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ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

To All Executive Council Members  
2024

24 Sep 24

This is to notify you that there will be a quarterly WNGEA Executive Council meeting.

Date: **27 October 2024 (Sunday) Place date on your calendar!**  
Time: **1000-1300 hours (Including Tour)**  
Place: **DoubleTree by Hilton, 4402 E. Washington Ave, Madison, WI**  
Report Period: **January to September 2024**  
Committee Reports due by: **COB: Tuesday/22 October 2024**

**The October Executive Council meeting will be held at next years Conference site in Madison, WI. A tour of the 2025 Conference facilities will be conducted. Coffee/Tea will be available during the meeting.**

**Conference Call option will be available as follows: Local: 608.242.3802 or 608-242.3805. Toll free: 1.877.533.6691, entry code: 23114#**

If you have a quarterly report for this meeting it should reflect the business and issues since the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. **If you are unable to attend the meeting, please notify me via email, phone call, or text (920-723-8098).** If you have input for Old or New Business, please include your comments when you send your report.

On Tuesday (22 October), after the report due date, reports will be printed and assembled in the reports packet for the meeting. **Upon receipt, I will send a confirmations that I received your report. If you do not receive a confirmation, contact me for clarification.** For anyone that cannot or did not meet this deadline, please bring your reports to the meeting. New information, or a negative report can be presented orally to save paper, and it will be recorded into the minutes.

Please forward this notification to anyone you know who may be interested in knowing more about the association.

Sincerely:

//signed//  
Gary R. Hans, Sergeant Major, Retired  
WNGEA Executive Director  
920-723-8098

**WNGEA QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA**  
**27 October 2024**

- 01 [ ] Call to Order, Pledge Of Allegiance. Announcements. Introductions of new people and special guests, if present.
- 02 [ ] Area V Directors Update (if present)
- 03 [ ] Unscheduled Guests or Presentations
- 04 [ ] Previous Meeting minutes. (If no changes, President accepts minutes)
- 05 [ ] Treasurer Report. (If no changes, President accepts report)
- 06 [ ] Ways and Means (No Report).
- 07 [ ] Executive Director Report.
- 08 [ ] Legislative Report – National
- 09 [ ] Legislative Report – State
- 10 [ ] Resolutions Report. (Changes presented. Motions to approve.)
- 11 [ ] Membership and Marketing Report - Army and Air Team
- 12 [ ] Junior Enlisted Report - Joint Army-Air Report
- 13 [ ] Retiree Affairs Report
- 14 [ ] Corporate Partnership Report
- 15 [ ] Bylaws Report. (Changes, approval motions).
- 16 [ ] Publications Report.
- 17 [ ] Education Selection Report (Scholarship Committee)
- 18 [ ] Awards Report
- 19 [ ] Insurance Report
- 20 [ ] Leader of Prayer Report
- 21 [ ] Historian Report
- 22 [ ] Special Projects Report
- 23 [ ] WEB Manager

24 [ ] OLD BUSINESS - Tabled motions from previous meetings not finished or approved.

- 2024 EANGUS Conference (Detroit, MI) (17-22 August 2024)
- 2024 Scholarships
- 2024 WINGA/WNGEA Sporting Challenge, Sportsman Club, Sun Prairie
- 2024 WINGA/WNGEA Golf Outing (23 Sep-Reedsburg Country Club)
- ANY ADDITIONAL OLD WNGEA BUSINESS TO PRESENT?

25 [ ] NEW BUSINESS - New motions for action. Future Scheduled events.

*NOTE*

- 2024 EANGUS Legislative Quarterly Summit, Washington DC (Nov/Cancelled)
- 2025 EANGUS Presidents/Legislative Workshop (23-26 Feb 2025) Washington DC
- 2025 WING Conference/Professional Development, Doubletree by Hilton East, Madison, WI (25-27 April 2025). Hosted by the 115<sup>th</sup> FW
- 2025 Area V Caucus, Omaha, NE (16-18 May 2025)
- 2025 EANGUS Conference, Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV. (10-15 August 2025) (10 and 15 August are travel days.)
- 2025 Officer/Enlisted Sportsman Challenge (19 Sep 2025) North Bristol Sportsman's Club, Sun Prairie, WI.
- 2025 RAD, Fort McCoy, WI (Conducted every other year) (27 September 2025)
- Once a year Mileage Reimbursement
- 2025 WNGEA Budget Approval
- ANY ADDITIONAL NEW WNGEA BUSINESS TO PRESENT?

26 [ ] GOOD OF THE ORDER: - (Non-WNGEA Items of interest, Non-Official Business)

27 [ ] Next Quarterly Meeting Date and location: Location: TBA 18 JAN/0930-1200/JFH  
Date/Start time: 18 or 25 Jan 2025?

28 [ ] ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

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**WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION  
2400 WRIGHT STREET, MADISON, WI 53704**

**WNGEA QUARTERLY MEETING  
N3685 Riverside Lane, Jefferson, WI  
DATE: 27 July 2024**

**NOTE:** These minutes as presented, are unofficial until approved by the WNGEA Executive Council at the next council meeting.

**01. Call to Order:** The WNGEA Joint Executive Council meeting was called to order by the President at 10:05. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**02. Area V Directors Update.**

At the Area V Directors' last meeting, Bobbie stated that their discussion included options for 53<sup>rd</sup> EANGUS Conference Hospitality Room. Bobbie also announced that there will be an EANGUS 5K on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 0700 – 0900.

**03. Unscheduled Guests or Presentations.**

There were no unscheduled guests or presentations at this meeting.

**04. Previous Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes for 27 January 2024 were accepted by the President.

**05. Treasurer's Report:** Present, written report on file.

Treasurer's report was accepted by the President.

**06. Ways & Means Report:** Not Present, no written report on file.

**07. Executive Director Report:** Present, written report on file.

**08. Legislative Report - National:** Present, no written report on file.

Jay discussed with members setting up a Google Work Space with We Care. Members thought this was a good idea. More information to come.

**09. Legislative Report - State:** Present, no written report on file.

Nothing to report at this time.

**10. Resolutions Report:** Present, no written report on file.

**11. Membership & Marketing Report – Army-Air Team:** Present for Army, Air Guard position vacant, no written report on file.

Sharon discussed with members the type of pin they would want her to create for the 2024 EANGUS Conference. Members agreed that the pin should be a black motorcycle with orange lettering with WNGEA 2024 included on the pin.

**MOTION:** Secretary

Second: State Conference Committee Co-Chair

Discussion: Members discussed and decided on a black motorcycle with orange lettering with WNGEA 2024 included on the pin.

Vote: Passed by voice.

**12. Junior Enlisted Report: Joint Army-Air Report:** Present, no written report on file.  
Nothing to report at this time.

**13. Retiree Affairs Report:** Present, no written report on file.  
Nothing to report at this time.

**14. Corporate Partnership Report:** Position Vacant, no written report on file.

**15. Bylaws Report:** Present, written report on file.  
Members decided that there will be no change (increase) in the cost of the WNGEA membership dues.

**16. Publications Report:** Present, no written report on file.  
Next Bucky's Bulletin to come out will be the 2024 Fall Edition, electronic version. Deadline to submit any articles is Sunday, September 15, 2024.

**17. Education Selection Report:** Present, no written report on file.  
We have received only one application for the \$1000 Scholarship. Members discussed and decided to change the scholarship package to ask for one letter of recommendation instead of three in hopes to increase the number of applications received for the Scholarships offered.

**18. Awards Report:** Position Vacant, no written report on file.  
Gary has purchased forty Minute Men Plaques that will be given as future awards to the enlisted members and officers who win them. WINGA and WNGEA are splitting the cost.

**19. Insurance Report:** Present, written report on file.  
SSLI Over 70 Program is now available. For more information please visit WNGEA's website at [www.wngea.org](http://www.wngea.org)

**20. Leader of Prayer's Report:** Present, written report on file.

**21. Historian Report:** Not Present, no written report on file.

**22. Special Projects Report:** Position Vacant, no written report on file.

**23. WEB Manager:** Present, no written report on file.

WNGEA website has a variety of resources/links to explore. Gary Hans continues to keep it updated.

**24. OLD BUSINESS:**

- None at this time.

**2024 WNGEA/WINGA Annual Conference & Professional Development, Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI (26-28 April 2024)**

- This Conference was hosted by the 426<sup>th</sup> Regiment and the Recruiting and Retention Battalion and held on 26-28 April 2024 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- Professional Development classes were offered and the Annual Business Meeting was also held at the Conference.

**25. NEW BUSINESS**

**2024 JEOP, 115<sup>th</sup> FW, Madison, WI (30 July 2024)**

- 2024 JEOP will be held at the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Building 500's DFAC, in Madison, WI which starts on Tuesday, 30 July 2024, at 0730.
- The 2024 JEOP Itinerary for Tuesday (Day 1) was distributed to members. (See Attachment)

**2024 Annual EANGUS Conference, Huntington Place, Detroit, MI (18-21 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 17-22 August, with 17 and 22 August being travel days. There will be 5 PDs, 2 Senior Enlisted, and 13 Delegates attending the EANGUS Conference.
- Renaissance Center Hotel is able to house all attendees.
- All events will take place at the Huntington Place (HP) unless otherwise specified.

**2024 WINGA/WNGEA 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sporting Challenge (20 September 2024)**

- The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sporting Challenge was held on Friday, September 20, 2024 from 0800-1500. It was held at North Bristol Sportsman's Club, 7229 Greenway Road, Sun Prairie, WI 53590. The cost was \$40.00. It offered Trap, Skeet, Archery, and open rifle and pistol shooting.

**2024 WINGA/WNGEA Annual Golf Outing, Reedsburg, WI (23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024)**

- The WINGA/WNGEA Annual Golf Outing was held at the Reedsburg Country Club, 3003 East Main Street, Reedsburg, WI on Monday, September 23, 2024.
- Registration started at 0830, Shot Gun Start at 0930.

**2024 RAD Meeting, Fort McCoy, WI, WINGA/WNGEA Combined Table (Date TBD)**

- The 2024 Retirement Active Duty (RAD) Meeting will be held at Fort McCoy possibly at the end of September. Currently, the date has not been determined.

**2025 WINGA/WNGEA Annual Conference/Professional Development (25-27 April 2025)**

- The 2025 WINGA/WNGEA Annual Conference/Professional Development (PD) will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Madison East in Madison, WI on 25-27 April 2025 hosted by the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (FW).

**2025 Area V Caucus, Omaha, NE (16-18 May 2025) (possibly Warner Ball Park)**

- Any resolutions you may have should be presented here.
- 2026 Area V Caucus will be in Fargo, ND. More information to come.

**2025 EANGUS Conference, Reno, NV (10-15 August 2025)**

- August 10 and 15 will be travel days.
- 2026 EANGUS Conference, bid has been placed for Daytona, FL (Dates TBD)
- 2027 and 2028 EANGUS Conference, bids have been placed for Denver, CO and Chicago, IL

**2026 WINGA/WNGEA Annual Conference/PD, Rothschild, WI (24-26 April 2026)**

- The 2026 WINGA/WNGEA Annual Conference/Professional Development (PD) will be held in Rothschild, WI at the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center. Attendees will be staying either at the Holiday Inn and Suites which is connected to the conference center or there is also a hotel across the street.

**Additional New WNGEA Business to Present:**

- A **BIG THANK YOU** to Deanna Luedkte for her \$100 donation to put towards 4 Annual Memberships (2-Air and 2-Army) in the memory of Bonnie Moser.

**26. GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**A. Next Quarterly Meeting:** Location: Double Tree Hotel in Madison, WI  
Date/Start Time: Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**B. Close of Meeting.**

**MOTION:** Publications Manager

Seconded: Leader of Prayer

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed by voice.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 hrs.

Rhonda Martinson  
WNGEA Secretary

Transcribed 15 Sept 2024

Acct Code	Account	2023 Actual Budget		2024 Proposed Budget		2025 Proposed Budget		2024 Budget		Budget Notes
		as of: 31 Dec 2023	28 Oct 2023	27-Oct-24	As of 10/15/2024					
4010	WINGA Insurance Trust	\$30,000.00	\$44,000.00		\$44,000.00		\$49,000.00			
4020	Membership Dues	\$6,862.84	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00		\$5,145.01			
4040	Ways & Means Sales	\$0.00	\$200.00		\$200.00		\$0.00			
4050	Interest Income	\$0.00	\$50.00		\$50.00		\$0.00			
4060	Misc Income	\$0.00	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$250.00			CC Rewards
4070	USAA Education Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00			
4075	State Conference Income	\$10,398.18	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00		\$9,268.61			
4080	Raffle Income	\$0.00	\$500.00		\$500.00		\$0.00			
4085	Area V Caucus Income	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$535.33			Cheese Reimbursement
4090	Donations	\$220.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$100.00			
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>48,481.02</b>	<b>\$61,850.00</b>		<b>\$61,850.00</b>		<b>\$65,298.95</b>			
	<b>EXPENSES</b>									
5020	Raffle Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		65,298.95			
6010	EANGUS Dues	\$3,300.00	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00		\$2,800.00			
6050	Membership Expense	\$1,153.69	\$2,200.00		\$2,200.00		\$469.27			
6100	WNGEA Grants	\$100.00	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00		\$1,000.00			
6120	Awards	\$806.01	\$900.00		\$900.00		\$1,233.86			
6200	Payroll Expense	\$10,917.20	\$9,600.00		\$9,600.00		\$8,495.10			
6205	W.C. Insurance Expense	\$0.00	\$300.00		\$300.00		\$0.00			
6210	Executive Director Expense	\$1,862.92	\$2,700.00		\$3,000.00		\$3,258.83			
6300	Professional Fees	\$1,150.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$0.00			
6350	Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	\$50.00		\$50.00		\$0.00			
6400	Association Office	\$2,391.54	\$3,200.00		\$3,200.00		\$1,083.27			
6500	Publications Expense	\$3,119.24	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$2,741.15			
6600	Presidents Fund	\$1,510.74	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$1,816.95			
6650	State Conference Expense	\$12,879.67	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00		\$33,135.54			
6670	Executive Council Mtg Exp	\$1,164.60	\$700.00		\$700.00		\$13.75			
6700	National Educational Seminar	\$6,369.73	\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00		\$7,232.07			
6790	Regional Educational Seminar	\$0.00	\$500.00		\$500.00		\$1,073.30			
6850	Committee Expense	\$0.00	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$0.00			
6950	Taxes	\$52.00	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$0.00			
6980	Permits, License, Fees	\$25.00	\$50.00		\$50.00		\$25.00			
6999	Misc Expense		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00			
8010	Donations		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00			
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$46,802.34</b>	<b>\$61,400.00</b>		<b>\$61,700.00</b>		<b>\$64,378.09</b>			
<b>Submitted By: Gary R. Hans, Treasurer, WNGEA</b>										





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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (October 2024)**

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. It has been a very busy year for the Association.

**The 2024 Wisconsin National Guard (WING) Conference:**

The 2024 Officer and Enlisted Conference was held at the Osthoff Resort on 26-28 April 2024. It was hosted by the RRB and the RTI. We had 229 registered for the conference including members, spouses, guests and corporate sponsors. We had 200 banquet attendees on Saturday evening. We had 76 Officers and 57 Enlisted personnel with 68 Army Guard and 65 Air Guard. We also recognized the Airmen and Soldiers of the year and had 22 Professional Development personnel present.

The WING Associations sponsored Professional Development Classes for Junior Officer and Junior Enlisted Personnel at the Conference. The Professional Development classes were open to all registered attendees.

**2024 EANGUS Area V Caucus (17-18 May 2024, Detroit, MI)**

The EANGUS Area V Caucus was held on 17-18 May 2024 at Huntington Place in Detroit, MI. and hosted by the MI National Guard. 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 2024 EANGUS Conference.

**2024 EANGUS Conference:**

The 2024 EANGUS Conference was held on 18-22 August 2024 at Huntington Place in Detroit, MI. and hosted by the MI National Guard. We had 17 participants from WI including delegates, Senior Enlisted Leadership, spouses 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.

The 2024 Resolutions Committee forwarded 27 resolutions which were passed by the General Session. Go to [EANGUS.ORG](http://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.

**Attendees also listen to guest speakers such as Maj Gen Duke A. Pirak, Acting Director of the Air National Guard, MG Joseph R. Baldwin, Acting Director of the Army National Guard, the ARNG Command Sergeant Major, CSM John Raines, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, SEA Tony Whitehead, Command Chief Master Sergeant Lisa Perry, Interim Command Chief Air National and CMSgt Deny Richardson, Command Chief, CONR-1 AF.**

**EANGUS Attendees:**

Sharon Booth, WNGEA President, Delegate  
Curtis Leren, WNGEA Vice President, Delegate  
Bobbie Coker, EANGUS Scholarship Chair, Delegate  
Stephanie Corson, Junior Enlisted Co-Chair for Air, Delegate  
Jason Walker, Scholarship/Legislation Committee Chair, Delegate  
Libby Schmiedlin, WNGEA Past President, Delegate  
Gary Hans, WNGEA Executive Director, Delegate  
Lorri Hans, WNGEA Auxiliary  
Roxie Barwick, WNGEA Auxiliary  
Professional Development, SFC Alex Kilbane (2024 Soldier of the Year)  
Professional Development, SGT Caleb Campbell  
Professional Development, TSgt Luis Rosado  
Professional Development, SrA Caroline Ergish  
Professional Development, SrA Carver Empry

**We also want to thank the WI State Senior Enlisted Leadership for their support:  
State Command Sergeant Major, CSM Duane Weyer  
State Command Chief, CMSgt Chad Workman  
The 115<sup>th</sup> Air Wing Command Chief, CMSgt Michael Alvarez**

**Upcoming events for 2025!**

**2025 EANGUS Conference (10-15 August 2025).**

The 2025 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held in Reno, Nevada at the Grand Sierra Resort from 10-15 August 2025 with 10 and 15 August being travel days.

**Until you take the time to attend National Conference you will not full 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 2025 Enlisted Association Conference as a delegate in Reno. We are always interested in having new personnel attend the National Conference. To register, go to the [EANGUS.ORG](http://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:**

- 2025 EANGUS Presidents/Legislative Workshop (23-26 Feb) Washington DC
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- 2025 RAD Meeting, Fort McCoy, WI. (WINGA/WNGEA Combined Table)-27 Sep
- 2025 WINGA/WNGEA Golf Outing (TBA)
- 2026 WING Annual Conference, 24-26 April 2026, Rothchild, WI, Holiday Inn and Suites and the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center.
- 2026 Area V Caucus, Fargo, ND.
- 2026 EANGUS Conference, bid placed for Daytona, FL. (Dates TBA)
- 2027 and 2028 EANGUS Conference, bids placed for Denver and Chicago

### **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.

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

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

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

**"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 2024. Instructions and application forms are available at [www.wi-ngfoundation.org](http://www.wi-ngfoundation.org).**

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## 2024 4th Quarter EANGUS Legislative Quarterly Summit

From: EANGUS (eangus@eangus.org)

To: wngea@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, September 30, 2024 at 09:10 PM CDT



Dear EANGUS members,

The Legislative team and the National Office hope that you have made it home safe from our National Conference and the 9/11 Gala. It has been non-stop action putting those events together back-to-back.

I regret to inform you that, due to multiple factors, the EANGUS Executive Council and Board of Directors have decided not to conduct the November Legislative Quarterly Summit. I know several of you were looking forward to the event and the planned connection with your federal legislatures following an exciting national election period. We are currently looking at some options to connect with each of you in some digital capacity during this same time frame.

While this decision is unfortunate, the National Office encourages everyone to begin preparations to attend the February President's and Legislative Workshop, which will take place from February 23-26, 2025. The 23rd will be dedicated to the President's

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## **Junior Enlisted Report**

### **Jr. Enlisted Report August 2024 EANGUS National Conference, Detroit, MI**

- Committee voted on the prize for the two individuals who won the Jr. Enlisted Coin design contest last year.
- Suggestion was made to change the bylaws for a Jr. Enlisted seat on the executive board. It was discussed and eventually a motion to table until further notice.
- Dave Daniels was introduced to the committee as the new Legislative affairs liaison.
- The Discord was brought up as the way they Jr. Enlisted council communicates with everyone. They took everyone's email and numbers, and we were told we would be contacted and added. I have yet to see this and will reach out for more guidance.

### **Membership Committee**

-California President presented the different ways they were able to up their states membership numbers. The ideas are as follows:

- New to the Guard membership option (one free year, SSLI helps funds for California)
- Talk with recruiters and work with them for anyone new
- Handing out Swag
- Be a table at Yellow Ribbon
- Partner with Family Readiness
- If funds are needed, States can request funds through EANGUS membership office.
- Do a cost analysis of yearly dues vs. lifetime membership
- Create QR codes or tap cards with QR codes with information for WNGEA. This will bring individuals right to the WNGEA membership page upon briefing.

Stephanie Corson

Junior Enlisted Co Chair – Air Guard

## Helpful Links for Retirement

Army benefits website

✓ <https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil>

Army Retirement Services (Soldier for Life)

✓ <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>

Army & Air Force Exchange Services

✓ <https://www.shopmyexchange.com>

DEERS – Scheduling ID Card Appointments

✓ <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

Defense Finance and Accounting Service – DFAS (Retired Military & Annuitants)

✓ <https://www.dfas.mil>

Federal Long Term Care Insurance

✓ <https://www.ltcfeds.com>

Human Resources Command (HRC) Fort Knox

✓ <https://www.hrc.army.mil>

Life Insurance (SGLI, VGLI, VA)

✓ <https://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/>

Medicare

✓ <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare>

MyPay Website (Establish or reestablishing your account)

✓ <https://mypay.dfas.mil>

National Cemetery Administration

✓ <https://www.cem.va.gov/>

Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity (NOSTRA) – (Military Eyeglasses)

✓ <https://www.med.navy.mil/Naval-Medical-Readiness-Logistics-Command/Naval-Ophthalmic-Readiness-Activity/Ordering/how-to-order-retiree/>

Retiree Activities Office (RAO)

✓ <http://ng.wi.gov/resources/rao>

TRICARE (Health & Dental) (Life Events > Retiring > Retiring from the National Guard or Reserves)

✓ <https://www.tricare.mil/LifeEvents/Retiring/GuardReserve>

Veterans Affairs (VA)

✓ <https://www.va.gov/>

Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery & Military Funeral Honors Program

✓ <https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/memorialsBurials/MemorialsandBurials.aspx>

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)

✓ <https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx>



# TRICARE Transition Checklist

The conversion from Humana TRICARE → TRICARE West (TriWest Healthcare Alliance) effective January 1, 2025.

- Who's leaving Humana TRICARE and transitioning to TRICARE West: Wisconsin, Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- If you pay your enrollment fees or premiums through allotment via your military pay system, those payments will automatically transfer to TriWest starting in January 2025 and moving forward (no need to do anything).

If you pay by recurring credit card (RCC) or bank electronic fund transfer (EFT), you will be required to provide authorization to TriWest by downloading the Automatic Payment Authorization form from [www.tricare.mil/west](http://www.tricare.mil/west). **Please submit the form to TriWest by October 25, 2024**

- Referrals and authorizations through Humana dated before December 31, 2024, your referral or authorization will be extended 180 Calendar days into the new year. You won't experience a disruption in care under that referral. If your care under that referral or authorization is continued beyond 180 calendar days, your provider will have to submit a new authorization to TriWest.
- Open Enrollment starts November 11, 2024, through December 10, 2024. Open Enrollment Season will mark the beginning of your interaction with TriWest as your future TRICARE Benefit Enrollment:
  - TriWest's Toll-free Call Center (Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024) is 888-TRIWEST(888-874-9378) for Enrollment & Autopay questions.
  - Sign up for the **Secure Beneficiary Portal** at [www.tricare.mil/west](http://www.tricare.mil/west)
  - Check the TriWest Provider Network Directory at [www.tricare.mil/west](http://www.tricare.mil/west). It will be updated as providers join the network.

**Lastly, Make Sure Your DEERS Stays Updated!**

More to come as we obtain more information.

## **WNGEA Education Chair Report**

Revised the scholarship application form and instruction details for approval and update on the website.

Changes to the form included:

1. Reduction in the number of required letters of recommendation from three to one
2. Family income range changes (every \$25K vs. \$20K increments)
3. Making the form a PDF fillable form for ease of submission

In reading through the details, I would like clarification on how many grants are offered, so there isn't confusion if we get more applications. Also, the purpose of the following statement and allowing the WNGEA president to be a voting member of the board:

“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.”

See attached for the board's consideration to update for publication.

# 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 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 cover 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, and volunteerism.
  - d. Organizational membership and role in organization.
4. A signed letter of recommendation from one of the following (minimum):
  - a. An academic reference from Principal, Dean or Counselor.
  - b. A personal reference and recommendation from minister, community leader, etc., giving general personal traits.
  - c. If applicant is a National Guard member, a letter from their First Sergeant or Commander outlining contributions 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 an 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 combination of Air National Guard, Army National Guard members and/or 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**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 taxes? 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-\$50,000  \$50,000-\$75,000  \$75,000-\$100,000   
Over \$100,000

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. Letter(s) of recommendation
4. 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

**WINGA Insurance Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes – 25 Sep 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 0730 hours. Members present: Chairman Dave Gault, Greg Cullen, Lowell Koehler, Bob Strange, and Mike Williams. Staff present: Brooke Schultz.

The minutes of the 27 March 2024 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Lowell and a second by Greg.

Bob reviewed the SRP production spreadsheet showing good growth particularly for soldiers being mobilized who wish to increase their life insurance coverage. Brooke and Mike reviewed YTD claims noting this year's nine claims total \$91,455 compared to 2023 YTD six claims totaling \$139,833. Dave asked about the recent death claim for a spouse that occurred seven years old. The spouse's death did not appear on the National Death Registry because at that time, social security numbers (SSN) were not required on an insurance application form. Today SSNs are required. AFBA will pay the claim including past interest.

Mike discussed a draft job announcement for the State Insurance Administrator (SIA) position. Timeline is to make a selection by early 2025. The SIA must be a licensed insurance agent. The SIA is appointed by the TAG because the SSLI program is a DMA program. The SIA has traditionally been a retired officer, but consideration will be given to considering a retired NCO depending on the qualified applicants and approval of the WINGA Board of Directors.

Mike reviewed the draft 2025 Insurance Trust budget. Revenue is going up and expenses are going down slightly. The overall operating budget depicts a 2.6% increase. The 2025 experience refund is projected to be \$100,000 however Mike suggested that was a conservative estimate based on YTD death claims being lower than average. The budget was approved unanimously on a motion by Greg and a second by Lowell. The draft budget will now go before the WINGA Board for approval at their December 2024 board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 0810 hours. The next committee meeting will be March 2025, date TBD.

Mike  
SIA

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

Report of the Leader of Prayer

27 OCTOBER 2024

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

X-PIZUR, Bernard "Bernie" G.	SMSgt	128 RMS	28 JUL 2024
X-FAMULARO, John R.	CMSgt	128ARS	13 SEP 2024

Legend:

- X - Not a WNGEA member
- ★ - Not reported on WNGEA Leader of Prayer Report
- x - Not reported on EANGUS Memorial Book Report

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