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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ROSTER

| Name | Last | Council Position | Membership | Status |
|---|----------------|--|--------------|--------|
| Sharon | Booth | President | Life | * |
| Libby | Schmiedil | Past President | Life | * |
| | | Vice President (Election 2024) | Life | * |
| Curtis | Leren | Acting VP/By-Laws Manager/Resolutions Mgr | Life | * |
| Gary | Hans | Executive Director / Treasurer / Insurance Liaison | Life | * |
| Rhonda | Martinson | Secretary | Annual | * |
| Roberta | Coker | State Conference Committee Co-Chair | Life | * |
| Patti | Winter-Schmidt | Publications Manager | Life | * |
| Jason | Walker | Education Selection Chair | Life | * |
| Jason | Walker | Co-Legislative Manager - State/National | | |
| Stephen | Berry | Leader of Prayer | Life | * |
| Jay | Brody | Co-Legislative Manager - National/State | Annual | * |
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| Rich | Koceja | Junior Enlisted Manager - Air | Life | * |
| Alyssa | Meyers | Junior Enlisted Manager - Air | Life | * |
| Stephanie | Corson | Junior Enlisted Manager - Air | Life | * |
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| VACANT | | Membership Marketing - Air | | |
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| VACANT | | Parliamentarian | | |
| VACANT | | Special Projects Manager | | |
| VACANT | | Awards Manager | | |
| VACANT | | Corporate Partnership Manager | | |
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| Chuck | Viola | 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



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.



WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
“Serving the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Forces since 1972”

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (January 2024)

This is the 2024 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.

Mark your Calendars:

- EANGUS Legislative and Presidents Workshop (24-28 February 2024, Washington DC).
- **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**
- EANGUS Area V Caucus (17-19 May 2024, Huntington Place, Detroit, MI).
- **The 2024 EANGUS Conference will be held 17-21 August at Huntington Place in Detroit, MI. Conference Hotel will be the Renaissance Center Hotel.**

The 2024 WNGEA/WINGA Annual Conference 26-28 April 2024.

The 2024 Officer and Enlisted Conference and Professional Development will be held at the Osthoff Resort on 26-28 April 2024. Professional Development classes will be offered to Professional Development personnel on orders and all registered guests. 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 426th Regiment and the Recruiting and Retention Battalion for their efforts in Hosting the 2024 Combined Conference. For additional Conference information download the WNGEA App or go to the website: <https://WNGEA.ORG>

The 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, MI at Huntington Place from 17-21 August 2024. The Host Hotel is the Renaissance Center Hotel. **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 who works 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 <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.

Be sure to review the WNGEA.org and EANGUS.org websites:

Please visit our websites at www.WNGEA.org and www.EANGUS.org. These sites are constantly updated with current information and presents 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.

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.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

| | Account | 2023 Proposed Budget 29-Oct-22 | 2023 Actual Budget as of: 31 Dec 2023 | 2024 Proposed Budget 28-Oct-23 |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Acct Code | | | | |
| 4010 | WINGA Insurance Trust | \$44,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$44,000.00 |
| 4020 | Membership Dues | \$5,000.00 | \$6,862.84 | \$6,000.00 |
| 4040 | Ways & Means Sales | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 |
| 4050 | Interest Income | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 |
| 4060 | Misc Income | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 4070 | USAA Education Grant | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 4075 | State Conference Income | \$7,000.00 | \$10,398.18 | \$10,000.00 |
| 4080 | Raffle Income | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| 4085 | Area V Caucus Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 4090 | Donations | \$0.00 | \$220.00 | \$0.00 |
| | TOTAL INCOME | 57,850.00 | 48,481.02 | 61,850.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| 5020 | Raffle Expense | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 6010 | EANGUS Dues | \$2,500.00 | \$3,300.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| 6050 | Membership Expense | \$2,200.00 | \$1,153.69 | \$2,200.00 |
| 6100 | WNGEA Grants | \$3,500.00 | \$100.00 | \$3,500.00 |
| 6120 | Awards | \$800.00 | \$806.01 | \$900.00 |
| 6200 | Payroll Expense | \$9,600.00 | \$10,917.20 | \$9,600.00 |
| 6205 | W.C. Insurance Expense | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 |
| 6210 | Executive Director Expense | \$2,700.00 | \$1,862.92 | \$2,700.00 |
| 6300 | Professional Fees | \$800.00 | \$1,150.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 6350 | Bank Service Charges | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 |
| 6400 | Association Office | \$3,200.00 | \$2,391.54 | \$3,200.00 |
| 6500 | Publications Expense | \$2,700.00 | \$3,119.24 | \$3,000.00 |
| 6600 | Presidents Fund | \$3,000.00 | \$1,510.74 | \$3,000.00 |
| 6650 | State Conference Expense | \$20,000.00 | \$12,879.67 | \$20,000.00 |
| 6670 | Executive Council Mtg Exp | \$500.00 | \$1,164.60 | \$700.00 |
| 6700 | National/Legislative Seminar | \$8,000.00 | \$7,455.68 | \$8,000.00 |
| 6790 | Regional Educational Seminar | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| 6850 | Committee Expense | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 6950 | Taxes | \$500.00 | \$52.00 | \$100.00 |
| 6980 | Permits, License, Fees | \$50.00 | \$25.00 | \$50.00 |
| 6999 | Misc Expense | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| 8010 | Donations | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| | Total Expenses | \$61,000.00 | \$47,888.29 | \$61,400.00 |
| Submitted By: Gary R. Hans, Treasurer, WNGEA | | | | |

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

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

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

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

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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 | NDAA 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 |



2024 WINGA/WNGEA State Conference Highlights



- Friday Ice Breaker Social
- Corporate Partner Trade Show
- Joint Opening Ceremony
- Professional Development
- Legislative Briefing
- TAG/DAG Briefings
- State CSM/CCM Briefings
- Saturday Evening Dinner
- Hospitality Suite
- Family Yoga
- Spouse Cooking School
- Optional 9-hole Golf Outing
- Speaker from Army War College

2024 WINGA/WNGEA
State Conference
26-28 April

The Osthoff Resort
101 Osthoff Avenue
Elkhart Lake, WI

Join your fellow soldiers, airmen, and veterans for food, fun, and fellowship. Professional development sessions for Company Grade Officers and Enlisted will be available. Conference is hosted by the 426th Regiment and the Recruiting & Retention Bn. Reference this link for more information. [Conference | Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association \(wngea.org\)](https://www.wngea.org/conference)



- Early bird registration is 12 April. Go to [Conference Registration | Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association \(wngea.org\)](https://www.wngea.org/conference-registration)
- Hotel rooms are \$90 (single), \$129 (double)/night plus tax. Call 800.876.3399 and use Group: National Guard. Room block closes on 5 April.
- Friday night Ice Breaker Social is "Tailgate Theme" so wear your favorite sports team jersey. Dress code for the balance of the conference is business casual with ASU/Class A/Mess Dress uniforms optional.
- Download conference app by searching for "WNGEA"

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

WNGEA Schedule of Events

Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI (26-28 April 2024)

Friday, 26 April 2024

| | | |
|-------------|---|------------------------|
| 1200 – 2130 | Registration Check-in | Grand Libelle Foyer |
| 1800 – 2100 | Vendor/Exhibit Display | Grand Libelle Ballroom |
| 1800 – 2100 | Childcare (Be sure to register for childcare) | Villa Gottfried A |
| 1800 – 2100 | Ice Breaker/Social (Beer/Wine Tasting/Exhibitors) | Grand Libelle Ballroom |
| 2100 – 2400 | Joint Hospitality Room Open | Elkhart Lake Ballroom |
| 2100 – 2400 | Bonfire (Outside Hospitality room area) | |

Saturday, 27 April 2024

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| 0700 – 0800 | Registration Check In | Grand Libelle Foyer |
| 0700 – 1600 | Green Room (VIP's/Speakers) | Villa Gottfried Parlor |
| 0700 – 0800 | Continental Breakfast (All Registered Guests) | Grand Libelle Ballroom |
| 0800 – 0900 | Joint Business Session (PD*) (Award Ceremony) | Palm Gardens Ballroom |
| 0900 – 0910 | Break | |
| 0910 – 1030 | Air DAG/CCM Breakout for all Airmen | Villa Gottfried A |
| 0910 – 1030 | Army DAG/CSM Breakout for all Soldiers | Palm Gardens ABC |
| 0915 – 1000 | Family Yoga | Villa Gottfried B |
| 1030 – 1200 | WNGEA Annual Business Meeting (PD*) | Villa Gottfried A |
| 1200 – 1315 | PD Luncheon (All Registered Guests) | Grand Libelle Ballroom |
| 1315 – 1330 | Break | |
| 1330 – 1430 | Army Officer Breakout | Palm Gardens ABC |
| 1330 – 1430 | Army Enlisted Breakout | Palm Gardens DE |
| 1330 – 1430 | Air Officer Breakout | Villa Gottfried A |
| 1330 – 1430 | Air Enlisted Breakout | Villa Gottfried Parlor |
| 1330 – 1500 | Spouse Cooking School | Osthoff Kitchen |
| 1330 – 1600 | Service Member Support Division | Villa Gottfried B |
| 1430 – 1440 | Break | |
| 1440 – 1545 | Professional Development (COL Frick) | Palm Gardens ABC |
| 1500 – 1600 | Spouse Listening Session | Villa Gottfried A |
| 1545 – 1645 | State Leadership Panel (TAG, DAGs, CSM, CCM) | Palm Gardens ABC |
| 1645 – 1715 | Professional Development (COL Frick) | Palm Gardens ABC |
| 1645 – 1800 | Joint Hospitality Room | Elkhart Lake Ballroom |
| 1800 – 1900 | Banquet Registration (Those not registered) | Grand Libelle Foyer |
| 1800 – 1900 | Banquet Reception Social hour | Grand Libelle Foyer |
| 1800 – 2100 | Child Care Service | Villa Gottfried A |
| 1900 – 2100 | Banquet/Banquet Event | Grand Libelle Ballroom |
| 2100 – 2400 | Joint Hospitality Room Open | Elkhart Lake Ballroom |

Sunday, 28 April 2024

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|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 0800 – 0900 | Command Breakfast Breakouts | Palm Garden Foyer Breakout Rooms |
| 1030 – 1300 | Optional Golf Outing (weather permitting) | Quit Qui Oc Golf Club |



The Wisconsin National Guard wants to thank you for registering to attend the 2024 WINGA/WNGEA State Conference at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI. Special thanks to our host units, the Recruiting and Retention Battalion and the 426th Regimental Training Institute. This Letter of Instruction (LOI) will provide you with additional details to make your experience satisfying and rewarding.

1. **Registration:** when you arrive at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI, 101 Osthoff Avenue, stop by the conference registration table. Follow the signs past the hotel registration desk to the Grand Libelle Foyer to register. The hotel has free parking and wi-fi. Please wear your name badge at all times as this is your ticket to get access to all conference events and our hospitality room.
2. **Hotel:** room rate is \$90.00/night for a single and \$129.00 for a double + tax. If you haven't already done so, you can reserve a room at the Osthoff Resort by calling 1.800.876.3399. Room block is under the Wisconsin National Guard.
3. **Family Activities:** there are many tourist activities in the Elkhart Lake area for your enjoyment. On Saturday the Osthoff Resort will be offering a Cooking School and a Yoga Demonstration. Optional golf will be offered on Sunday, weather permitting. Childcare is available on Friday and Saturday evenings.
4. **Evaluation Form:** Conference evaluation forms will be available at the registration table or on the conference app. Your feedback is very important and will help us improve the 2024 State Conference.
5. **Dress Code:** military dress is not required this year. If you are receiving an award, you have the option of wearing your Class A uniform or a civilian equivalent. Senior military leaders and retirees are welcome to wear their uniform at any time. Conference dress code is business casual for PD sessions and the Saturday banquet is semi-formal, business attire or Military Dress Uniform. Dress code in the hospitality room is casual.
6. **Conference App:** Go to the App store and enter WNGEA (Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association). Once the app is downloaded, click on "Combined Conference" at the top of the page.
7. **Ice Breaker Social:** this event is our meet and greet social combined with our corporate partner trade show. We have 20 vendor tables this year. This event is 6:00-9:00 pm on Friday in the Grand Libelle Ballroom, (see hotel floor plan). This event has a sports theme, so you are welcome to wear attire of your favorite team. Food and beverages are provided including complimentary beer (5 varieties), wine (3 varieties) and soft drinks. There is also a cash bar available. Do not consume alcohol if you are not of legal age. There will be several floor games available for your enjoyment.

WINGA/WNGEA Joint State Conference Registration Form

Hosts: Recruiting & Retention Battalion & the 426th Regional Training Institute

Location: The Osthoff Resort, 101 Osthoff Ave, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

Dates: 26-28 April 2024

Room Block Name: "WI National Guard Assoc." Must Call to Book Rooms in the room block: **1-800-876-3399**.

Hotel Room Block Deadline: 5 APR 2024 - **\$90** (single), **\$129** (double), **\$180** (2-bedroom suite) /night plus tax.

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| Registration Methods: 1) Online: https://wngea.org/wngea-conf-reg/ 2) Phone App: search (WNGEA) & download from your app store 3) Submit this form & enclose a check payable to "2024 Joint WING Conference". Send to: WNGEA, ATTN: SGM (Ret) Gary R. Hans, Rm #158, 2400 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704 | Conference Registration Deadline: April 12, 2024 | | | |
| Member Name (Last, First): _____ Guest Name (Last, First): _____ | Rank (write-in) _____ (Select One) | <input type="radio"/> Active/ <input type="radio"/> Retired (Select One) | WINGA/WNGEA/ <input type="checkbox"/> Paid Status <input type="checkbox"/> (Select One) | Army/Air <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (Select One) |

Home Address: Street, City, State, Zip Code

Unit: _____

Civilian Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

| Event | # | Price | Total |
|--|---|------------------------------|-------|
| Conference Registration Fee (Early Bird Special) CG=Company Grade CG (E6, O3, CW2 & below) / FG (E7, O4, CW3 & above) | | \$10.00/ CG per adult | |
| | | \$20.00/ FG per adult | |
| Conference Registration Fee After 12 April 2024 FG=Field Grade CG (E6, O3, CW2 & below) / FG (E7, O4, CW3 & above) | | \$20.00/ CG per adult | |
| | | \$30.00/ FG per adult | |
| Conference Registration for Kids (17 & under) | | FREE | |

Friday, April 26, 2024

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|---|--|------|--|
| Registration (Grand Libelle Foyer) | Prices Listed Above | | |
| Ice Breaker/Trade Show/Yoga Demo/Bonfire (Grand Libelle Ballroom) Theme: Tailgate Attire: Casual/Sports Team Food: Wine & Beer Tasting, BBQ chicken, brats, burgers, etc. | | FREE | |
| FREE Childcare (Villa Gottfried A): List names & any special needs: _____ _____ | 0-11 mo. ____ 1-3 yo. ____ 4-6 yo. ____ 7-12 yo. ____ N/A ____ (Enter qty in ea. range) | | |
| WINGA/WNGEA Hospitality Room (Elkhart Lake Ballroom) Attire: Casual | | FREE | |

Saturday, April 27, 2024

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|---|--|--|--|
| Registration (Grand Libelle Foyer) | Prices Listed Above | | |
| Continental Breakfast (Grand Libelle ABCDEF) | | FREE | |
| Joint Opening Ceremony/Awards Program (Palm Gardens Ballroom ABC) [PD] Attire: Business Casual | | N/A | |
| Deputy Adjutants General Breakouts [Professional Development] | | N/A | |
| Family Yoga (Villa Gottfried B) | | TBA | |
| WINGA/WNGEA Association Business Meetings (Palm Gardens Ballroom ABC/Villa Gottfried A) [PD] | | N/A | |
| Luncheon with Corporate Partners (Grand Libelle Ballroom) [PD] | | FREE | |
| Afternoon Sessions [PD] Army/Air & Officer/Enlisted Breakouts, Joint PD, State Leadership Panel, China/Taiwan Breakout, Spouse Listening Session | | N/A | |
| Osthoff House Cooking School (Osthoff Kitchen) | | \$25.00/person | |
| Social, Dinner & Entertainment (Grand Libelle Ballroom) Attire: Semiformal, Business Attire, or Military Uniform (optional) Dietary Restrictions: e.g. Gluten Free (GF), Vegetarian, Vegan, other: _____ | | \$30.00/person | |
| | | Chicken Marsala (GF) ____ Pork Scallopini ____ Three Cheese Ravioli ____ | |
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Sunday, April 28, 2024

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Company Grade Officer and Enlisted Professional Development Training



The 426th Regiment and the Recruiting and retention Battalion are co-hosting the 2024 Wisconsin National Guard State Conference at the Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI, on 26-28 April. This event is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA) and the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA).

In addition to our Wisconsin National Guard Adjutant General, several professional speakers have been invited to the conference to share their expertise on topics to improve and enhance leadership, teamwork, legislative awareness, and mentorship skills. The following is a summary of our professional development speakers and their qualifications.



Major General Paul Knapp is Wisconsin's Adjutant General. He commands the Wisconsin National Guard and is responsible for Emergency Management. He also serves as the Wisconsin's Homeland Security Advisor, chairs the Wisconsin Homeland Security Council, and serves as the senior state official for cyber matters. Maj. Gen. Knapp holds a master's degree in technology management from the University of Maryland and a political science degree, with Japanese minor, from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Maj. Gen. Knapp entered the Air Force in 1992 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

He served two operational tours as an F-15E Strike Eagle weapon systems officer and one as an Air Liaison Officer to the U. S. Army in South Korea. Maj. Gen. Knapp has over 3,000 flight hours, including 681 combat hours, and more than 262 combat sorties supporting operations Allied Force, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.



Colonel James A. Frick is an Assistant Professor within the Department of Distance Education at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He was commissioned in the Field Artillery Branch upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1992. COL Frick has served in numerous Field Artillery capacities including deployments with 3rd Division to Kuwait as part of Operation Desert Spring, and with the 4th Division to the Taji Region north of Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to U.S. Army, Pacific Command at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, where he served as Chief of Plans, Policy and Strategy for the U.S. Army war plans, strategy and posture development. COL Frick previously served as the Director,

Defense Planners Course at the U.S. Army War College and is currently serving as the Director, Second Year Studies, U.S. Army War College. His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Order of St. Barbara, plus numerous other military awards. His academic degrees include a B.S. from the U.S. Military Academy, two Masters in Military Operational Arts and Science, a Masters in Strategic Studies, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science. COL Frick has authored numerous studies on the Peoples Republic of China as a future U.S. adversary.



Marcy Weldin is the Deputy Legislative Director, Army Programs, for the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS). She has over 20 years of experience in state and federal government affairs, previously as the Director of Government Affairs for the Texas National Guard, serving as the personal advisor to the Adjutant General and senior leadership on all legislative matters. Marcy was the liaison between the Texas Guard and legislative offices at both the federal and state level, responsible for cultivating and building relationships with key stakeholders on behalf of the Adjutant General, overseeing the development of legislative initiatives, budget, and policies for state and federal legislative sessions, representing the Texas Guard on Capitol Hill, the Texas State Capitol, and facilities across the state. Marcy's previous experience includes work for the Fort Worth-based law firm of Cantey Hanger LLP as a non-attorney lobbyist and time serving as Deputy Legislative Director for Texas Governor Rick Perry. Ms. Weldin holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Emporia State University.

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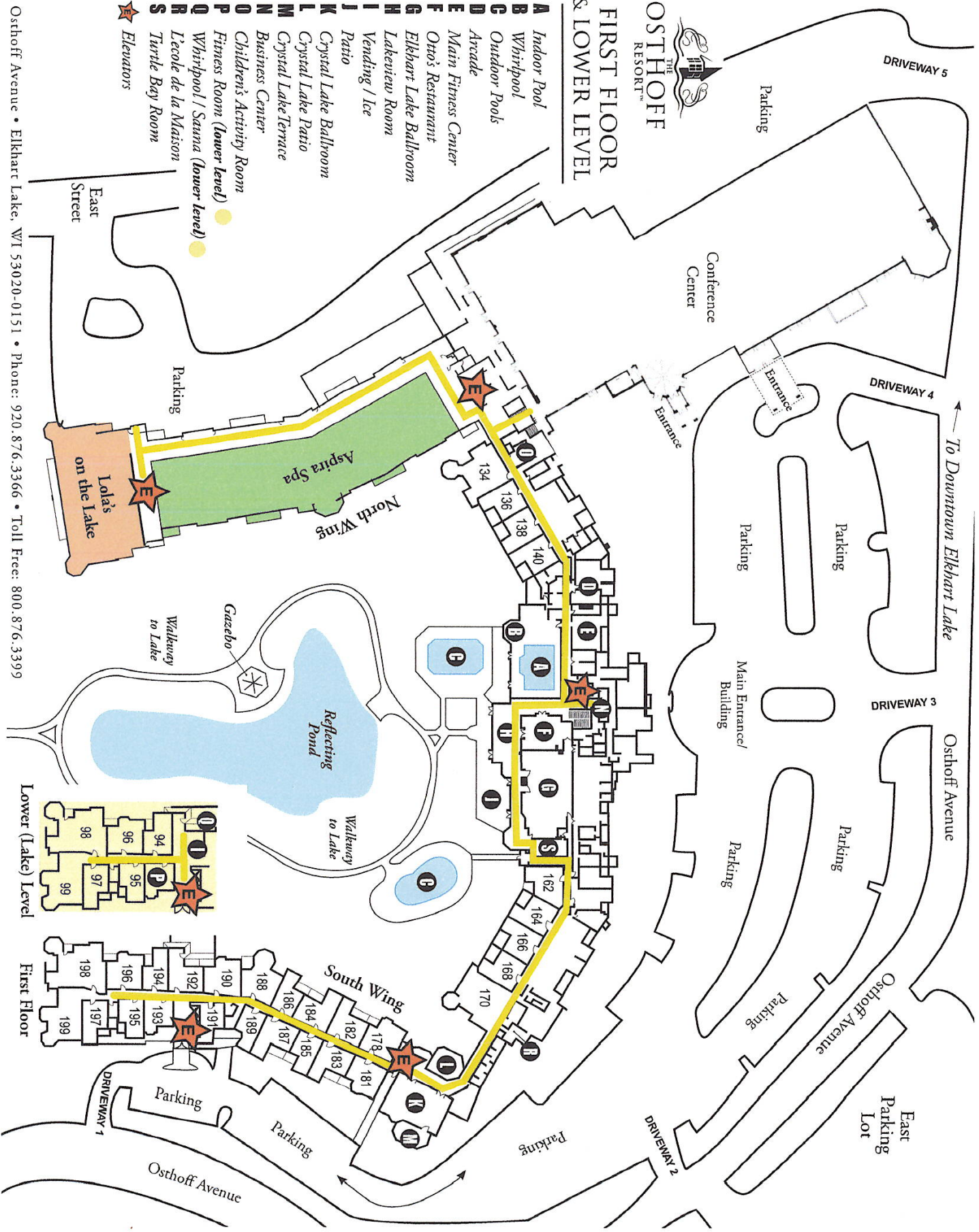
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Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association College Grant Program

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 awardees 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



CSM Virgil R. Williams Scholarship

A scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded to EANGUS members or dependents. Total number of scholarships will be based on contributions to the program. This scholarship is for an undergraduate degree, and previous winners cannot apply. Money is paid directly to the school you are attending and goes towards tuition expenses.

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Sydney Anderes – Dependent of MSgt James Anderes – Kansas

Kristina Cromer – Spouse of SFC Michael Cromer – Georgia

Katherine Olson – Spouse of MSgt Elijah Olson – Oregon

Alessandra Clariss Ramirez – Dependent of MSG Cesar Ramirez II –
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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)

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