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**The WNGEA 2022 USAA \$1,000.00
Scholarship Winner**



The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association awarded the 2022 USAA \$1000.00 Scholarship Grant to Simone Walker for her attendance to Madison College. Simone was sponsored by her father, SMSgt Jason Walker of the 115th Fighter Wing. Pictured above are Simone Walker, SMSgt Jason Walker and WNGEA President, Libby Schmedlin.

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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	
VACANT		Education Selection Chair		
Stephen	Berry	Leader of Prayer	Life	*
VACANT		Historian		
VACANT		Parliamentarian		
VACANT		Legislative Manager - State		
Pablo	Badillo	Resolutions Manager		
VACANT		Membership Marketing - Air		
Sharon	Booth	Membership Marketing - Army / Facebook Admin	Life	*
VACANT		Junior Enlisted Manager		
Curtis	Leren	By-Laws Manager		
Gary	Hans	Website Manager / APP Manager		
VACANT		Special Projects Manager	Life	*
VACANT		Awards Manager		
VACANT		Corporate Partnership Manager		
VACANT		Legislative Manager - National		
Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association Auxilliary Leadership				
Catherine	Berry	Auxilliary President	Aux Life Member	
Shirley	Spitz	Past Auxilliary President	Aux Life Member	
Roxie	Barwick	Auxilliary Secretary/Legislation/Publications	Aux Life Member	
Marie	Traxler	Auxilliary Treasurer/Membership	Aux Life Member	
Area V Directors as of 7 August 2019				
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.



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Email to: 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 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 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.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR by Gary Hans



*Gary Hans,
Executive Director*

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.

2022 EANGUS Area V Caucus (13-15 May 2022, Green Bay, WI)

This year's Area V Caucus was hosted by the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association at the Radisson

Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, WI on 13-15 May 2022. **The Area V Caucus meeting took place on Saturday, 14 May.** 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 2022 EANGUS Conference. The Caucus had 21 participants with all states represented except Indiana.

The 2022 Wisconsin National Guard (WING) and RAVA Conference:

The Combined Annual Conference was sponsored by the 64th Troop Command on 22-24 April 2022 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, WI. Both the Officer and the Enlisted Associations and the Red Arrow Veterans Association (RAVA) want to thank the 64th Troop Command, especially CPT Dustin Hoffman and his support staff for their efforts in providing a well attended and professional conference. The Radisson Hotel 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 2022 Airmen and Soldier's of the year.

2022 USAA Scholarship: The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association awarded the 2022 USAA \$1000.00 Scholarship Grant

to Simone Walker for her attendance to Madison College. Simone was sponsored by her father, SMSgt Jason Walker of the 115th Fighter Wing In Madison, WI. Our congratulations to Simone and special thanks to the 2022 Scholarship committee, Roberta Coker, Rhonda Martinson and Curtis Leren. See related photo.

2022 EANGUS Conference: The 2022 EANGUS Conference was held 6-11 August 2022 in Little Rock, AR. We had 19 participants from WI including delegates, attendees and four Professional Development personnel. Senior Leadership representing Wisconsin including CSM Georgette Hall, the Senior Enlisted Leader for the Wisconsin National Guard and CMSgt Meredith Conn, Command Chief for the Wisconsin Air National Guard.

The Arkansas National Guard hosted a great Conference which was enjoyed by all attendees. The highlights included the Professional Development speakers: **General Daniel R. Hokanson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau (CNGB) SEA Tony L. Whitehead, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the CNGB CMSgt Maurice Williams, Command Chief, Air National Guard CSM John Raines, Command Sergeant Major, Army National Guard SMA Michael Grinston, Sergeant Major of the Army.**

The 2022 Resolutions Committee met and forwarded 20 resolutions which were passed by the General Session. Go to EANGUS.ORG for a complete description of each Resolution. A list of the 2022 resolutions is also enclosed in the 2022 Fall issue of the Bucky Bulletin. These resolutions represent the hard work by many State Enlisted Associations and individuals from across the country to address issues that affect Enlisted Soldiers and Airmen.

EANGUS Publications Award We want to give special thanks to our Publications Manager, Patti Winter-Schmidt for her continued efforts in making the Bucky Bulletin a First Place Winner in the EANGUS Publications Contest.

Upcoming events for 2023!

2023 EANGUS Conference (7-10 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 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 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.

New Look to WNGEA.org and EANGUS.org websites: Please visit our websites at www.WNGEA.org and 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.

Mark your Calendars:

EANGUS Legislative Workshop

12-15 February 2023, Washington DC

EANGUS Area V Caucus

May 2023, Hosted by the MN National Guard

The 2023 WING Annual Conference will be hosted by the JF-HQ'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 Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI

The 2024 EANGUS Conference will be held 17-21 2024 August at Huntington Place in Detroit, MI.

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/>

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Gary R. Hans, Sergeant Major, (Ret)

Executive Director

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TREASURER'S REPORT

	Account	2021 Actual Budget as of 31 Dec 21	2022 Proposed Budget 23-Oct-21	2022 Actual Budget as of: 1 Sep 22
Acct Code				
4010	WINGA Insurance Trust	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$40,000.00
4020	Membership Dues	\$4,096.33	\$5,000.00	\$5,042.89
4040	Ways & Means Sales	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
4050	Interest Income	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
4060	Misc Income	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$275.00
4070	USAA Education Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
4075	State Conference Income	\$7,295.90	\$0.00	\$10,358.24
4080	Raffle Income	\$188.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
4085	Area V Caucus Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,480.00
4090	Donations	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$56,980.23	\$50,850.00	\$58,156.13
EXPENSES				
5020	Raffle Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6010	EANGUS Dues	\$2,002.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,584.00
6050	Membership Expense	\$521.80	\$2,200.00	\$590.14
6100	WNGEA Grants	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00
6120	Awards	\$794.20	\$800.00	\$703.73
6200	Payroll Expense	\$10,726.28	\$9,600.00	\$7,067.60
6205	W.C. Insurance Expense	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
6210	Executive Director Expense	\$2,651.41	\$2,500.00	\$2,369.78
6300	Professional Fees	\$1,500.00	\$800.00	\$300.00
6350	Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
6400	Association Office	\$2,410.02	\$3,200.00	\$4,366.80
6500	Publications Expense	\$2,249.98	\$2,700.00	\$2,201.46
6600	Presidents Fund	\$1,264.40	\$3,000.00	\$1,331.74
6650	State Conference Expense	\$23,297.01	\$10,000.00	\$22,962.88
6670	Executive Council Mtg Exp	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$145.00
6700	National Educational Seminar	\$7,523.23	\$8,000.00	\$4,174.97
6790	Regional Educational Seminar	\$537.15	\$500.00	\$1,370.48
6850	Committee Expense	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$55.00
6950	Taxes	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$192.16
6980	Permits, License, Fees	\$20.00	\$50.00	
6999	Misc Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
8010	Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Total Expenses	\$56,497.48	\$50,800.00	\$50,415.74

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



Just want to share for our over 40 lifetime EANGUS Auxiliary members since our WNGEA Auxiliary is dissolved.

Within Area V: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana...only two states have active Auxiliaries: Iowa and South Dakota.

Cathy Berry will be serving for 2022-2024 as the Continuity Committee Chair, Membership Committee

Area V Representative, Area V Director.

Roxie Barwick will be serving for 2022-2024 on Lifetime Membership and History Committee Assistant.

Legislative Awards for Area V participation by state were given to Carol Benda (Minnesota), Marlys List (South Dakota), and Roxie Barwick (Wisconsin).

Deceased Lifetime members included in the Memorial Service from Area V included: 3/13 Marie Traxler (Wisconsin), 6/20 Christopher 'Chris' Sower (Wisconsin), Robert Emmett Metcalf

(Minnesota), Karen Marie Maum (Wisconsin), 7/3 Lou Ann Oelke (Wisconsin).

Cathy Berry represented Area V on the Scholarship Committee for 2022. Two scholarships were awarded this conference: \$3000 to Andrew Lane (Virginia) and \$2000 to Coley Riley (Florida). Next year the budget includes Scholarships: 1 @ \$3000, 1 @ \$1000, and 1 @ \$500. This reduced amount is a result of fall in contributions to the scholarship fund.

With over 40 Lifetime EANGUS Auxiliary members remaining in Wisconsin since our WNGEA Auxiliary dissolved, as long as members contribute the \$2/year scholarship donation the 2 years prior to Application for the Scholarship...their children and grandchildren are eligible to apply. See the October SIGNAL for forms and information.

Cathy Berry served on the Burden Bear Committee for 2022. She made the bear quilts. Recipients included Chad Johnson (Minnesota), Dean Kennebeck (Iowa), Dean Steinberg (South Dakota), and Mary Gallegos (New Mexico).

Catherine Berry
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WNGEA 2022 EANGUS DELEGATES





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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Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)

2021 Report of the EANGUS Committee on RESOLUTIONS

2021 EANGUS Resolutions

- 21-01 Tricare Reserve Select Extension for Surviving Families NE
 - 21-02 Affordable Tricare for Grey Area Retirees ND
 - 21-03 Retiree continued contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan SD
 - 21-04 Military Occupation compatibility with Civilian Certificates SD
 - 21-05 Automatic re-enrollment in Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) after Active Duty (AD) when Tricare Prime was in effect SD
 - 21-06 TRS eligibility for Reserve Component to take effect before SD January 1, 2030 SD
 - 21-07 Personnel Pay & Member Benefits HI
 - 21-08 National Guard Counterdrug Program HI
 - 21-09 Personnel Training HI
 - 21-10 Retirement & Veterans Issues HI
 - 21-11 Education and the GI Bill HI
 - 21-12 Tricare Coverage of Infertility Treatments TN
 - 21-13 National Guard Childcare Navigator Position Proposal WA
 - 21-14 Support the National Guard Association of the United States EANGUS
 - 21-15 EANGUS appreciation of Albuquerque, New Mexico The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Mexico and Auxiliary EANGUS
- RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

LEADER OF PRAYER

Greetings to all WNGEA and Wisconsin National Guard members!

First, Cathy and I wish you all a wonderful Autumn Season and hope you all enjoy the Fall colors as the leaves change and the temperatures do too! Brrr!

Cathy and I enjoyed a pleasant drive to Little Rock, Arkansas to participate in the 2022 EANGUS National Conference. While we were there, Cathy participated in activities and meetings with the EANGUS National Auxiliary folks. Cathy was elected as Director for Area V Auxiliary! Congratulations, Cathy! She also served on the Burden Bear Committee. Cathy made 8 quilts for the Burden Bears.

Your Leader of Prayer was honored to open the Area V Caucus sessions with an invocation on Sunday morning of the conference, and served as a Delegate for the opening business session on Sunday afternoon. On Tuesday, the Arkansas National Guard Enlisted Association hosted several EANGUS members at a veteran's home to help build a fence. The fence building was part of Operation VetCare Community Service Project. The veteran needed a service dog, but didn't have an enclosed yard for the dog. EANGUS and Arkansas Enlisted Association to the rescue!! Actually, the framework of the privacy fence was already erected, so we helped out by assembling the pickets to the framework. We were joined by a Community Service Officer from the Little Rock Sheriff's Office, too.

The conference was, in my opinion, a complete success!

On a local note, a "thank you" shout out to Delma Howell, who sent a packet of obituary notices from various papers to me. I included the names of our deceased Guard members in the next quarterly Leader of Prayer report. Their names are also in the EANGUS Memorial Book.

Keeping you in prayer, I remain your Leader of Prayer.

Stephen Berry

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association
Would like to Thank USAA for sponsoring numerous
scholarship for our military members and families these past
years.

USAA

Texas-Based Fortune 500 Diversified Financial Services Group



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

**Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Green Bay, WI
22-24 April 2022**

2022 Air Guard Award Recipients

2022 AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

SSgt Benjamin Wingers
115th Fighter Wing (FSS), Madison

2022 NCO OF THE YEAR

TSgt Cole Paulsen
128th ACS, Volk Field

2022 SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR

MSgt Samantha Burrows
115th Fighter Wing (OSS/IN), Madison

2022 FIRST SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

MSgt Marta Darrow
115th Fighter Wing (AMXS), Madison

2022 Army Guard Award Recipients

2022 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

SPC Joshua Kleinhans
BTRY B, 1st BN 121st FA (HIMARS), Two Rivers

2022 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR (Alternate)

SPC Caleb Ravn
BTRY C, 1st BN 120th FA, Oconomowoc

2022 NCO OF THE YEAR

SGT Josiah Bell
Co B(-), 1st BN 128th INF, New Richmond

2022 NCO OF THE YEAR (Alternate)

SGT Nathaniel Hersil
BTRY B, 1st BN 120th FA, Stevens Point

Awards Chair, WNGEA



SEA Tony L. Whitehead, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, addresses the 2022 EANGUS Conference Business meeting in Little Rock, AR.

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

What Will You Pay? Check TRICARE Cost Resource

By TRICARE Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Have questions about health care, pharmacy, or dental costs? You should check out the [TRICARE Costs and Fees 2022 Fact Sheet](#). This resource provides an overview of most of your costs and fees for [TRICARE health plans](#), the [TRICARE Pharmacy Program](#), and the [TRICARE Dental Program](#).

“The *TRICARE Costs and Fees 2022 Fact Sheet* is one of the easiest ways to track down your TRICARE coverage costs,” said Robert Agnello, deputy chief of the Digital Communications, TRICARE Web and Publications at the Defense Health Agency. “Some rates change in a new calendar year, but some don’t, depending on your specific plan. We recommend you check the new rates so you know what to expect before you go get care this year.”

Here is a preview of the costs and fees you’ll find in this resource:

1. Health Care Costs

Most TRICARE beneficiaries fall into one of [two groups](#): Group A or Group B. It’s important to know what group you’re in because each group pays different costs and fees. Whether you have [TRICARE Prime](#), [TRICARE Select](#), or you’re enrolled in a premium-based health plan ([TRICARE Reserve Select](#), [TRICARE Retired Reserve](#), [TRICARE Young Adult](#), or [Continued Health Care Benefit Program](#)), the costs sheet breaks down costs that may apply to you, like annual enrollment fee, annual deductible, or premium. You can even find what your out-of-pocket costs are for [covered services](#), including:

- Preventive care visit
- Primary care outpatient visitcare
- Specialty care outpatient visit
- Urgent care center visit
- Emergency room visit
- Inpatient admission (hospitalization)

Do you know what your catastrophic cap is? This is the most you or your family may pay out of pocket for covered TRICARE health care services each year. You can refer to the costs sheet for all this information.

2. Pharmacy Costs

TRICARE groups prescription drugs into [four categories](#): generic, brand-name, non-formulary, and non-covered drugs. And your costs may vary depending on your drug's category. But you don't have to guess what your costs are. The pharmacy cost section lists the costs for each drug category based on which [type of pharmacy](#) is used:

- Military pharmacy
- TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery
- TRICARE retail network pharmacy
- Non-network pharmacy
- Overseas pharmacy

3. Dental Costs

If you're enrolled in the [TRICARE Dental Program](#) (TDP), this fact sheet provides a quick overview of your TDP rates. See the voluntary dental programs section for current [TDP monthly premiums](#) based on your sponsor's military status (active duty, Selected Reserve, or Individual Ready Reserve) and type of enrollment (single or family plan). The type of dental service you get and the sponsor's pay grade affect your [cost-share](#). The other table outlines out-of-pocket costs for certain dental services, as well as what the [TDP maximums](#) are.

Want more cost resources? Find detailed costs and fees, including those for [TRICARE For Life](#), using the [TRICARE Compare Cost](#) tool. If you want to better understand what certain costs mean, the [Cost Terms](#) page is another helpful resource.

Download the *TRICARE Costs and Fees 2022 Fact Sheet* from the [TRICARE Publications](#) page, along with other benefit resources. And share your thoughts on how we can improve TRICARE resources by taking the [Publications Feedback Survey](#).



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