

# Bucky's Bulletin

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION



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**Annual WNGEA Professional Development  
Conference Hosted by JFHQ**



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# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ROSTER

Name	Last	Council Position	Membership	Status
Libby	Schmiedlin	President	Life	*
Roberta	Coker	Past President / Conference Committee	Life	*
Sharon	Booth	Vice President	Life	*
Gary	Hans	Executive Director / Treasurer / Insurance Liaison	Life	*
Rhonda	Martinson	Secretary	Annual	*
Patti	Winter-Schmidt	Publications Manager	Life	
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Education Selection Chair</b>		
Stephen	Berry	Leader of Prayer	Life	*
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Historian</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Parliamentarian</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Legislative Manager - State</b>		
Pablo	Badillo	Resolutions Manager		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Membership Marketing - Air</b>		
Sharon	Booth	Membership Marketing - Army / Facebook Admin	Life	*
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Junior Enlisted Manager</b>		
Curtis	Leren	By-Laws Manager		
Gary	Hans	Website Manager / APP Manager		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Special Projects Manager</b>	Life	*
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Awards Manager</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Corporate Partnership Manager</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Legislative Manager - National</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>				
Nate	Hedin	EANGUS Area V Director Chair	South Dakota	
Roberta	Coker	EANGUS Area V Director	Wisconsin	
Stephanie	Gelbowitz	EANGUS Area V Director	Iowa	

*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 **go to USAA.com** 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: \_\_\_\_\_

RETIREES 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 39, 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**



## EANGUS

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) was formally organized in 1972 with the goal of increasing the voice of enlisted persons in the National Guard. As such, EANGUS is a non-profit organization dedicated to the principles of providing an adequate national defense and promoting the status, welfare, and professionalism of the men and women of the Army and Air National Guard by supporting legislation that provides adequate staffing, pay, benefits, entitlements, equipment, and installations for the National Guard.

Beginning with twenty-three states, EANGUS now represents all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia, and has an association comprised of those who serve the National Guard on national tour. With a constituency base of over 450,000 Soldiers and Airmen, their families, as well as tens of thousands of retired members.

Headquartered in Washington D.C., EANGUS maintains a full-time staff to represent your interests to the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill. EANGUS co-chairs the Military Coalition Guard/Reserve Committee and has presence on TMC Health Care, Membership, MWR & Milcon, Personnel, Retirement, Survivors, and Veterans subcommittees. Affiliate organizations of EANGUS consist of 36 major military and veteran organizations representing 5.5 million members (Military Coalition) and 30 Military and Veterans' organizations (Military AD-HOC).

Why do we need EANGUS? Anti-lobbying act (18 USC 1913) prohibits expenditure of federal funds on "grass roots" lobbying efforts to induce public to contact Congress concerning legislation or appropriations. FISCAL LAW is recurring provision in DOD's annual appropriations act that no funds "shall be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action."

EANGUS is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting 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.

The Legislative Goals of EANGUS are published annually. The goals and objectives were established through the resolution process, with resolutions passed by association delegates at the annual conference. From these resolutions come the issues that EANGUS will pursue in Congress and in the Department of Defense. Resolutions stay in force for two years.

# 2022 EANGUS RESOLUTIONS



## 2022 EANGUS Resolutions

- 22-01 Implementation of Maternity Leave Benefits SD
- 22-02 ANG Federal Tuition Assistance SD
- 22-03 Total Force Policy SD
- 22-04 National Guard Cybersecurity Support Act SD
- 22-05 Amend tax code to change the above-the-line deductions SD
- 22-06 TSP Contribution Limits SD
- 22-07 Tax Penalties Waiver SD
- 22-08 Spouse Employment SD
- 22-09 Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account SD
- 22-10 DOD Armed Services Fitness Center Initiative NY
- 22-11 Amendment to EANGUS Resolution 21-07 UT
- 22-12 NDAA Support for increasing AGR End Strength UT
- 22-13 TRICARE for All MI
- 22-14 Call for Fire Trainer Modernization MI
- 22-15 Limited Federal Retirement Points for non-federal service MI
- 22-16 Language change in Post 9/11 GI Bill OH
- 22-17 Eliminate 5 Year Requirement for VA Health Care VA
- 22-18 Child Care Assistance Program IN
- 22-19 Support of the structure and equipment issues that are endorsed by the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) and the Adjutants General Association of the United States (AGAUS).
- 22-20 EANGUS appreciation of Little Rock, Arkansas, the Arkansas Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States and Auxiliary

For more information go to EANGUS Talking Points (See link below)

[EANGUS Roll Call: Drill Weekend Talking Points – OCT 2022 | EANGUS](#)

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Libby Schmiedlin,  
WNGEA President*

**The Chula Vista  
Resort and Waterpark,  
Wisconsin Dells, WI  
28-30 April 2022**

Welcome to the WINGA  
& WNGEA Conference,

We are excited to be back this year for another great conference. I would like to thank the Joint Force Headquarters for all their hard work in putting together this year's joint conference. I encourage all Professional Development attendees to take this opportunity to learn more about WNGEA and become members. We are always looking for new board members and encourage everyone to reach out to learn about getting involved.

And don't forget all members are eligible for the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association College Grant Program, CSM Virgil R. Williams Scholarship, and Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Scholarship, process is located on our website: [wngea.org](http://wngea.org). There are also several more scholar-

ships on The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) website, including Patriot Scholarship, University of Phoenix, USAA, and Grand Canyon University and all applications are done online. Please be sure to reach out to your soldiers/airmen that are members (and if they are not members to become members) to fill out an application.

As members you will also receive an email from EANGUS with drill weekend "Talking Points", please take the time and read them and share them with the soldiers and airmen, there is a lot of great information about TRICARE and other benefits.

Thank you all again and I hope I can meet and talk to everyone who has attended. And if you are interested in becoming a board member please let me know, and I will assist you in the process.

Respectfully,

LIBBY SCHMIEDLIN, TSgt, WI ANG  
WNGEA President

## **Want to Stay Informed**

**Then go to any of the following web sites and read these publications.**

**WNGEA for the Bucky Bulletin**

**EANGUS for the New Patriot or the EANGUS Minute Man Update**

**EANGUS Auxiliary the Signal News**

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR by Gary Hans



Gary Hans,  
Executive Director

This is the 2023 Scholarship Issue of the Bucky Bulletin. See the enclosed scholarship forms or go to <https://WNGEA.ORG> or <https://EANGUS.ORG> for additional Scholarship information. Please share this to get maximum participation.

Professional Development will be held at the Chula Vista Resort on 28-30 April 2023. Professional Development classes will be offered starting on Friday afternoon. See the enclosed Conference Detailed Guidance, the Conference Agenda, and the Conference Registration information. Special thanks to our Conference Committee co-chairs, CPT Justin Hofmann and SMSgt (Ret) Bobbie Coker. We also want to recognize the JFHQ's Host Unit Commander, CPT Lonnie Roy and Maj Travor Thomas, the WINGA JFHQ's unit representative for their time and effort in making sure this year's conference is a success. For additional Conference information download the WNGEA App or go to the website: <https://WNGEA.ORG>

## Mark your Calendars:

- EANGUS Legislative Workshop  
12-15 February 2023, Washington DC).
- EANGUS Area V Caucus  
April 2023, Hosted by the MN National Guard
- The 2023 WING Annual Conference will be hosted by the JFHQ's on 28-30 April 2023 at the Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI.
- The 2023 EANGUS Conference will be held  
13-16 August 2023 at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester, MN.
- The 2024 WING Annual Conference will be hosted by the 426th Regiment and the Recruiting and Retention Battalion on 26-28 April 2024 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI
- The 2024 EANGUS Conference will be held 17-21 2024 August at Huntington Place in Detroit, MI.

## The 2023 WNGEA/WINGA/RAVA Annual Conference 28-30 April 2023.

## The 2023 EANGUS Conference - 12-17 August 2022.

The 2023 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Annual Conference will be held in Rochester, MN at the Kahler Grand Hotel from 13-16 August, with 12 and 17 August being travel days. **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 Directors that work for our issues on a daily basis. We hope to have a strong delegation representing Wisconsin to include our Senior Enlisted Leadership.

The 2023 Officer and Enlisted Conference and Pro-

The WNGEA does set monies aside to reimbursement



personnel who attend the EANGUS Conference in a delegate status. Contact the undersigned if you are interested in attending the 2023 Enlisted Association Conference as a delegate in Rochester. We are always interested in having new personnel attend the National Conference. **To register, go to <https://EANGUS.ORG> web site and register online.**

Wisconsin will also be hosting 5 personnel to attend the EANGUS Conference from the Army and Air National Guard to attend the Professional Development Classes. If you are interested in attending in a Professional Development status contact your Chain of Command and show them this article or contact the undersigned for additional information.

**New Look to WNGEA.org and EANGUS.org websites:**

Please visit our websites at [www.WNGEA.org](http://www.WNGEA.org) and [www.EANGUS.org](http://www.EANGUS.org). These sites have a new look and present a wealth of information that will keep you up to date on current legislation and resolutions that affect the enlisted force of the Wisconsin National Guard. Some areas of the WNGEA website are in the process of being updated.

**Download our App (WNGEA)**

Go to the App Store and download our App (WNGEA) for current information at your fingertips. You will have

access to the WNGEA.ORG website, current information on our Annual Wisconsin National Guard Conference and current issues of the EANGUS New Patriot and the Wisconsin Bucky Bulletin.

**EANGUS Legislative Action Center:**

Use this link to sign up for and receive notification of legislative issues and to contact your D.C. delegation and to support EANGUS legislative priorities. You can also scroll down the page to find other useful information such as EANGUS Legislation support letters and testimony, previous congressional issues EANGUS has addressed, Drill Weekend Talking Points and other helpful links.

<https://eangus.org/legislative-calls-to-action-2/>

**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

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

	Account	2022 Proposed Budget 23-Oct-21	2022 Actual Budget as of: 31 Dec 22	2023 Proposed Budget 29-Oct-22	Budget Notes
<b>Acct Code</b>					
4010	WINGA Insurance Trust	\$44,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$44,000.00	
4020	Membership Dues	\$5,000.00	\$6,564.92	\$5,000.00	
4040	Ways & Means Sales	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
4050	Interest Income	\$50.00	\$15.07	\$50.00	
4060	Misc Income	\$100.00	\$275.00	\$100.00	
4070	USAA Education Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
4075	State Conference Income	\$7,000.00	\$10,358.24	\$7,000.00	
4080	Raffle Income	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
4085	Area V Caucus Income	\$0.00	\$1,480.00	\$0.00	
4090	Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>57,850.00</b>	<b>59,693.23</b>	<b>57,850.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
5020	Raffle Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
6010	EANGUS Dues	\$2,500.00	\$2,167.00	\$2,500.00	
6050	Membership Expense	\$2,200.00	\$590.14	\$2,200.00	
6100	WNGEA Grants	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	
6120	Awards	\$800.00	\$703.73	\$800.00	
6200	Payroll Expense	\$9,600.00	\$10,823.60	\$9,600.00	
6205	W.C. Insurance Expense	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	Inc. in Payroll Exp.
6210	Executive Director Expense	\$2,700.00	\$2,494.78	\$2,700.00	
6300	Professional Fees	\$800.00	\$1,050.00	\$800.00	
6350	Bank Service Charges	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
6400	Association Office	\$3,200.00	\$4,366.80	\$3,200.00	
6500	Publications Expense	\$2,700.00	\$2,201.46	\$2,700.00	
6600	Presidents Fund	\$3,000.00	\$1,456.74	\$3,000.00	
6650	State Conference Expense	\$20,000.00	\$23,038.48	\$20,000.00	
6670	Executive Council Mtg Exp	\$500.00	\$462.70	\$500.00	
6700	National Educational Seminar	\$8,000.00	\$5,149.21	\$8,000.00	
6790	Regional Educational Seminar	\$500.00	\$1,370.48	\$500.00	
6850	Committee Expense	\$100.00	\$1,356.26	\$100.00	
6950	Taxes	\$500.00	\$192.16	\$500.00	
6980	Permits, License, Fees	\$50.00		\$50.00	
6999	Misc Expense	\$0.00		\$0.00	
8010	Donations	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$61,000.00</b>	<b>\$58,423.54</b>	<b>\$61,000.00</b>	

## 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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# Bucky's Auxiliary News



WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY  
SIDE-BY-SIDE WE STAND WITH PRIDE MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER



*Cathrine Berry,  
EANGUS Auxiliary President*

We have had snow in abundance here in Lino Lakes, Minnesota. Despite several episodes of melting, we have more than 12 inches on the ground. We have almost met our annual average for the year. The trees have all been beautiful, even the ones

with bare branches since there was so much snow. Our yard looks like a movie winter wonderland. Looking forward to future days with temperatures above zero. Please stay warm and healthy.

The 2023 EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship instructions and form are included in this issue. Please note the mandatory \$2 per member annual scholarship donation from the state has been removed to make all lifetime members eligible to apply for scholarships or their dependents. Send your completed packet to me at Cathy Berry, EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Director, 6920 Sun-

set Avenue, Lino Lakes, MN 55015-1238 by June 1. See instructions for the more details. I will verify all criteria are met and provide the letter from Area Director verifying membership. If you have any questions, please contact me.

My phone is 715-579-7733, email is [berrycm67@gmail.com](mailto:berrycm67@gmail.com). Calls, texts, or emails are welcome. If you know of lifetime members not getting communication, please contact me so I can include them in future notices.

April will be the site visit in Rochester for our National Conference. Details will be shared when we get them. Hoping many of you will be able to join us in Rochester in August since we are meeting in our own Area V.

Catherine Berry  
EANGUS Auxiliary Area V President,  
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**WINGA/WNGEA RAVA Annual Conference**  
**Chula Vista Resort and Waterpark, 2501 River Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI**  
**28-30 April 2023**

The Adjutant General has approved 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.

**Registration:** For online conference registration go to <https://wngea.org>. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person; \$30.00 per person fee for the Saturday evening banquet; there is no charge for the icebreaker, nor for any meeting, breakfast or luncheon. Registration deadline is **15 April 2023**. **Prices will increase after 15 April**. If you prefer to mail your registration, use the manual registration form and mail to WNGEA, ATTN: SGM Gary R. Hans, 2400 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704. Make checks payable to **2023 Joint WING Conference**.

**Download the WNGEA APP from the APP Store for current conference agenda changes and conference information. You can also register from the WNGEA APP.**

**Hotel Rooms:** Call the Chula Vista Resort at **(844) 974-0678** for room reservations. **You must ask for a room in the Wisconsin National Guard Conference, reference booking ID # I24396 room block to receive the reduced rate; room block deadline is 21 April 2023.** Standard room rates: \$104.00 for single and double rooms; room rates do not include tax. A limited number of suites and condos are available at an increased cost. Rooms include complimentary Wi-Fi, complimentary parking, fitness center and guest waterpark passes.

**Conference Check-in: Grand Ballroom Lobby:** Friday from 1500-1930 and 0700-0830 Saturday morning. Your registration packet will contain your updated conference program which will provide you with the location and time for all conference events and exhibitor information, etc. The WNGEA APP will also have current information.

**Friday Night Icebreaker/Reception:** Friday 1800-2100. Vendors (exhibitors) will be co-located with the icebreaker. Heavy hors oeuvres, beer, wine, and soda will be provided with a cash bar available. Casual sports team attire. Vendor Bingo will be available along with door prizes.

**Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast:** Saturday 0700-0830 (Grand Ballroom)

**Joint WINGA/WNGEA Session:** Saturday 0830-1030 Opening Ceremony w/MG Paul Knapp, Awards Ceremony (Lower Atrium)

**WNGEA Business Meeting:** Saturday 1045-1200 and 1340-1600 (Conference EF)

**Professional Development Sessions:** Professional development sessions may be attended by any conference attendee.

- **Friday:** PD Sessions: 1300-1600 (See conference agenda for details)
- **Saturday:** PD Sessions: 0830-1545 (See conference agenda for details)

**Saturday Evening Banquet:** Saturday 1730-1830 social; 1830-2100 Banquet dinner.

**Joint Hospitality Room:** Sierra Vista Room. Open Friday 2100-2359 and Saturday 1615-1730 and 2100-2359. (Sierra Vista Room)

**Religious Services:** Sunday 0730-0800 (Laguna Vista Room)

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

**Uniforms:** The Adjutant General has authorized Business Casual attire to be worn by all attendees (including those in a military pay status) for the State Conference Professional Development Sessions, Business Sessions, and the Saturday evening Banquet. The definition of Business Casual is: Dress pants or skirt, dress shirt/blouse, collared shirt/polo shirt, optional sweater, optional jacket, optional tie, dress shoes. Business casual does not include sweat pants, jeans or shorts. Those attendees wishing to wear the appropriate military uniform are authorized to do so. Military speakers, to include panel speakers will be in a Class A or B military uniform. Hospitality room and Friday nights attire remains casual.

## WINGA/WNGEA/RAVA State Conference Registration Form

(Hosted by the Joint Force Headquarters)

Chula Vista Resort and Waterpark

2501 River Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI (28-30 April 2023)

Block of rooms under *WI National Guard Conference, Refer to Booking ID # I24396*

*(No Online Hotel Registration Available)*

Call to Book Rooms: (844) 974-0678, each room includes water park passes for each adult and child

**Hotel Deadline: 21 April 2023 for Group Rate - Traditional Double or King \$104.00/night plus tax.**

**Conf. Registration  
Deadline: April 15,  
2023**

-Register online at <https://wngea.org/wngea-conf-reg/>  
 \*New APP option: download from App Store, search (WNGEA) OR  
 -Submit this form and enclose a check payable to 2023 Joint WING Conference:  
 WNGEA, ATTN: SGM (Ret) Gary R. Hans  
 2400 Wright Street, Box 39, Madison, WI 53704

Name (Last, First) Rank:	WINGA WNGEA RAVA PD Status (Circle One)	Active/Retired (Circle One)	Army/Air (Circle One)
Home Address: Street	City, State	Zip Code	
Organization/Unit:			
Civilian Email:		Preferred Phone:	
<b>Event</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
Conference Registration Fee Per Person:		\$10.00/person	
Conference Registration Fee After 15 April 2023		\$20.00/person	
<b>Friday, April 28, 2023</b>			
Registration (Grand Ballroom Lobby)			
Leader Sessions [Professional Development] (Grand Ballroom)		FREE	
Ice Breaker/Trade Show/Alumni Reunion (Tailgate: Casual/Sports Team Attire) (Lower Atrium- Wine/Beer Tasting/Heavy hors d'oeuvres WINGA/WNGEA Hospitality Room – Sierra Vista		FREE	
<b>Saturday, April 29, 2023</b>			
Continental Breakfast & Registration (Ballroom)		FREE	
Opening Ceremony/Awards Program [Professional Development] (Lower Atrium)		FREE	
Military Speaker [Professional Development]		FREE	
WINGA/WNGEA Association Business Meetings [Professional Development]		FREE	
Luncheon [Professional Development] Corporate Partner Luncheon (Invitation Only)		FREE	
Afternoon Sessions [Professional Development]		FREE	
Banquet Social/Registration (Business Casual/Military Uniform optional) Social Hour Banquet Dinner/PD Speaker Hospitality Room – Sierra Vista (Civilian Attire)		\$30.00/person x # Roast Sliced Turkey _____ Beef Medallions _____ Cheesy Broccoli Cavatappi _____	
<b>Sunday, April 30, 2023</b>			
Religious Service (Laguna Vista) Grab and Go Breakfast (Grand Ballroom) Optional 9-hole Golf Outing (Cold Water Canyon Golf Course) (Pay at Club House – Golf Rate/Circle one)	YES / NO # Golfing _____	FREE Pay at Club House	
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (To cover Expenses)			
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	

<b>WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION</b>
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**WNGEA/WINGA/RAVA Agenda (as of 19 January 2023)**

**Chula Vista Resort and Waterpark, Wisconsin Dells, WI (28-30 April 2023)**

**Friday, 28 April 2023**

1500 – 2130	Registration Check-in	Grand Ballroom Lobby
1300 – 1330	NGAUS/WINGA Briefing	Conference I
1300 – 1330	EANGUS/WNGEA Briefing	Conference GH
1330 – 1400	WINGA Officer Breakout	Conference I
1330 – 1400	WNGEA Enlisted Breakout	Conference GH
1400 – 1415	Break	
1415 – 1500	AUSA Leadership Briefing	Conference ABCD
1500 – 1510	Break	
1510 – 1600	TAG's Panel Discussion	Conference ABCD
1500 – 1800	Exhibit Hall Set-up	Lower Atrium
1800 – 2100	Ice Breaker/Social (Beer & Wine Tasting)	Lower Atrium
2100 – 2400	Joint Hospitality Room Open	Sierra Vista Room

**Saturday, 29 April 2023**

0700 – 0845	Registration Check In	Grand Ballroom Lobby
0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast (All Registered Guests)	Grand Ballroom
0800 – 0830	WINGA Retiree Caucus	Executive Board Room
0830 – 1030	Joint Business Session (PD*) (AWARD Ceremony)	Lower Atrium
0900 – 1600	RAVA Association Meeting	Conference GHI
0900 – 1600	RAVA Auxiliary	Laguna Vista Room
1030 – 1045	Break	
1045 – 1200	WINGA Annual Business Meeting (PD*)	Conference ABCD
1045 – 1200	WNGEA Annual Business Meeting (PD*)	Conference EF
1200 – 1215	Break	
1215 – 1330	PD Luncheon (All Registered Guests)	Grand Ballroom
1215 – 1330	Corporate Sponsor Luncheon (Invite Only)	Upper Dells Ballroom
1330 – 1340	Break	
1340 – 1600	Continue WNGEA Annual Business Meeting	Conference EF
1340 – 1430	Professional Development	Conference ABCD
1430 – 1445	Break	
1445 – 1545	Professional Development	Conference ABCD
1545 – 1800	Free Time	
1615 – 1730	Joint Hospitality Room	Sierra Vista Room
1730 – 1830	Banquet Registration (Those not registered)	Grand Ballroom Lobby
1730 – 1830	Banquet Reception Social hour	Conference GHI
1830 – 2100	Banquet	Grand Ballroom
2100 – 2400	Joint Hospitality Rooms Open	Sierra Vista Room

**Sunday, 30 April 2023**

0730 – 0830	Religious Service	Laguna Vista Room
0800 – 0900	Go and Grab Breakfast (All Registered Guests)	Grand Ballroom
0900 – 1200	9 Hole Golf Outing	Cold Water Canyon GC
0900 – 1030	RAVA Religious Service	Conference I

# 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

Revised 22 Jan 2019





## 2023 EANGUS FULL-TUITION Scholarship Program

*EXCLUSIVE* only to our EANGUS members, their spouses, and their dependent children!

**Colorado Technical University** (2 full tuition scholarships) Closes 1 April 2023  
**Grand Canyon University** (2 full tuition scholarships) Closes 1 April 2023  
**Sonoran Desert Institute** (1 full tuition scholarship) Closes 31 May 2023  
**University of Phoenix** (3 full tuition scholarships) Opens 1 Feb - Closes 30 April 2023

On line programs!

Scholarships for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Doctorate degree programs  
(school dependent).

**Don't hesitate, apply today!**

Questions regarding the EANGUS Scholarship Program can be directed to the  
Scholarship Committee at [scholarship@eangus.org](mailto:scholarship@eangus.org).

Scholarships offered and How to apply

Scholarships are graciously provided by our Platinum Educational Partners.



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

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA**

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary Scholarship Awards Program is as follows:

The following individuals are eligible to apply:

1. EANGUS Auxiliary members
  2. Unmarried, children/stepchildren, grandchildren/ step grandchildren (up to age 26), of Annual and Life EANGUS Auxiliary Members.
  3. Spouses of EANGUS Auxiliary Members
- Verification of membership in the EANGUS Auxiliary of the mother, father, stepmother/father, grandparents/step grandparents, spouse or self is necessary for applicants to be eligible.
  - The EANGUS Auxiliary no longer requires an additional \$2.00 scholarship donation per annual and life member. The Auxiliary does request that each state continue to participate in the Auxiliary's scholarship program by including a "state" scholarship donation in the amount of the state's choosing.
  - Applicants must be enrolled at a university, college, business, or trade school taking a minimum of eight accredited hours. **NOTE: Graduate students are not eligible.**
  - An alternate recipient will be selected in case a recipient is unable to accept the award
  - There shall be no consideration whatsoever given by the committee because of rank or grade of applicant's parents/stepparents, grandparents/step grandparents or applicant's spouse.
  - Scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic achievement, character, leadership, community service, leadership, and need.
  - EANGUS Auxiliary sponsor must have dues paid to National Auxiliary no later than **December 31, 2022.**

***All applications must be accompanied by the following documentation:***

- ✓ An official transcript of high school credits and/or college credits for applicants already enrolled in institutions of higher learning.

- ✓ **Signed and dated letter from applicant** with specific goals to continue their education and why financial aid is needed. The letter will be not less than three hundred and fifty (350) words and not to exceed five hundred (500) words.
- ✓ **One signed and dated** letter of recommendation from the high school principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer etc. The letter will state personal characteristics of the applicant, such as leadership abilities, participation in sports or community events and character.
- ✓ A letter of recommendation and transmittal from the State Auxiliary President, Scholarship Chairperson or Designee, verifying that the application is in order, has all required documentation and the applicants sponsor has paid their dues prior to December 31, 2022.

**NOTE: Applicants from dormant/inactive states must meet the requirement of membership and submit their application packet to the Area Director of the area to which the state belongs. A letter of recommendation is required from the Area Director and must be included in the applicant's packet.**

Upon selection of an award, the check will be written and mailed directly to the recipients' choice of higher learning. Verification of enrollment will be made by the Scholarship Chair or their designee.

Awards are given on a first-time basis and future applications by an individual who has already been a recipient of an award, will not be accepted. If by some chance the school term is not completed, due to cause other than sickness or injury, the recipient will return the scholarship award in full to the EANGUS Auxiliary.

Scholarships will be awarded based on funds availability for the current year.

**NOTE: Deadline for applications must be postmarked prior to or on 30 June 2023. Scholarship applications must be mailed to the following address:**

Liz Bryant  
EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chair  
1C Camino de Pinones  
Glorieta, NM 87535

Revised 12/2022



## ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY

### CHECKLIST

\_\_\_\_\_ An official transcript of high school credits and/or college credits for applicants already enrolled in an institution of higher learning.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Signed and dated letter from applicant** with specific goals to continue their education and why financial aid is needed. The letter will be not less than three hundred and fifty (350) words and not to exceed five hundred (500) words.

\_\_\_\_\_ **One signed and dated** letter of recommendation from the high school principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer etc. The letter will state personal characteristics of the applicant, such as leadership abilities, participation in sports or community events and character.

\_\_\_\_\_ A letter of recommendation and transmittal from the State Auxiliary President, Scholarship Chairperson or Designee, verifying that the application is in order, has all required documentation and the applicants sponsor has paid their dues prior to December 31, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_ Application must be mailed on or before: **June 30, 2023.**

### **MAIL APPLICATION PACKET TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**Liz Bryant  
EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chair  
1C Camino de Pinones  
Glorieta, NM 87535**

**\*\* ATTENTION APPLICANT: This checklist is a quick checklist to assist you in packet completion. It is not a required document for the Scholarship Application \*\***



**ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD  
OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY  
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone # E-mail Date of Birth

**SECTION 1: Applicant Information (Current Status)**

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Trade \_\_\_\_\_ Working \_\_\_\_\_

If in High School, fill in the following information: Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School Address Zip Code

If in College/University, fill in the following information: Term/Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of College/University Address Zip Code

While attending college, will you work? Part-time \_\_\_\_\_ During the Summer \_\_\_\_\_

List Name, Address of College/University, Trade or Business School that you plan to attend:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School Address Zip Code

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School Address Zip Code

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School Address Zip Code

**APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

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**SECTION 2: Sponsor Information (Sponsor is defines as a current Auxiliary member in good standing of their State’s EANGUS Auxiliary by 31 December of each year.)**

Full Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

EANGUS Auxiliary Member: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Annual \_\_\_\_\_ Life \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by Committee: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 3: Single Applicant (Response from Section 1)**

Number of Brothers/Sisters and their ages (if living at home): \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Ages

**SECTION 4: Married Applicant (Response from Section 1)**

Your Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse’s Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children and their ages (if living at home): \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Ages

**SECTION 5: Signatures (All Signatures must be hand written not by computer.)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have answered the above questions to the best of  
(Printed Name of Applicant) my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Auxiliary Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 6: Recipient Agreement**

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school term/semester for which the scholarship is applied for reasons other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any scholarship money I received to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Land of Lakes



**52nd  
EANGUS CONFERENCE  
ROCHESTER, MN  
13-16 AUGUST 2023**



- Lost your job? • Reduced work hours? • Utility bills piling up? • Mortgage/Rent past due? •
- Unexpected expenses? • Experiencing a hardship? •

## THE NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION CAN HELP!

The National Guard Relief Foundation is operated by the We Care for America Foundation, Inc. which is the 501c(3) charitable arm of EANGUS. The National Guard Relief Foundation provides emergency financial assistance to the men and women of the National Guard and their families and has been taking care of them since its origination in 1992. We currently offer both Grants as well as Interest-Free Loans to members of the National Guard Community. Generous donations from USAA over the last several years allowed us to assist thousands of National Guard members during the COVID-19 Pandemic and funded the establishment of our loan program. Since 2004, We Care for America has assisted over 4,000 personnel and has given out over \$2.3M in Grants and Interest-Free Loans.

Assistance can be provided to qualified Enlisted personnel, Officers, and Warrant Officers who have experienced a financial emergency related to events such a mobilization, natural disasters, fires, catastrophic losses, or other hardships. Funds are intended for otherwise non-reimbursable expenses (i.e., those not covered by insurance) due to an emergency or hardship, and include medical bills, utility bills, rent/mortgage payments, groceries, relocation/moving expenses, shelter due to loss of residence, and funeral expenses. Other expenses not listed here, may be deemed appropriate for a grant or loan subject to approval.

NOTE: EANGUS membership is not required to apply or be eligible for a National Guard Relief Foundation Grant or Interest Free Loan.

### How to apply for a Grant or Loan:

- Go to [www.eangus-wcfa.org](http://www.eangus-wcfa.org) for more information and to download the Verification Form
- Have the National Guard Relief Foundation Verification Form completed and signed by your Unit Commander, Bn CSM, Wing CCM, First Sergeant, or a Family Programs representative
- Select 'Grant' or 'Loan' on the WCFA website and complete the appropriate online application form, upload your signed verification form, and submit
- Questions can be referred to the WCFA Program Director at [director@eangus-wcfa.org](mailto:director@eangus-wcfa.org)



[WWW.EANGUS-WCFA.ORG](http://WWW.EANGUS-WCFA.ORG)

DONATE AT [WWW.EANGUS-WCFA.ORG/DONATION-3](http://WWW.EANGUS-WCFA.ORG/DONATION-3)

### WHAT CAN

## THE NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION

### DO FOR YOU?

#### SARGE GRANTS - Soldier & Airmen Relief Grant for Emergencies

- Current or former National Guard member in good standing?
- Experienced a financial hardship, catastrophic loss and/or personal property loss not covered by insurance?
- Grants may be used for medical bills, utility bills, rent or mortgage payments, groceries, relocation, shelter due to loss of residence and funeral expenses.

#### INTEREST-FREE LOANS

##### Have you been hit by an unexpected expense?

- Reduced Work Hours?
- Utility Bills Piling up?
- Unexpected Expenses?
- Mortgage/Rent Past Due?

*The National Guard Relief Foundation may be able to help with an interest-free loan. Loans are available in amounts from \$500 to \$2,000. Repayment terms based on loan amount.*

### WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION?

#### Do you use Amazon?

Want to help make a difference while you shop at Amazon at no extra cost to you?

Simply follow the instructions to select "EANGUS We Care For America Foundation Inc." as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone or simply go to the Amazon website
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select EANGUS We Care For America Foundation Inc" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

#### CFC

You can be the face of change in the life of a National Guard member through your donation to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

Help us help National Guard members and their families in need by selecting the "EANGUS We Care for America Foundation."

The CFC Giving Period is 1 September to 15 January.

<https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome> use the QR Code below, or contact your Unit/Wing CFC Representative for a pledge form or more assistance.

**Use Code 11859**



## WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD WE CARE FOR AMERICA FOUNDATION (WCFA)

With thousands of National Guard members and their families facing financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing economic challenges, the United States Automobile Association (USAA) and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) We Care for America Foundation are teaming up to help National Guard members and families in need.

The We Care for America Foundation is dedicated to providing emergency financial assistance to the men and women of the National Guard and their families. Each day, across the 54 States and territories, our National Guard members are working hard to support their communities and protect our Nation and we want to be there when they are affected by a catastrophic personal hardship, a declared national disaster, or a nationwide pandemic.

The EANGUS We Care for America Foundation is fully engaged and working to help our National Guard members and families.

Thanks to the generous donations we received from corporations and individuals over the past few years, we now have an emergency relief program that fully supports National Guard members through Grants and Interest-Free Loans. We have re-branded the outward facing name of the foundation as the **National Guard Relief Foundation** and have consolidated our programs so that they are as simple as possible for our Guard families to navigate and apply for assistance.

For more information, assistance or to donate go to:  
[We Care For America | Foundation \(eangus-wcfa.org\)](http://eangus-wcfa.org)

### Eligibility

Currently Serving members of the National Guard  
Retired members of the National Guard (includes grey area retirees)  
Prior members of the National Guard who received an honorable discharge  
Surviving spouses who have not remarried of Soldiers who died while serving in the National Guard or died after reaching retirement eligibility

## **WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION**

“The Wisconsin National Guard Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable foundation, is now offering opportunities for soldiers, airmen and family members to apply for grants and scholarships for 2023. Instructions and application forms are available at: [www.wi-ngfoundation.org](http://www.wi-ngfoundation.org)”

### **BACKGROUND**

\* ESTABLISHED IN 2021

\* IRS 501(C)(3) CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

\* ELEVEN MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

\* SERVES INTERESTS OF THE WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD

### **PURPOSE**

PROVIDE POST HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

PROVIDE GRANTS TO WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD FAMILIES WHO ARE EXPERIENCING A FINANCIAL CRISIS

PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BY-LAWS, POLICIES

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

DONOR IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

MICHAEL WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
2400 WRIGHT STREET, ROOM 151  
MADISON, WI 53704  
608.242.3104

EMAIL: [WINGFOUNDATION21@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WINGFOUNDATION21@GMAIL.COM)

WEBSITE: [WWW.WI-NGFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.WI-NGFOUNDATION.ORG)



Wisconsin  
**NATIONAL GUARD  
FOUNDATION**



## RAO Newsletter #2023-1 Know Your TRICARE Plan’s Catastrophic Cap

**SOURCE: TRICARE Communications - January 12, 2023**

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – What will happen if doctor visits, medical tests, or even hospital stays start to pile up this year? How will it affect your family’s finances? Fortunately, there’s a set maximum amount you’ll pay out of pocket each year for [TRICARE covered services](#). This amount is known as the catastrophic cap, and it resets every year on Jan. 1. “The TRICARE catastrophic cap is an important part of your health care coverage to understand,” said Debra Fisher, TRICARE Health Plan policy and programs analyst at the Defense Health Agency. “The catastrophic cap helps protect you because it limits your annual out-of-pocket costs for TRICARE covered services.” Every TRICARE plan has a catastrophic cap. Below are some details to help you identify your catastrophic cap and learn how it works. **What is your 2023 catastrophic cap amount?** As noted in the [TRICARE Costs and Fees Fact Sheet](#), your catastrophic cap depends on your sponsor’s status and beneficiary group. So, the first thing to understand about your catastrophic cap is what group you’re in:

- **Group A:** Sponsor’s initial enlistment or appointment is before Jan. 1, 2018
- **Group B:** Sponsor’s initial enlistment or appointment is on or after Jan. 1, 2018

For 2023, the catastrophic cap ranges from \$1,000 to \$4,262. You can find your 2023 catastrophic cap in the table below.

Sponsor or Beneficiary Type	Group A	Group B
Active duty family members	\$1,000/family	\$1,217/family
Retirees, family members of retirees, and others	\$3,000/family (TRICARE Prime) \$4,028/family (TRICARE Select)	\$4,262/family
TRICARE Reserve Select	Follow Group B	\$1,217/family
TRICARE Retired Reserve	Follow Group B	\$4,262/family

TRICARE Young Adult	Follow Group B	\$1,217/active duty family members \$4,262/retiree family members
Continued Health Care Benefit Program	Follow Group B	\$4,262/family
TRICARE For Life	\$1,000/active duty family members	\$3,000/all others

**Which costs apply to your catastrophic cap?** For covered services, out-of-pocket costs that apply toward your catastrophic cap include:

- Out-of-pocket deductibles
- Inpatient copayments or cost-shares
- Outpatient copayments or cost-shares
- Pharmacy drug costs
- Enrollment fees under [TRICARE Prime](#) and [TRICARE Select](#) plans

**Which costs don't apply to your catastrophic cap?** Out-of-pocket costs that don't count toward your catastrophic cap include:

- Payments for [non-covered services](#)
- Premium payments for [TRICARE Reserve Select](#), [TRICARE Retired Reserve](#), and [TRICARE Young Adult](#)
- [Point-of-service fees](#) for TRICARE Prime

**What happens when you reach your catastrophic cap?** When you or your family reaches your catastrophic cap, TRICARE picks up all remaining covered costs. This means you won't be responsible for the cost of the TRICARE-allowed portion of any covered service for the rest of the calendar year. However, you'll still have to pay for services that don't fall under the catastrophic cap. Your catastrophic cap will reset to \$0 on Jan. 1. **Does your catastrophic cap reset if you change health plans mid-year?** No. If you change plans during the calendar year under the same sponsor, any amount credited toward the previous catastrophic cap will be credited toward the new catastrophic cap. Understanding your costs is an important step on the way to managing your finances this year. Use the [TRICARE Compare Costs Tool](#) and read the [TRICARE Costs and Fees Fact Sheet](#) to learn more about your health plan costs. You can also reach out to your [TRICARE contractor](#) if you have questions about your out-of-pocket costs.



## **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.

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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”**



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- (RENEWAL ANNUAL)
- (LIFE MEMBERSHIP)

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