	*
Michael	Hilson	By-Laws Manager	Annual	*
Ross	Baker	Website Manager	Life	*
Steven	Cywinski	Special Projects Manager	Life	*
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Legislative Manager - National</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Awards Manager</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Corporate Partnership Manager</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Junior Enlisted Manager</b>		
<b>Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association Auxilliary Leadership</b>				
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	
<b>Area V Directors as of 7 August 2019</b>				
Chuck	Kasin	EANGUS Area V Director Chair	North Dakota	
Chuck	Votava	EANGUS Area V Director	North Dakota	
Josh	Wermers	EANGUS Area V Director	South Dakota	

*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 **\$1,000.00 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



## **THE WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION IS WORKING FOR YOU!**

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA), Inc. is a professional membership organization for Enlisted Soldiers and Airmen which is affiliated with the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS). EANGUS is also a member of the Military Coalition which may be the most formidable lobbying force ever to fight on the behalf of service members, retirees, and families representing 5.5 million members serving all seven uniformed services. EANGUS also partners with the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) to pursue common legislation goals.

### **Our Goal/Mission:**

- Promote the status, welfare and professionalism of enlisted members of the National Guard by supporting legislation that provides adequate staffing, pay, benefits, entitlements, equipment and installations for the National Guard.
- Increase the voice of enlisted persons in the National Guard on Capitol Hill for enlisted National Guard issues.
- Offer professional development training and educational opportunities for enlisted soldiers and airmen.
- Recognize Soldiers and Airmen of the year through our Awards Program at our annual conference.

## **EANGUS 2019 Resolutions:**

**NR19-01 Military Skills Credit Impact on Satisfactory Academic Progress**

**NR19-02 Insurance to match Retiree Pay Age**

**NR19-03 Language Change in Post 9/11 GI Bill**

**NR19-04 Tax Credit for Employers who have National Guard Soldiers currently deployed and/or on State Active Duty**

**NR19-06 Increase in FSGLI coverage for dependent children**

**NR19-07 Transfer eligibility of Post GI Bill**

**NR19-08 Tricare Retired Reserve rate re-evaluation for grey area retiree's**

**NR19-09 Tricare for Retirees**

**NR19-11 Safe Haven (ARNG/ANG) Entitlement and Eligibility**

**NR19-12 Retirement Points for State Active Duty (SAD)**

**NR19-13 DSG Maternity Leave**

**NR19-14 Veterans Preference Points**

**Go to [WNGEA.ORG](http://WNGEA.ORG) for a complete listing of all the 2019 EANGUS National Resolutions, a short description, the business case and the recommendations for each resolution.**

## **WNGEA Member Benefits:**

**Sponsors Annual Scholarships worth \$3,500.00**

**Free Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance**

**Funds Wisconsin Delegates to represent Wisconsin membership at the National EANGUS Conference**

**Provides award winning semi-annual publication (Bucky Bulletin) and maintains [WNGEA.ORG](http://WNGEA.ORG) web-site to keep members current on legislative issues and association business**

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Roberta Coker,  
WNGEA President*

Dear Fellow Soldiers and Airmen,

Happy 2020! I hope you and your family's had a wonderful holiday season. Looking back over this past year, our association has had some amazing people come on board, one member came to my unit to promote our association. Please let us know, if someone would like a member to come out to your unit to help promote the association. With our annual combined conference coming up April 24 - 26, 2020 at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel and I am excited to invite everyone. This year the 128 ARW, my unit, is sponsoring the conference and they have some amazing speakers for the Professional Development classes. Mr. Paul Krismer will be speaking on "What's Going Well", Mr. Joel Boggess, "Step into your Superpower" & "Your Competitive Advantage". We also have the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Christopher Kepner, who will be speaking on "Super Leaders". At the banquet there will be Mr. Dan Newberry speaking on an area we are all interested in "Mental Resilience through exercise and fitness". I am looking forward to hearing what all the speak-

ers have to say.

Next we will be hosting the Area V Caucus May 15 - 17, 2020, also at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel. I am looking forward to making sure we have an amazing time for our area members. With members attending from all over the area, I hope to see all our board members in attendance.

As a reminder our 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 <<http://www.wngea.org>> [www.wngea.org](http://www.wngea.org). Membership benefits include sponsor annual scholarships worth \$3,500.00, free accidental death and dismemberment insurance, funds Wisconsin delegates to represent Wisconsin membership at the National EANGUS Conference.

Thank you all and I hope to see everyone at our 2020 WINGA/WNGEA Joint Conference at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel, Brookfield, WI, 24 - 26, 2020.

Respectfully,

ROBERTA COKER, SMSgt, WI ANG  
WNGEA President

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR by Gary Hans



*Gary Hans,  
Executive Director*

### WIARNG Hall of Honor and WIANG Hall of Fame.

On 5 September 2019, MG (Ret) Jerald Slack was inducted into the WI ANG Hall of Fame. COL (Ret) Todd Nehls was inducted into the WIARNG Hall of Honor. The induction and honors represent a lifetime of achievements and contributions to the National Guard. The awards banquet was held at

Volk Field.

### The Annual Combined WINGA/WNGEA Conference

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will be held 24-27 April 2020 at the Sheraton Hotel, 375 S Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI. The Combined Conference will be hosted by the 128th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) from Milwaukee, WI. The Red Arrow Veterans Association (RAVA) will be sharing our venue and will be attending the Friday Night Ice Breaker and the Saturday Night Banquet events. Rooms will be offered at the per diem rate. We are looking forward to another successful Combined Association Conference. The Associations will be sponsoring Professional Development Classes for 39 Junior Officer and Enlisted Personnel at the Conference. Registration forms and further hotel information is available on-line at [WNGEA.ORG](http://WNGEA.ORG) and a manual form is available in the Spring Issue of the Bucky Bulletin. Registration is \$25.00 per person which includes the Ice Breaker, attendance at the Professional Development Classes, and some breakfast and Lunch meals. The banquet will be \$35.00 per person which will include the banquet

meal and our guest speaker, Dan Newberry, United States Army Veteran, Purple Heart Recipient and founder of 22 Fitness.

CSM Christopher Kepner, Senior Enlisted Adviser to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau will be the featured speaker at the WINGA/WNGEA Joint Business Session on Saturday morning.

### **EANGUS Area V Caucus** **(15-17 May 2020, Sheraton Hotel, Brookfield, WI)**

The 2020 Area V Caucus will be hosted by the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association and will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 375 S Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI on 15-17 May 2020. The Area V Caucus consists of a representatives from 9 states to include: IN, IL, IA, MI, MN, SD, NE, ND, and WI. The Caucus representatives will address Area V business, the EANGUS National Conference, 8-13 August 2020, and review resolutions from our area that will be submitted to EANGUS to be considered as National Resolutions which will be voted on at the EANGUS Conference in August. Contact the WNGEA Executive Director at [wngea@yahoo.com](mailto:wngea@yahoo.com) if you are interested in attending this event..

### **The 49th Annual EANGUS Conference.**

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Annual Conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas from 8 to 13 August 2020. If you have never had the opportunity to attend a National Conference, this is your chance. Until you take the time to attend National Conference you will 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 Representatives that work for our issues on a daily basis. Area V, which includes Wisconsin, will be assigned to the Doubletree by Hilton Little Rock which is a 3 minute walk from the meeting space. To register, go to the EANGUS.ORG web site and register online.

### **EANGUS and WNGEA Scholarships**

#### **CSM Virgil R Williams Scholarship**

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, CSM Virgil R Williams Scholarship Program. This is a \$2000.00 dollar scholarship. EANGUS Suspense is 1 May 2020. Apply On-Line at EANGUS.ORG.

#### **Patriot Scholarship**

The EANGUS Scholarship Committee is proud to present this \$1,000 scholarship that is derived from contributions from individuals, not corporate donations. The number of scholarships will be based on contributions. Money is paid directly to the school you are attending and goes towards tuition expenses. EANGUS Suspense is 1 May 2020. Apply On-Line at EANGUS.ORG.

Apply for a FREE on-line Degree Program from American Intercontinental University, Colorado Technical University, Excelsior College, Grantham University, Grand Canyon University or the University of Phoenix at EANGUS.ORG. These are great programs to earn a degree from the convenience of your home.

### **Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association** **College Grant Program**

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association College Grant Program which include a \$1000.00 dollar grant **sponsored by USAA**, a 1,000.00 dollar grant “The Raymond A. Matera Scholarship” and up to 4-\$500.00 dollar grants based on the number of applicants. WNGEA Suspense is 1 June 2020. \*Apply at WNGEA.ORG.

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

### **Future EANGUS Conferences Locations and Dates:**

2021, Albuquerque, NM 8-11 August)  
(50th Anniversary of EANGUS)

2022, Rochester, MN (14-17 August)

**Please visit our websites** at [www.WNGEA.org](http://www.WNGEA.org) and [www.EANGUS.org](http://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.

Gary R. Hans, Sergeant Major, (Ret)  
Executive Director  
Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association  
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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association

	Account	2018 Actual Budget 31-Dec-18	2019 Proposed Budget 27-Oct-18	Current Budget As of: 31 Dec 2019	Budget Notes
<b>Acct Code</b>					
4010	WINGA Insurance Trust	\$45,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$41,000.00	
4020	Membership Dues	\$6,888.35	\$9,000.00	\$3,819.43	
4040	Ways & Means Sales	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	
4050	Interest Income	\$73.01	\$50.00	\$73.44	
4060	Misc Income	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$748.00	Silent Auction-608.00/Portraits-140.00
4070	USAA Education Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
4075	State Conference Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4080	Raffle Income	\$1,322.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
4085	Area V Caucus Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4090	Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	USAA-250.00/Olson's-30.00
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,283.36</b>	<b>\$8,850.00</b>	<b>\$46,920.87</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
5020	Raffle Expense	\$350.00	\$1,000.00	\$128.58	
6010	EANGUS Dues	\$3,333.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,892.00	
6050	Membership Expense	\$3,194.30	\$2,500.00	\$1,689.31	
6100	WNGEA Grants	\$3,407.13	\$3,500.00	\$1,400.64	
6120	Awards	\$725.43	\$800.00	\$538.05	
6200	Payroll Expense	\$12,751.88	\$12,800.00	\$11,706.16	
6205	W.C. Insurance Expense	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	
6210	Executive Director Expense	\$2,304.08	\$2,500.00	\$1,782.33	
6300	Professional Fees	\$620.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	
6350	Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
6400	Association Office	\$3,202.74	\$3,200.00	\$2,399.41	
6500	Publications Expense	\$5,856.41	\$6,000.00	\$2,095.12	
6600	Presidents Fund	\$1,474.55	\$3,000.00	\$1,649.62	
6650	State Conference Expense	\$9,623.68	\$10,000.00	\$12,201.26	
6670	Executive Council Mtg Exp	\$748.00	\$500.00	\$340.00	
6700	National Educational Seminar	\$6,739.63	\$8,000.00	\$4,229.12	
6790	Regional Educational Seminar	\$520.65	\$500.00	\$900.65	
6850	Committee Expense	\$152.16	\$100.00	\$157.45	
6950	Taxes	\$546.54	\$100.00	\$513.28	
6980	Permits, License, Fees	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
6999	Misc Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
8010	Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$55,585.18</b>	<b>\$58,700.00</b>	<b>\$43,622.98</b>	
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.

Gary R. Hans, Sergeant Major, USA, Retired  
 Executive Director, WNGEA  
 920-723-8098  
 WNGEA@yahoo.com

# *2020 WINGA/WNGEA Joint Annual Conference*

**Join us as the 128 ARW hosts the 2020  
WINGA/WNGEA Joint Annual Conference  
April 24-26 at the Sheraton**

**Brookfield, WI**

**Included in your \$25 registration fee:**

- 4 Military Professional Development Sessions
- Fun Run/Walk @ Fox Brook Park with T-shirt, Bib and Swag Bag
- Registration gift bag
- Friday Night Ice Breaker with Light Hors d'oeuvres, Beer/Wine Samples from Local Companies and Nationwide Vendors
- Saturday/Sunday Morning Breakfast & Saturday Lunch
- Many Great Statewide Networking Opportunities
- Friday & Saturday Night Hospitality Rooms with Refreshments & Snacks
- Sunday Morning Worship Service

**Additional Events at cost:**

- Saturday Evening Banquet
- Family Event- Harley Davidson Museum and Lunch

**Guest Speakers**

- Command Sergeant Major Christopher Kepner, Senior Enlisted Advisor for the National Guard Bureau
- Mr. Paul Krismer, International Speaker and Publisher
- Mr. Joel Boggess, Resiliency Expert and Award-winning Podcaster
- Mr. Dan Newberry, U.S. Army Veteran, Purple Heart Recipient and founder of 22 Fitness



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580-9803**

**david.r.lake3.mil@mail.mil**

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## 70th WINGA/48th WNGEA/32d RAVA Annual Conference Registration Form (Hosted by the 128<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing (ARW))

Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel – 375 S Moorland Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005

Block of rooms under Wisconsin National Guard Association, Inc. – Call to book rooms. (262) 364-1100

Deadline April 17 for Group Rate – Traditional Double or King \$104/night (Suites are available on request)

**Registration  
Deadline:  
10 April**

-Register online at [www.winga.org/html/events/index.html](http://www.winga.org/html/events/index.html)  
<https://wngea.org>

\*New APP option: download off website or in App Store, search WINGA WNGEA  
OR

-Submit complete form and checks payable to **2020 Joint WINGA Conference:**  
**128<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, ATTN: Capt Kristina Chiu**  
**1835 E. Grange Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207**

Name (Last, First) Rank:	WNGEA PD Status (Circle One)	WINGA RAVA (Circle One)	Active/Retired (Circle One)	Army/Air (Circle One)
Guest:				
Home Address: Street	City, State		Zip Code	
Organization/Unit:				
Civilian Email:			Preferred Phone:	
<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Conference Registration Fee Per Person:</b>				
			\$25.00 ea.	
<b>Friday, April 24, 2020</b>				
<b>Family Fun Run/Walk (Name/T-Shirt Size (Select both))</b>	<b>Check-In</b>		FREE	
1) _____ Men/W/Ch & S/M/L/XL	2:00 PM		Includes: T-Shirt, Bib, Swag Bag  See Flyer for more information	
2) _____ Men/W/Ch & S/M/L/XL	<b>Race:</b> 3 PM – 4 PM			
3) _____ Men/W/Ch & S/M/L/XL				
4) _____ Men/W/Ch & S/M/L/XL				
<b>Ice Breaker</b> (Tailgate: Casual/Sports Team Attire) Light Hors d'oeuvres / Brookfield Room	6 PM – 9 PM		FREE	
<b>Saturday, April 25, 2020</b>				
<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	7:00 – 8:30 AM		FREE	
<b>Joint Meeting Sessions</b>	8:45 – 10:30 AM		FREE	
<b>Association Business Meetings</b>	10:45 – 12:00 PM		FREE	
<b>Military Professional Development (Includes Lunch)</b>	12:15 – 4:45 PM		FREE	
<b>Banquet</b> (ASUs/Formal/Mess Dress or civilian equivalent) Social Hour Dinner (Complete dinner selection) Hospitality Room (Civilian Attire)	6 PM – 7 PM 7 PM – 9 PM 9 PM – 12 AM		\$35.00 per person x # Sirloin Filet _____ Pretzel Crusted Chicken _____ Veg. Napoleon (Vegan) _____	
<b>Family Event – Harley Davidson Museum and Lunch</b> Meet in hotel lobby 9:30 AM, Transportation on own (14 min. I-94) Gather at museum to pay and start tour, Local lunch opt. available	Tour: 10:30 AM – 1 PM, lunch after		Museum - \$12 Children - \$6 Lunch - \$10-\$18	**Pay day of event
<b>Sunday, April 26, 2020</b>				
<b>Worship Service</b>	7:30 AM		FREE	
<b>Military Professional Development (Includes Breakfast)</b>	8:00 – 10:30 AM		FREE	
<b>VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION</b> (to cover Conference)				
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	



## **70th WINGA/48th WNGEA Annual Conference**

### **The Sheraton Hotel**

**375 South Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI**

**24-26 April 2020**

Hosted by the 128th Air Refueling Wing (ARW)

**WINGA/WNGEA Members:** This is to notify you that the Annual Membership Business Meeting of the Wisconsin National Guard Officer/Enlisted Association will be held on 24-26 April 2020 at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield, WI. (Rhonda Martinson, WNGEA Secretary).

Registration Forms are available below, or in the Spring Issue of Your Communicator (Officers) and the Bucky Bulletin (Enlisted) and on line at WINGA.ORG and WNGEA.ORG.

The Adjutant General has approved 39 company grade officers/enlisted personnel to attend professional development in a paid status. Selection of personnel in a paid status will be determined by the chain of command. Professional development sessions may be attended by any conference attendee.

The Registration fee is \$25.00 per person. The Saturday evening banquet will be \$35.00 per person. There will be no charge for the icebreaker nor for any of the Professional Development meetings/breakfast or the luncheon. Registration deadline is 10 April 2020. If you prefer to mail in your registration, you may use the manual registration form above or the form in Your Communicator or the Bucky Bulletin to register. Make checks payable to 2020 Joint WINGA Conference and send to: 128th Air Refueling Wing, ATTN: Capt. Kristina Chiu, 1835 E. Grange Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207.

#### **Hotel Rooms:**

**Sheraton Hotel, Brookfield 262-364-1100, Ext. 0.** You must ask for a room in the Wisconsin National Guard room block to receive the reduced rate; room block deadline is 15 April. Traditional Double or King Room Rates are \$104.00 per night plus tax. A limited number of suites are available at an increased cost. Rooms include complimentary WI-FI and complimentary parking.

**Conference Check-in:**

Friday from 1500-1930 and 0700-0830 Saturday morning. Your registration packet will contain your conference program providing you the location and time for all events, exhibitor information, etc.

**Uniforms:**

- Friday Night Icebreaker—Civilian Casual—Collegiate apparel
- Joint Session/Business Meetings/Professional Development Sessions—Class B's or civilian equivalent.

The WINGA/WNGEA Combined Conference will be hosted by the 128th Air Refueling Wing. Dress for Business meetings is Business Informal and the Banquet will be Military Dress or equivalent civilian attire.

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.

**Friday Afternoon 5K run/Walk:** Friday, 24 April 1500-1600.

(On-site registration: 1400-1445, Race Start: 1500)

Parking is available at the park \$5/vehicle. A shuttle is available from the hotel to the park starting at 1400 until 1430. All runners will check-in at the registration table before the event to receive a swag bag, and sign the liability waiver. Water will be available throughout the course and at the finish.

**Friday Night Icebreaker/Reception:**

**Friday 1800-2100.** Vendors will be co-located with the icebreaker. Appetizing heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and soda will be provided with a cash bar available. Tailgate like atmosphere. (Brookfield Rooms 1-5 )

**Friday 2100-2359.** Joint Hospitality Room. (Wisconsin 1-2 and 3-4)

**Saturday 0700- 0830.** Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast, free to all registered guests. (Milwaukee Rooms 1-2)

**Saturday 0730-0830.** Officer and Enlisted Company Grade PD (Moorland Room 4-5) Speaker: TAG

**Saturday 0845-1030.** Joint WINGA/WNGEA PD Session and Awards Ceremony: (Brookfield Rooms 1-4) CSM Kepner, Frank Yoakum, TAG

**Saturday 0930-1300.** Harley Davidson Museum (Meet in Lobby at 0930)

**Annual Business Meetings and PD Sessions:**

**WINGA: Saturday 1045-1200 (Brookfield Room 1-4)**

**WNGEA: Saturday 1045-1200 and 1400 to Completion. (Milwaukee Room 1)**

**Saturday 1045-1200. 32d Veterans Association: (Brookfield Room 5)**

**Saturday 1215-1330. Luncheon and PD Session. (Brookfield Rooms 1-3)  
Speaker: Paul Krismer**

**Saturday 1215-1330. Corporate Sponsor Luncheon (Milwaukee Room 2)  
Invitation Only.**

**Saturday 1400-1600. WNGEA Continues Business Meeting. (Milwaukee 1)**

**Saturday 1340-1430. Professional Development "Super Leaders". Speaker:  
CSM Kepner (Brookfield 1-3)**

**Saturday 1440-1530. Professional Development "Step into Your Super- power".  
Speaker: Joel Boggess (Brookfield 1-3)**

**Saturday 1540-1645. Professional Development "The Serious Business of  
Positive Emotions". Speaker: Paul Krismer (Brookfield 1-3)**

**Saturday 1645-1830. Joint Hospitality (Wisconsin 1-2 and 3-4)**

**Saturday 1800-1900. Banquet Registration/Social (Brookfield Rooms 1-5)**

**Saturday 1900-2100. Banquet (Brookfield Rooms 1-5) Speaker: Dan Newberry**

**Saturday 2100-2359. Joint Hospitality (Wisconsin Rooms 1-4).**

**Sunday 0730-0800. Religious Services (Moorland 1)**

**Sunday 0800-0900. Buffet Breakfast and PD Session Speaker: Joel Boggess**

**Sunday 0910-1030. Army PD Breakout Session Speaker: BG Mathews and CSM  
Conde**

**Sunday 0910-1030. Air Breakout Session Speaker: Air DAG And Command  
Chief**

**\*\*Professional Development Sessions may be attended by any Conference  
attendee.**

**\*\*Vendor Exhibits: Take time to check out the exhibits on display and visit with  
the vendors sponsoring the conference.**



## Company Grade Officer and Enlisted Professional Development Training



The 128<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing is hosting the 2020 Wisconsin National Guard State Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield on 24-26 April. This event is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA) and the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA).

This year, The Adjutant General has approved 39 company grade soldiers and airmen to attend Professional Development Training at the conference in a paid status. In addition to our Wisconsin National Guard Leadership, several professional speakers have been invited to the conference to share their expertise on topics to improve and enhance leadership, teamwork and mentorship skills. The following is a brief summary of their qualifications.



Command Sergeant Major Christopher Kepner currently serves as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief, National Guard Bureau. In this role, he serves as the Chief's principal military advisor on all enlisted matters affecting training, utilization, health of the force and enlisted professional development. He enlisted in the United States Army in October of 1980. Following his graduation from Basic and AIT at Fort Benning, CSM Kepner served seven years on active duty with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne and 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Divisions before joining the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. He previously served as CSM for 2-112 IN Stryker, 28<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Bde and 28<sup>th</sup> ID. CSM Kepner's civilian education includes a BS from American Intercontinental University and a MS in Leadership from Duquesne University. His awards include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge and CIB to name a few.



Paul Krismer is a noted public speaker and trainer. His company is called "The Happiness Experts Company." He teaches the practical application of positive emotions to achieve personal and organizational excellence. His authentic and passionate commitment to his subject matter shines through his work. Playful and captivating storytelling compliments his intelligent and accessible presentation of the science of success. His teaching is powerful, authoritative, and convincing. At the same time, Paul is exceptionally practical, providing tools that audiences can use immediately. Paul has a proven track record as an inspirational leader. For twenty years, he has served in senior management roles – overseeing hundreds of employees, multi-million-dollar projects, and cheerfully growing future leaders. As a Certified Executive Coach, Paul is appreciated for his kind-hearted, yet relentless pursuit of the client's best life. Helping individuals and organizations reach greater success in his trademark promise. He is the best-selling author of "Whole Person Happiness"- How to be Well in Body, Mind and Spirit.



Joel Boggess is an accomplished and highly sought-after motivational speaker. Joel is the perfect combination of real-world success and practical, easy to follow, advice. His unique way of presenting not only engages with the audience, but ensures each attendee walks away feeling success is possible for them. His motivational content, and practical how-to pieces, have been shared with audiences around the country. Joel earned his undergraduate degree at Texas Tech University, an MBA from Amberton University and a Master's in Counseling. Joel is the author of a best-selling book "Finding Your Voice" which deals with success, happiness and self-esteem. Joel will present two programs on "Step into your Superpower" and "Your competitive Edge." You can look forward to an educational, enlightening and entertaining presentation. Joel resides in Texas with his wife.



Sergeant Major Frank Yoakum, US Army (Retired), is the Executive Director of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS). EANGUS is a non-profit military service organization headquartered in Washington D.C. He became the Executive Director in February 2016. Frank spent 31 years in the Army, both active duty and National Guard. His last assignment was serving as the sole Congressional Legislative Liaison NCO on the personal staff of the Chief, National Guard Bureau (NGB). Frank worked as a DOD Contractor in transition assistance, personal finance education, and compensation fraud. He also served in the Technician Personnel Division at NGB. He holds the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and the Order of Samuel Sharpe. He is a life member of the Wyoming National Guard Association. For his long and honorable service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit-Legionnaire.



Dan Newberry joined the US Army in 2002 as an Airborne Indirect Fire Infantryman. He participated in two combat deployments to Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2005, he was awarded the Purple Heart from being wounded in action when a roadside bomb struck his HUMVEE. He deployed a third time to Iraq in 2007. Upon leaving the Army as an E6, he battled severe PTSD, depression and anxiety. After losing his brother to suicide in 2015, he became an advocate for people suffering from mental illness. In 2016, he started an annual 22 mile walk and developed 22Fitness. 22Fitness is a free fitness program open to the entire community dedicated to those who struggle with depression, anxiety and PTSD. Dan now oversees "Lift For The 22", a national non-profit organization designed to connect the veteran community, aid in their transition to civilian life and reduce military suicides. Mr. Newberry will be our banquet speaker.

# 2020 WINGA/WINGEA

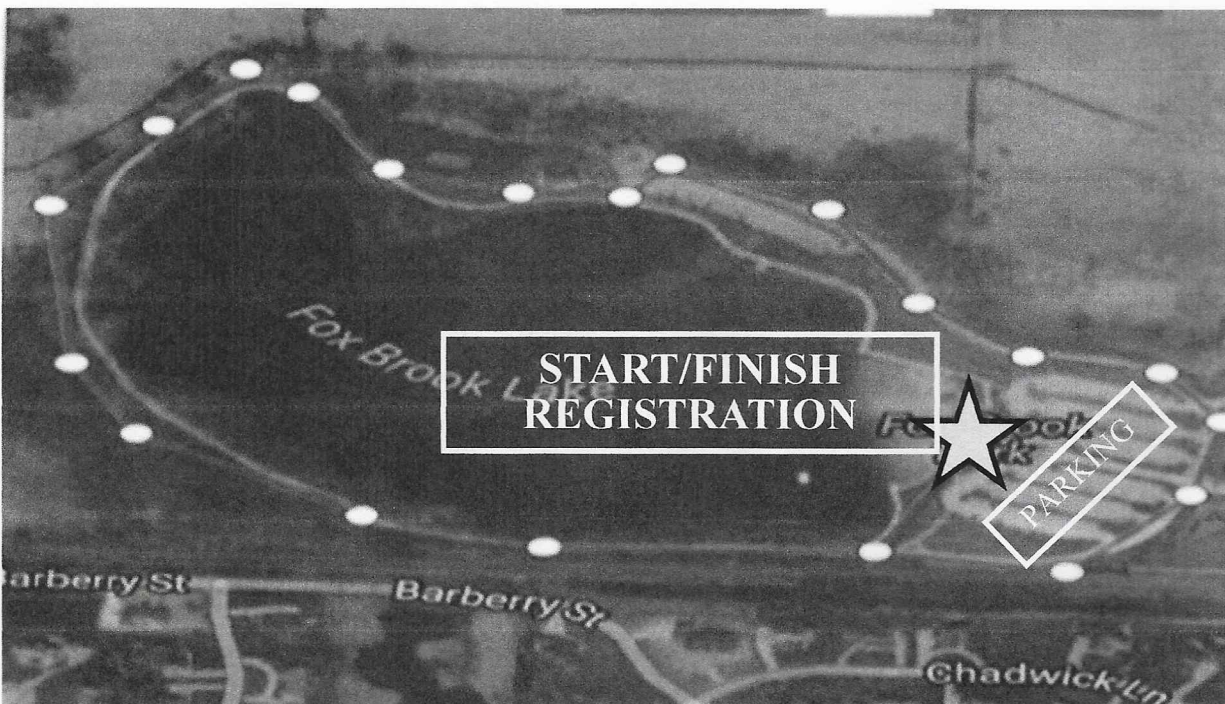


## 5K RUN HOSTED BY 128 ARW

**Who:** Registered Participants (if registered during conference registration be sure to select the appropriate shirt size)

**When:** 24 April 2020 (On-site registration: 1400-1445  
Race Start: 1500)

Parking is available at the park \$5/vehicle. A shuttle is available from the hotel to the park starting at 1400 until 1430. All runners will check-in at the registration table before the event to receive a swag bag, and sign the liability waiver. Water will be available throughout the course and at the finish.





## **State Sponsored** **Life Insurance Program (SSLI)**

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 #162, 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](mailto:insinfo@winga.org) Web Page: [www.winga.org/insurance.html](http://www.winga.org/insurance.html)

Underwritten by Armed Forces Benefits Association (AFBA), 909 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.  
Policy #: MAT POL Ed. WINGABROR0119. 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. Also, a \$1000.00 yearly grant will be awarded 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. 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.
3. 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.
4. A signed letter of academic reference from Principal, Dean or Counselor.
5. 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.
6. Proof of acceptance to the applicant's school or educational program.
7. Your WNGEA/EANGUS membership will be validated against the current master list from the EANGUS/WNGEA 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 awardee 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 June. 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.

**MAIL TO: WNGEA Executive Director  
ATTN: Scholarship Chair  
2400 Wright Street, Dist Box 39  
Madison, WI 53704**

Revised 28 January 2020

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

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



# Notice:

Effective 1 January 2019, the State Sponsored Life Insurance Program (SSLI), administered by the Wisconsin National Guard Association, Inc. will have a new underwriter. Our previous underwriter is changing from New York Life Insurance Company (New York Life) to 5Star Life Insurance Company (5Star Life).

***No action required on your part. This change will have no impact on your premium payment amount or life insurance coverage levels.***

Claims before 1 January 2019, are the responsibility of New York Life and claims incurred on or after that date are the responsibility of 5Star Life. Under no circumstances will payments of benefits occur under both New York Life and 5Star Life policies for the same loss.

If you have any questions about this change in insurance coverage, please contact the SSLI Office at 608.242.3100 or email a question to [insinfo@winga.org](mailto:insinfo@winga.org)



# TYPE MEMBERSHIP

## CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE

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(RENEWAL ANNUAL)

(LIFE MEMBERSHIP)

# WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

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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](http://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**

Total Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Processed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not write in this area.  
Suggest to photo copy before mailing.**

### **\*\*\*LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES- \$220.00**

**This is our new Life Membership price.**

**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**

**Gary R Hans**  
**Sergeant Major, Ret**  
**Executive Director, WNGEA**  
**Email: [WNGEA@yahoo.com](mailto:WNGEA@yahoo.com)**  
**Cell: 920-723-8098**

## RESOLUTIONS 101 by Bob Serrahn

### Your Suggestion Can Change Laws and Regulations.

In the National Guard, both on the federal level as well as the state level, there are laws, regulations, policies, procedures, guides, pamphlets, and whatever, that a state or higher headquarters adopts, directs, and enforces on an organization and individuals within the organization.

As with anything else in life, sometimes current directives become obsolete with the times, conflict with other directives, include things, or exclude things that could hurt or affect a unit or group of individuals, that if the directive was changed or updated, it would be better for all concerned. Sometimes there needs to be a new directive if there is nothing available as a proper guide.

Now you can help make things better. Here is where you can become a resolution detective. You may find a problem, or have a great new idea for a suggestion. You need to do some digging to find out certain facts to see what is happening now. Describe how the current directive, if there is one, how it is not doing what it is supposed to do, along with providing some examples. Propose how your new suggestion, or the current directive should be changed, providing benefits if any, with the adoption of the change. This is the resolution

process.

To take action, please go to the WNGEA website. The link is: [WWW.WNGEA.ORG](http://WWW.WNGEA.ORG)

Move your mouse over the top of menu item: LEGISLATION, and then click on the bottom item LEGISLATIVE SUGGESTIONS. You will see the Suggestion Inputs Form. Don't worry about submitting your entire suggestion here. All that is needed is: Your Name, and Your Email Address. Upon receipt of your email, We will send an email back with all the details for you to submit your suggestion to the WNGEA. Upon receipt, you are invited to review the Instruction page, and fill in your suggestion details on the form page. When you feel that you have put down what your suggestion is, you can submit it to the WNGEA.

This starts your suggestion process, and establishes communication with you to keep you informed as to what is happening, what is still needed, what the WNGEA has done, and where your suggestion is in the suggestion process.

Bob Serrahn,  
WNGEA Resolutions Manager

## EANGUS SCHOLARSHIP INFO by Karen M. Craig

EANGUS Members:

It's "scholarship season" at EANGUS and I encourage you to review all the great educational opportunities we have to offer through the award of many full tuition scholarships provided by our partner institutions, as well as our \$2,000 CSM Virgil Williams Scholarships and the new \$1,000 Patriot Scholarships funded by corporate and individual donations.

As an EANGUS member, you, as well as your spouse and college-age dependent children, are eligible to apply for most of the scholarships we offer. Our scholarship program is one of the primary benefits we offer to our members. Each year, we award multiple scholarships with a total value of over \$500,000.

Please take a few minutes to review the details shown on the Scholarship page of our EANGUS website at the link below. This page includes information on each scholarship being offered this year, as well as the eligibility criteria and the online form or link to submit an application. Please pay particular attention to each of the scholarship deadlines – most are due NLT 1 May 2020.

In the coming weeks, we will share some stories from previous scholarship recipients – please feel free to share these stories and this information with other enlisted National Guard members who may be looking for scholarships to help them (or their family members) achieve their educational goals. EANGUS membership is required to apply, so if not already a member, please direct them to <https://eangus.org/home/> Just find your State and click on "Join Now".

P.S. Another benefit of your EANGUS membership.....most State Associations also offer scholarships to their members at the local level. For example, USAA offers each State Association a \$1,000 scholarship to be presented to an enlisted National Guard member using the criteria and program set up by the State. So, in addition to applying for our EANGUS Scholarships, please watch for information from your State Association about the scholarships they offer.

Questions regarding the EANGUS Scholarship Program can be directed to the Committee Chair CMSgt Rosemarie Marston (Ret) and Vice-Chair SMSgt James Neill (Ret) at [scholarship@eangus.org](mailto:scholarship@eangus.org)

KAREN M. CRAIG CSM, USA, Retired  
President, EANGUS

# How TRICARE For Life Eligibility, Enrollment Works

1/28/2020

Are you wondering what the [TRICARE For Life](#) (TFL) program is and whether you're eligible? TFL is Medicare-wraparound coverage for TRICARE beneficiaries who have Medicare Part A and Part B. This is regardless of your age or where you live. It provides comprehensive health care coverage. With TFL, you also get prescription coverage under the [TRICARE Pharmacy Program](#).

## Am I eligible for TFL?

To be eligible for TFL, you must first show that you're eligible for TRICARE in the [Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System](#) (DEERS). That's why it's important to keep your DEERS information current. "Accurate information in DEERS is key," said Anne Breslin, TRICARE For Life program manager at the Defense Health Agency. "It'll help you get effective and timely delivery of your TFL benefits."

Medicare eligibility is the second piece of being eligible for TFL. Medicare is a federal entitlement health insurance program that provides hospital insurance (Medicare Part A) and medical insurance (Medicare Part B) for people:

- [Age 65 or older](#)
- [Under age 65 with certain disabilities](#)
- Any age with end-stage renal disease

Your birth date determines when you become [eligible for Medicare](#) based on reaching age 65. It also determines when you should sign up for both Medicare Part A and Part B. Signing up on time will help you avoid a break in TRICARE coverage and get your TFL coverage. If your birthday falls on the first day of the month, you become eligible for Medicare on the first day of the month before you turn age 65. If your birthday falls after the first day of the month, you become eligible for Medicare on the first day of the month you turn age 65. Five months before you turn age 65, you'll get a notification from the Defense Manpower Data Center reminding you to sign up for Medicare. Your notice will be sent to your email address on your DEERS record, if you've opted for electronic communication.

To learn more about eligibility and signing up for Medicare, check out the [TRICARE and Medicare Turning Age 65 Brochure](#) or [TRICARE and Medicare Under Age 65 Brochure](#).

## How do I enroll in TFL?

There are no enrollment forms for you to submit or paperwork to complete. If you already show as eligible for TRICARE in DEERS, are entitled to Medicare Part A, and have Medicare Part B, you're covered under TFL. Your TFL coverage starts the first day you have both Medicare Part A and Part B.

There are also no TFL enrollment fees. But you must continue to be eligible for TRICARE and [pay Medicare Part B premiums](#) to remain eligible for TFL benefits. Once you have TFL, you're no longer eligible for [TRICARE Prime](#), unless you're under the age of 65.

Now that you understand TFL eligibility including Medicare enrollment, you may be wondering if other members of your family can have TFL coverage. Each individual must be eligible for Medicare in order to have TFL coverage. This is regardless of whether you're the sponsor or family member.

"TRICARE For Life is an individual entitlement," said Breslin. "That means coverage is only for the Medicare and TRICARE eligible beneficiary, and not for family members who aren't eligible for Medicare." Visit [TRICARE For Life](#) or download the [TRICARE For Life Handbook](#) to learn more about TFL eligibility, enrollment, and key features. Doing so will help you make informed choices and take command of your health.

# 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
2016-2019	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
2014-2018	Catherine Berry

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