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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ROSTER

Name	Last	Council Position	Membership	Status
Sharon	Booth	President	Life	*
Libby	Schmiedlin	Past President	Life	*
		Vice President (Election 2024)	Life	*
Curtis	Leren	Acting Vice President / By-Laws Manager	Life	*
Gary	Hans	Executive Director / Treasurer / Insurance Liaison	Life	*
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Jason	Walker	Education Selection Chair	Life	*
Stephen	Berry	Leader of Prayer	Life	*
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Pablo	Badillo	Resolutions Manager	Life	*
Kyle	Kenowski	Junior Enlisted Manager - Army	Life	*
Rich	Koceja	Junior Enlisted Manager - Air	Life	*
Alyssa	Meyers	Junior Enlisted Manager - Air	Life	*
Stephanie	Corson	Junior Enlisted Manager - Air	Life	*
Gary	Hans	Website Manager / APP Manager	Life	*
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Area V Directors as of 10 October 2023				
Nate	Hedin	EANGUS Area V Director Chair	South Dakota	
Stephanie	Gelbowitz	EANGUS Area V Director	Iowa	
		EANGUS Area V Director	Illinois	

*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: _____

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

Email to: wngea@yahoo.com or mail to: WNGEA Executive Director, 2400 Wright St., Dist. Box 39, Madison WI 53704

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Sharon Booth,
WNGEA President*

Happy Fall,

It was my pleasure to step into the President roll for WNGEA at the State Conference in April! I am a Wi Army Guardsman currently serving a Title 10 tour at

NGB. I have been enlisted in the WI Guard since 2008 serving in many rolls under logistics and maintenance. I am in the 147th AVN BN as a helicopter mechanic and Crew Chief. I joined the association back in 2016 and have loved being apart of the betterment of the Guard from day one. I have had the opportunity to visit DC on behalf of Wi and lobby some of our current resolution with our representatives and their associates. I have had opportunities to go to other state conferences and experience the differences in each business meeting while gaining insight on how other states run their associations. To say this is an association full of opportunity, would be an understatement!

Since stepping in we have had two golf outings, met with the Junior Enlisted of the Wi Air National Guard, attended the National Conference in Rochester, MN and have started our planning for the 2024 State Conference in Elkhart Lake at the Osthoff in April! We hope to see you there.

My focus for the next few years will be on membership and brining more junior enlisted into the association! This generation will be our senior leaders some day and have a huge impact on how the Guard will function, getting their insight and vision early can be crucial for positive cultural change!

I look forward to working with everyone in the coming years to provide a positive impact on Guardsman nationwide! I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season! Stay warm and be safe

Respectfully,

SHARON BOOTH
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



Gary Hans,
Executive Director

Area V Caucus was hosted by the Minnesota National Guard Enlisted Association at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester, MN on 28-29 April 2023. The meeting represented nine states to include: IN, IL, IA, MI, MN, SD, NE, ND, and WI. The Caucus representatives reviewed resolutions from Area V that will be submitted to EANGUS to be considered as National Resolutions to be voted on at the EANGUS Conference in August. As a group we pre-planned the logistics for Area V for the 2023 EANGUS Conference. Special thanks to Steve and Cathy Berry for their diligence in attending the Caucus.

The 2023 Wisconsin National Guard (WING) and RAVA Conference: The Combined Annual Conference was sponsored by the JFHQ's on 28-30 April 2023 at the Chula Vista Resort and Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Both the Officer and the Enlisted Associations and the Red Arrow Veterans Association (RAVA) want to thank the JFHQ's support staff and the Conference Committee for their efforts in providing a well attended and professional conference. The Chula Vista provided a wonderful facility and the Hotel Staff catered to all our needs. Also, I want to put out a special thanks to Mike Williams, the WINGA Executive Director, for his leadership and attention to detail to provide a Combined Conference that was enjoyed by both the Enlisted Association and the Officer's Association/RAVA attendee's.

The WING Associations sponsored Professional Development Classes for 30+ Junior Officer and Junior Enlisted Personnel at the Conference. The Professional Development classes were open to all registered attendees. The WNGEA also recognized the 2023 Airmen and Soldier's of the year.

I am providing a wrap up of major events that have taken place in the last year within the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA) and a list of upcoming important dates to remember.

2023 EANGUS Area V Caucus (28-29 April 2023, Rochester, MN):

This year's

2023 EANGUS Conference: The 2023 EANGUS Conference was held 12-17 August 2023 in Rochester, MN. We had 14 participants from WI including delegates, attendees and Professional Development personnel. I want to thank all attendees for their participation in making the EANGUS Conference an enjoyable experience for all involved. Their participation in the various committee meetings, including, Resolutions, Junior Enlisted, By-Laws, Retiree Affairs and Scholarships to name a few, contributed to the overall success of the conference.

Attendees were also able to listen to speakers such as the Command Sergeant Major of the Army, Michael Weimer, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, SEA Tony Whitehead, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard, CMSgt Marice Williams and Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lt. Gen. Marc H. Sassville.

EANGUS Attendees: Steve Berry, Leader of Prayer, Delegate Cathy Berry, Past President of the WNGEA Auxiliary Sharon Booth, WNGEA President, Delegate Bobbie Coker, EANGUS Area V Director Stephanie Corson, Junior Enlisted Co-Chair for Air, Delegate Gary Hans, WNGEA Executive Director, Delegate Lorry Hans, WNGEA Auxiliary Rich Koceja, Junior Enlisted Co-Chair-Air, Professional Development Curtis Leren, Acting Vice President/By-laws Manager, Delegate Alyssa Meyers, Junior Enlisted Co-Chair for Air, Professional Development Michael Petersen, 2023 NCO of the Year, Professional Development Ariel Rubenzer, Professional Development Libby Schmiedlin, WNGEA Past President, Delegate Jason Walker, Scholarship Committee Chair, Delegate We also want to thank State CSM Robert Patrouille for his participation in the Roll Call of the States.

The 2023 Resolutions Committee met and forwarded 29 resolutions which were passed by the General Session. Go to EANGUS.ORG for a complete description of each Resolution. These resolutions represent the hard work by many State Associations and individuals from across the country to address issues that affect Enlisted Soldiers and Airmen.

Upcoming events for 2024!

2024 EANGUS Conference (17-21 August 2024):

The 2024 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Annual Conference will be held in Detroit, Michigan at the Huntington Place from 17-21 August, with 17 and 22 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 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 2024 Enlisted Association Conference as a delegate in Detroit. We are always interested in having new personnel attend the National Conference. **To register, go to the 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.

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.

Mark your Calendars:

- EANGUS Legislative Quarterly Summit (15-16 November 2023) Washington DC
- EANGUS Legislative Workshop (February 2024, Washington DC).
- The 2024 WING Annual Conference will be hosted by the 426th Regt and the Recruiting and Retention Battalion on 26-28 April 2024 at the Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI.

- EANGUS Area V Caucus (17-19 May 2024, Hosted by the MI National Guard) - The 2024 EANGUS Conference will be held 17-21 2024 August at Huntington Place in Detroit, MI.
- The 2025 WING Annual Conference will be hosted by the 115th FW and Volk Field ANGB on 25-27 April 2025 at the DoubleTree in Madison, WI
- The 2026 WING Annual Conference will be hosted by the 32 IBCT on 24-26 April 2026 at the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center in Rothchild, WI

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/>

Please visit our websites at www.WNGEA.org and www.EANGUS.org. These sites will keep you up to date on current legislation and resolutions that affect the enlisted force of the Wisconsin National Guard. The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA) is a voluntary membership organization. Its purpose is to foster and improve the National Guard, promote the welfare, status, and professionalism of all enlisted members of the Wisconsin National Guard. We are your voice on Capitol Hill.

“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.

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

	Account	2022 Actual Budget as of: 31 Dec 22	2023 Proposed Budget 29-Oct-22	2023 Actual Budget as of: 10 Oct 2023
Acct Code				
4010	WINGA Insurance Trust	\$40,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$24,000.00
4020	Membership Dues	\$6,564.92	\$5,000.00	\$6,570.93
4040	Ways & Means Sales	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
4050	Interest Income	\$15.07	\$50.00	\$0.00
4060	Misc Income	\$275.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
4070	USAA Education Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
4075	State Conference Income	\$10,358.24	\$7,000.00	\$10,398.18
4080	Raffle Income	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
4085	Area V Caucus Income	\$1,480.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4090	Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
	TOTAL INCOME	59,693.23	57,850.00	42,189.11
EXPENSES				
5020	Raffle Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6010	EANGUS Dues	\$2,475.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,256.00
6050	Membership Expense	\$590.14	\$2,200.00	\$1,153.69
6100	WNGEA Grants	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$100.00
6120	Awards	\$703.73	\$800.00	\$806.01
6200	Payroll Expense	\$10,839.20	\$9,600.00	\$7,983.90
6205	W.C. Insurance Expense	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
6210	Executive Director Expense	\$2,494.78	\$2,700.00	\$1,775.62
6300	Professional Fees	\$1,050.00	\$800.00	\$1,150.00
6350	Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
6400	Association Office	\$4,871.10	\$3,200.00	\$2,391.54
6500	Publications Expense	\$2,201.46	\$2,700.00	\$2,987.36
6600	Presidents Fund	\$1,456.74	\$3,000.00	\$1,484.64
6650	State Conference Expense	\$23,038.48	\$20,000.00	\$12,879.67
6670	Executive Council Mtg Exp	\$462.70	\$500.00	\$467.10
6700	National Educational Seminar	\$5,369.29	\$8,000.00	\$6,369.73
6790	Regional Educational Seminar	\$1,370.48	\$500.00	\$0.00
6850	Committee Expense	\$1,356.26	\$100.00	\$0.00
6950	Taxes	\$52.00	\$500.00	\$42.00
6980	Permits, License, Fees		\$50.00	\$25.00
6999	Misc Expense		\$0.00	
8010	Donations		\$0.00	
	Total Expenses	\$59,331.36	\$61,000.00	\$42,872.26
Submitted By: Gary R. Hans, Treasurer, WNGEA				

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

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

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

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

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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.

EANGUS 2023 Draft Resolutions

2023-01	Modernization of Locality Pay for General Schedule (GS) Employees	UT
2023-02	National Guard and Reserve Spouse Employment Hiring Authority Expansion	VT
2023-03	Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Control Grade Modernization	WI
2023-04	Resolution Honoring the 30th Anniversary of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program	HI
2023-05	Childcare Program	WA
2023-06	BAH Types (I/II/Transit/Non-Locality/BAH Reserve)	AK
2023-07	Immediate Access to Alternative Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs for Veterans	MS
2023-08	Allow Technician Use of Military Leave while serving on State Active Duty	HI
2023-09	NDAAs Support for Increasing AGR End Strength	UT
2023-10	Tricare Coverage for Family Planning	UT
2023-11	Enhancing Department of Defense Readiness Within the Current Budgeting Process	WA
2023-12	Minimize MHS Genesis Usage	KS
2023-13	Modernize MEPS	KS
2023-14	Concurrent Receipt of Retirement and Disability Benefits	SD
2023-15	Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Support of Social Security Fairness Act HR 82	SD
2023-16	Parental Leave	SD
2023-17	Increase in FSGLI coverage for dependent children	SD
2023-18	Call for Fire Trainer Modernization	MI
2023-19	Small Arms Simulation Modernization	MI
2023-20	Army Email and Collaboration Platform Modernization	MI
2023-21	Secure tactical chat communication software systems for Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) community	MI
2023-22	Weapon storage racks modernization	MI
2023-23	Secure tactical chat communication software systems for Air Operation Center (AOC) community.	MI
2023-24	Modernization and Sustainment of the Army National Guard Controlled Humidity Preservation (CHP) Sites	MI
2023-25	IED Survivability: Modular Vehicle Protection Platform	MI
2023-26	Fighter Platform Preservation and Recapitalization for the Air National Guard	MI
2023-27	Preservation and Recapitalization of Aviation Equipment within National Guard	SD
2023-28	EANGUS appreciation of Rochester, Minnesota, the Minnesota Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States and Auxiliary	EANGUS Resolutions

OUR EANGUS CONFERENCE DELEGATES AT LARGE



WNGEA & EANGUS Conference Feedback

After attending the last two State Conferences, I decided to get more involved and stepped up to be the Education Chair to coordinate scholarship evaluations. Fortunately, I was talked into going to Minnesota for the EANGUS National Conference and it did not disappoint. The comradery, education, and speakers made the week a resounding success. I was a delegate representing our State who met so many other delegates and attendees who really want to make the National Guard better. It was a busy schedule which was organized well to get the most business completed while taking part in the formal proceedings with many great speakers.

I dug into the legislative and resolutions committees and heard a lot of debate about the many resolutions put forward by the States. The committee helped polish the wording and ensure the intent was evident for when the resolutions were voted upon and pushed to our national legislation team. Going to the conference was a fun-filled and educational experience that I plan to participate in next year in Detroit and hopefully going forward. I've seen the importance of EANGUS and have signed up for the upcoming Legislative Summit in November to learn and visit/discuss our priorities with elected representatives on the Hill in Washington D.C.

Also, I was lucky enough to win a raffle during the banquet concluding the conference intended to support an upcoming event to highlight the National Guard's contributions since 9/11. The 9/11 Remembrance Gala is a fundraiser for the organization, which is not only about remembering and honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, it is about celebrating life and the human spirit, along with the contributions of the National Guard. My winning provided me a ticket to this black-tie event at the One World Observatory being held next year on 9/11/2024. I am enthusiastically looking forward to attending this special event, seeing the World Trade Center memorial, and enjoying New York City.

Jason Walker

USAA

The United Services Automobile Association is a Texas-based Fortune 500 diversified financial services group of companies including a Texas Department of Insurance-regulated reciprocal inter-insurance exchange and subsidiaries offering banking, investing, and insurance to people and families who serve, or served, in the United States military. At the end of 2017, there were 12.4 million members.

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

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

AWARDS REPORT

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

2023 Air Guard Award Recipients

2023 AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

SrA Jacob Muchenberger
Volk Field/128 ACS

2023 NCO OF THE YEAR

TSgt Mark Busch
115 FW/OSS

2023 SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR

SMSgt Neil Murray
Volk Field/128 ACS

2023 FIRST SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

MSgt Ryan Branz
128 ARW

2023 Army Guard Award Recipients

2023 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

SPC William Warner
HHC, 2-127th INF

2023 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR (Alternate)

SPC Christopher Kniprath
Co D, 147th AVN

2023 NCO OF THE YEAR

SSG Michael Petersen
C Troop, 1-105th CAV

2023 NCO OF THE YEAR (Alternate)

SGT Logan Butler
Co E, 147th AVN

Awards Chair, WNGEA

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



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 Web Page: 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 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

Look who worked Volk Field Family Day. WNGEA Bobbie Coker. Thanks Bobbie for getting our word out there.



Volk Field and 128 ACS Family Day. It may have been a cold day, but it was sunny. The families asked a lot of great questions, and I was able to talk to them about the association. Thank you to Volk Field CRTC and 128 ACS for putting together an amazing family day.



TYPE MEMBERSHIP

CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE

(NEW ANNUAL)

(RENEWAL ANNUAL)

(LIFE MEMBERSHIP)

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

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PRIMARY EMAIL: _____(required)

HOME STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY

STATE

5 DIGIT ZIP CODE

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

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

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

OFFICIAL UNIT DESIGNATION/NAME: _____

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

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

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

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

ASSOCIATE ONE YEAR - \$25.00 []

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - \$220.00 []

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WNGEA

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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

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