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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ROSTER

Name	Last	Council Position	Membership	Status
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Curtis	Leren	Vice President / Resolutions Manager	Life	*
Libby	Schmiedlin	Past President	Life	*
Casey	Filter	By-Laws Manager	Life	*
Gary	Hans	Executive Director / Treasurer / Insurance Liaison	Life	*
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Roberta	Coker	State Conference Committee Co-Chair	Life	*
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Jason	Walker	Education Selection Chair	Life	*
Jason	Walker	Co-Legislative Manager - State / National	Life	
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VACANT		Special Projects Manager		
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VACANT		Corporate Partnership Manager		
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Stephanie	Gelbowitz	EANGUS Area V Director Chair	Iowa	
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*Life Member**

MISSION STATEMENT

Taking Care of Our Own

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association is established and organized to promote and support state and national security; to foster and improve the Wisconsin National Guard, and the National Guard of the United States, and to promote the status, welfare and professionalism of the Enlisted members of the Wisconsin National Guard through education, publications, and the exchange of ideas and information.

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Special Message:

Are you aware that the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) has made significant contributions to both the State and National Associations?

Because of USAA's contributions, we have been able to keep the New Patriot Magazine on time for the last couple of years. USAA pays for the printing and mailing of that quarterly magazine. This saves the membership a lot of money and helps us keep our membership dues to a minimum. In addition to supporting the New Patriot magazine, USAA provides scholarships to the National Association and a **\$1,000.00 scholarship to each** State Association.

We need to support the organization that has shown fantastic support for our Association, both at State and National level. All we have to do to keep these important benefits is to **go to USAA.com** for a free auto or homeowners insurance quote or you can explore the other financial services they have to offer. Even if you do not need these services at this time it won't cost you anything but will help us as an Association. Their continued support hinges on our support to their organization.

P.S. You might be surprised at the deals you can get. Please take time to call today.



Report of Change of Contact (Please Print)

(Please update your own record online if you know your access information)

Full Name: _____ Unit: _____

New Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

New Email: _____

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

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



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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (January 2025)

This is the 2025 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:

2025 EANGUS Presidents/Legislative Workshop (23-26 Feb 2025) Washington DC

2025 WING Conference/Professional Development, Doubletree by Hilton Madison East, Madison, WI (25-27 April 2025). Hosted by the 115th FW and Volk Field

2025 Area V Caucus, Omaha, NE (16-18 May 2025)

2025 Golf Outing?

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)

The 2025 WNGEA/WINGA Annual Conference 25-27 April 2025.

See attached Agenda and Letter of Instruction. For additional Conference information download the WNGEA App or go to the website: <https://WNGEA.ORG>

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

The 2025 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS). The 2025 EANGUS Conference will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV. (10-15 August 2025 (10 and 15 August are 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 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 2025 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 Actual Budget	2024 Proposed Budget	2025 Proposed Budget	2024 Budget	Budget Notes
Acct Code		as of: 31 Dec 2023	28 Oct 2023	27-Oct-24	As of 12/31/2024	
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	\$5,549.01	
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	\$1,100.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	48,481.02	\$61,850.00	\$61,850.00	\$66,702.95	
EXPENSES						
5020	Raffle Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
6010	EANGUS Dues	\$3,300.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,177.00	
6050	Membership Expense	\$1,153.69	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$494.27	
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	\$11,242.80	
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	\$2,003.27	
6500	Publications Expense	\$3,119.24	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,872.40	
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	\$33,331.54	
6670	Executive Council Mtg Exp	\$1,164.60	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$1,085.20	
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	
	Total Expenses	\$46,802.34	\$61,400.00	\$61,700.00	\$69,846.49	
Submitted By: Gary R. Hans, Treasurer, WNGEA		18 Jan 2025				

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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2025 WINGA/WNGEA State Conference Highlights



- Friday Hawaiian Social
- Corporate Partner Trade Show
- Joint Opening Ceremony
- Professional Development (PD)
- NGAUS Chairman MG Paul Rogers
- Professional Speaker Dave Davlin
- Legislative Briefing
- TAG/DAG Briefings
- Saturday Evening Banquet
- Complimentary Hospitality Suite
- WING Leadership Panel
- Four Complimentary Meals

2025 WINGA/WNGEA
State Conference
25-27 April

The DoubleTree Hotel
4402 East Washington Avenue
Madison, 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. The conference host units are the 115th Fighter Wing and Volk Field ANG Base.



- Early bird registration is 11 April. Go to <https://wngea.org/conference/> or scan QRC to the right on top.
- Hotel rooms are \$98 (single), \$98 (double)/night plus tax. Call 608.244.4703, Group Code: WIN or scan the QRC to the right on the bottom. Hotel room block closes on 11 April. <https://wngea.org/conference/>
- Friday night Ice Breaker Social is “Hawaiian Theme” so wear your favorite shirt. Attire for Saturday is business casual. Attire for Saturday evening dinner is “business attire with ASU/Class A/Mess Dress uniforms optional”



WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

WNGEA Schedule of Events

Double Tree Madison East, Madison, WI (25-27 April 2025)

Friday, 25 April 2025

1500 – 2130	Registration Check-in	Hallway by Koshkonong Room
1600 – 1700	WNGEA Executive Council Meeting	Nekoosa Ballroom
1800 – 2100	Vendor/Exhibit Display	Crystal Lakes Ballroom & Hallway
1800 – 2100	Childcare (Be sure to register for childcare)	Hotel Suite
1800 – 2100	Ice Breaker/Social (Taste of Wisconsin/Exhibitors)	Crystal Lakes Ballroom & Hallway
2100 – 2400	Joint Hospitality Room Open (50/50 Raffle/Prizes)	Washington Ballroom & Hallway

Saturday, 26 April 2025

0700 – 0830	Registration Check In	Hallway by Koshkonong Room
0700 – 0815	Continental Breakfast (All Registered Guests)	Washington Ballroom
0730 – 0815	Brig Gen May (Officer/NCO) (PD*)	Two Lakes Ballroom
0815 – 0830	Break	
0830 – 1030	Joint Business Session (PD*) (Award Ceremony)	Crystal Lakes Ballroom
0900 – 1600	Green Room (VIP's/Speakers)	Nekoosa Room
1030 – 1045	Break	
1045 – 1145	WNGEA Annual Business Meeting (PD*)	Two Lakes Ballroom
1145 – 1300	PD Luncheon/Legislative Brief (All Reg. Guests)	Crystal Lakes Ballroom
1300 – 1315	Break	
1315 – 1415	Enlisted Breakout (CSM/CCM) (PD*)	Two Lakes Ballroom
1315 – 1415	Officer Breakout (MG Rogers/dave Davlin) (PD*)	Washington Ballroom
1315 – 1415	Spouse Listening Session	Yahara Room
1415 – 1430	Break	
1430 – 1600	State Leader Panel (TAG,DAGs,CSM,CCM) (PD*)	Crystal Lakes Ballroom
1415 – 1600	Spouse/Guest (Paint and Sip)	Yahara Room
1600 – 1800	Free Time	
1730 – 1800	Banquet Registration (Those not registered)	Hallway by Crystal Lakes Ballroom
1800 – 1900	Banquet Reception Social hour (132d Army Band)	Hallway by Crystal Lakes Ballroom
1800 – 2100	Child Care Service (Be sure to register for childcare)	Hotel Suite
1900 – 2100	Banquet/Banquet Event	Crystal Lakes Ballroom
2100 – 2400	Joint Hospitality Room Open (50/50 Raffle/Prizes)	Washington Ballroom & Hallway

Sunday, 27 April 2025

0830 – 0930	Continental Breakouts	Crystal Lakes Ballroom
0930 – 1100	(PD*) Army Officer/Enlisted	Washington Ballroom
0930 – 1100	(PD*) Air Officer/Enlisted	Two Lakes Ballroom

PD* Classes are mandatory for all Professional Development Personnel on orders.

WINGA/WNGEA Joint State Conference Registration Form

Hosts: 115th Fighter Wing and Volk Field ANG Base

Dates: 25-27 April 2025

Location: The Double Tree by Hilton Madison East, 4402 E Washington Ave, Madison, WI 53704

Room Block Deadline: 11 Apr 2025 - \$98 (2 queen beds), \$98 (king/king studio/king with sofa bed)/night plus tax. **Room**

Block Name: "WIN" Call 608-244-4703, Scan the QRC, or go to the **web link** to reserve rooms in the room block.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=MSNMADT&arrivalDate=2025-04-25&departureDate=2025-04-27&groupCode=CDTWIN&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2CDirectLink>

Event Registration Methods: 1) **Online:** <https://wngesa.org/conference/> 2) **Phone App:** search (WNGEA) & download from your app store 3) **Submit this form** & enclose a check payable to "2025 Joint WING Conference".
Send to: WNGEA, ATTN: SGM (Ret) Gary R. Hans, 2400 Wright Street, Rm #158, Madison, WI 53704



Conference Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 11, 2025	Rank (write-in)	Active/Retire (Select One)	WINGA/WNGEA/ Paid Status (Select One)	Army/Air (Select One)
Member Name (Last, First): _____		Active/Retire	WINGA/WNGEA/ Paid Status	Army/Air
Guest Name (Last, First): _____		Active/Retire	WINGA/WNGEA/ Paid Status	Army/Air

Home Address: Street, City, State, Zip Code
Unit:

Civilian Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Event	#	Price	Total
Conference Registration Fee (Early Bird Special)		\$30.00 / per adult	
Conference Registration Fee (After 11 April 2025)		\$40.00 / per adult	
Conference Registration for Kids (17 & under)		FREE	

Friday, April 25, 2025

Registration (Koshkonong Hallway)	Prices Listed Above		
Ice Breaker & Trade Show (Crystal Lakes Ballroom) Theme: Hawaiian Attire: Hawaiian Shirt Food: Nacho Bar, Veggies, Taste of Wisconsin		FREE	
FREE Childcare: 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 Rm. (Washington Ballroom) Attire: Hawaiian Casual

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Registration (Koshkonong Hallway)	Prices Listed Above		
Continental Breakfast (Washington Ballroom)		FREE	
Joint Opening Session / Awards Program [PD] Attire: Business Casual (Crystal Lakes Ballroom)		N/A	
WINGA/WNGEA Association Business Meetings [PD] (Washington Ballroom/Two Lakes Ballroom)		N/A	
Luncheon with Corporate Partners [PD] (Crystal Lakes Ballroom)		FREE	
Afternoon Sessions [PD] Army/Air & Officer/Enlisted Breakouts, State Leadership Panel		N/A	
Spouse/Guest Listening Session		FREE	
Spouse/Guest Event: Paint and Sip		\$25.00/person	
Social, Dinner & Entertainment (Crystal Lakes Ballroom) Attire: Semiformal, Business Attire (Sport Coat & Tie) Dietary Restrictions: e.g. Gluten Free (GF), Vegetarian, Vegan, other: _____	Stuffed Pork Chop ____ Tilapia ____ Pasta Primavera ____		
FREE Childcare: 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 Rm. (Washington Ballroom) Attire: Casual

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Continental Breakfast (Crystal Lakes Ballroom)		FREE	
Morning Sessions [PD] Army/Air Professional Development (Washington Ballroom & Two Lakes Ballroom)		N/A	
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (to help cover expenses)			

Grand Total: _____



The Wisconsin National Guard Officer/Enlisted Associations wants to thank you for registering to attend the 2025 WINGA/WNGEA State Conference at the Double Tree Madison East in Madison, WI. Special thanks to our host units, the 115th Fighter Wing and the Volk Field ANG Base. 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 Double Tree Madison East, 4402 E. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI, stop by the conference registration table on your left from the main entrance. 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 \$98.00/per night plus tax. If you haven't already done so, you can reserve a room at the Double Tree Madison East by calling 608-244-4703. Room block name is "WIN" under the Wisconsin National Guard. Reservation Deadline is 11 April 2025.
- 3. Family Activities:** there are many tourist activities in the Madison area for your enjoyment. On Saturday at the Double Tree Madison East we will be offering a "Paint and Sip" class and a Spouse Listening Session. Childcare is available on Friday and Saturday evenings. Sign up for child care is on the registration form.
- 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 State Conferences of the future.
- 5. Dress Code:**
 - Ice Breaker Social:** has a Hawaiian theme. Hospitality Room is Casual.
 - Award Ceremony, Business meetings, Professional Development:** Business Casual Saturday Social.
 - Banquet meal:** Semi-formal, Business Attire, or Military Uniform (ASU/Class A/Mess Dress)
- 6. Conference App:** Go to the App store and enter WNGEA (Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association). Once the app is downloaded, click on "event" at the bottom of the page for Conference details..
- 7. Ice Breaker Social:** this event is our meet and greet social combined with our corporate partner trade show. We have @15 vendor tables this year. This event is 6:00-9:00 pm on Friday in the Crystal Lakes Ballroom, (see hotel floor plan). This event has a Hawaiian theme, so you are welcome to wear your favorite Hawaiian attire. Food and beverages are provided including complimentary "Taste of Wisconsin". There is also a cash bar available. Do not consume alcohol if you are not of legal age. There will be Bingo prizes, 50:50 raffle, games and much more.

8. **Vendor Bingo:** During the Ice Breaker, we have an optional vendor bingo game. Get all of the bingo logos stamped by the vendors and turn your card in for great prizes. If you decide to not play bingo, please take the time to introduce yourself and thank our corporate partners.
9. **Joint Hospitality Rooms:** Please wear your name badge both evenings.
Friday Evening (9:00 pm to 12:00 am): the Hospitality room is located in the Washington Ballroom. Complimentary beverages and snacks are available both evenings.
Saturday Evening (9:00 pm to 12:00 am): the Hospitality room will be in the Washington Ballroom.
10. **Meals:** all meals are complimentary and included in your registration, with the exception of the banquet which was an optional additional charge of \$40/person. Check the conference schedule or the conference app for times and locations.
11. **Joint Opening Ceremony:** this event takes place in the Crystal Lakes Ballroom from 8:30-10:30 am on Saturday. Dress is business casual. This is our opening program and includes the WNGEA Award Presentations for the National Guard Army and Airmen of the year. The Color Guard will be sponsored by the Wisconsin Challenge Academy. The Wisconsin Adjutant General will provide opening remarks.
12. **Award Recipients:** individual awards will be presented during the Opening Ceremony. When your name is called, please come forward to receive your award from senior military leaders. A photo session will take place at the conclusion of the ceremony.
13. **Professional Development (PD) Sessions:** there are several PD sessions on Saturday, see the Conference agenda. Military leaders and professional speakers will offer a variety of topics to enhance your military and civilian careers. Spouses are welcome to attend all conference events. Those of you in a paid status should attend all PD Sessions.
14. **WINGA/WNGEA Annual Business Meetings:** these two PD sessions are conducted concurrently on Saturday morning from 10:45 am to 11:45 pm. All officers and enlisted are expected to attend their respective association meetings.
15. **Your Wisconsin National Guard State Conference is hosted by the 115th Fighter Wing and the Volk Field ANG Base and sponsored by the Wisconsin National Guard Association, Inc (WINGA) and the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association, Inc. (WNGEA).** These Associations are membership-based organizations which provide programs and services to benefit Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and their families. Please consider membership in one or more of these organizations so they can enhance future benefits for the National Guard community.

Your 2025 Conference Planning Team.



Wisconsin National Guard Conference 25-27 April 2025, The Double Tree Madison East

WINGA and WNGEA are happy to offer childcare for Friday and Saturday evening to allow those members with young children to attend with their spouse or guest. We hope this will add to the experience and all maximum participation during the event.

- Events Covered: Ice Breaker – Friday Night and the Banquet – Saturday Night. (1800 to 2100)
- Singing up:
 - Members will be able to sign-up their children for childcare utilizing either the electronic (website) or manual registration functions.
 - Members will also have the option to sign-up at the conference, but space will be limited to the number of attendants we have (no more than a 10 to 1 ratio).
- **Parent(s)' Responsibilities:**
 - Members, from now on referred to as parents, will leave point of contact information with the childcare room attendants – i.e. a cell phone number. Parents will be contacted if one of the following issues arise.
 - Parents will be responsible for all potty incidents where the child is not fully potty trained. Childcare providers will escort children to and from bathrooms, but will not assist with wiping, diaper changes, etc. Parents will be called/texted to the childcare room to further assist their child.
 - The child is misbehaving to the point that attendants can no longer keep him/her safe or other children safe. Incidents include biting, kicking, hitting, yelling/screaming (for a sustained period of time), etc.
 - Children will NOT be fed dinner at childcare. Parents MUST feed their children prior to drop-off. Snacks will be available, but nothing substantial and will be on a first come first serve basis.

Regards,

Your 2025 Conference Committee

Company Grade Officer and Enlisted Professional Development Training

The 115th Fighter Wing is hosting the 2025 Wisconsin National Guard State Conference at the DoubleTree Hotel, 4402 E. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI, on 25-27 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 Interim 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.



Brig. Gen. David W. May is Wisconsin's deputy adjutant general for Air. He is currently serving as the Interim Adjutant General. He serves as the chief advisor on all matters pertaining to Air National Guard programs, policies, operations, management and command and control of the Wisconsin Air National Guard. He also provides staff assistance guidance and direction concerning Air National Guard personnel, administration, training, recruiting and retention incentives, and budgetary matters. Gen. May is responsible for more than 2,300 Wisconsin Air National Guard personnel serving in two flying wings and a Combat Readiness

Training Center at Volk Field Air National Guard Base. Brig. Gen. May earned a bachelor's degree in music at Kent State University in 1993. He earned a master's degree in music at the University of Michigan in 1994, and a doctorate in philosophy, organization and management at Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2003. He completed Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base by correspondence, Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, and Air War College at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force base by correspondence. Brig. Gen. May received his commission through the Air Force Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in August 1996. He has held a variety of command and staff positions at the wing, combatant command, Air Staff, and Joint Force Headquarters level. His staff tours include HQ U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, HQ Air Force Cyber Command (Provisional), U.S. Transportation Command, and the Joint Force Headquarters of the Wisconsin National Guard. He assumed his current rank and duties April 16, 2020. Prior to his current assignment, he commanded Volk Field Air National Guard Base, Camp Douglas, Wisconsin, which includes the Combat Readiness Training Center, the 128th Air Control Squadron, and the 126th Weather Flight. Brig. Gen. May's major military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long, and the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold birder and one oak leaf cluster.



Over 25 years ago, Dave Davlin began bringing smiles to faces with a form of entertainment he developed as a young boy. From NBA and major college arenas across America to the Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea— and even to the world-famous Branson Strip— “Travelin” Davlin has entertained people of every age and background. His amazing ability with basketballs even landed his name and picture in the 1990 Guinness Book of World Records. Dave began to hone his speaking skills in the early 90’s as a national speaker in the public schools across America.

Combining his entertainment ability with a powerful message, he was instrumental in the fight for education and against drugs. At the advice of friends working in corporate America, Dave began to develop presentations for the corporate and association market and the rest is history. He now speaks at numerous corporate and associational conferences each year. From public school students to CEOs, Dave’s message has made a difference in the lives of thousands, and his impact continues to grow each year as he shares his philosophy and wisdom through speaking and writing.

LOOKING FOR A PART TIME JOB

Job Announcement **State Insurance Administrator**

Resumes are being accepted for the State Insurance Administrator (SIA). The SIA manages the Department of Military Affairs State, Sponsored Life Insurance Program (SSLI) which is administered by the Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA). This is a part-time position under the supervision of the WINGA Executive Director. The SIA must be a licensed insurance agent in the State of Wisconsin. Compensation is based on experience and qualifications. The position will remain open until it is filled. To receive a copy of the job announcement, job description, and fringe benefits, contact Michael Williams, WINGA Executive Director at 608.242.3114 or michael.j.williams@winga.org

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**

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**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

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SAVE THE DATE FOR EANGUS CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR



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WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

AWARDS REPORT

**Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI
26-28 April 2024**

2024 Air Guard Award Recipients

2024 AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

SSgt Boaz Rodriguez
Volk Field CRTC, 128th ACS

2024 NCO OF THE YEAR

TSgt Charles Call
128th ARW (LRS)

2024 SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR

SMSgt Kevin Nelson
128th ARW (AMXS)

2024 FIRST SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

MSgt Andrea Rhode
115th FW (SFS)

2024 Army Guard Award Recipients

2024 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

SPC Tevin Kenton
C Trp, 1-105th CAV

2024 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR (Alternate)

SPC Sophia Kovnesky
3561st Quartermaster Platoon, 732d CSS Bn

2024 NCO OF THE YEAR

SSG Alexander Kilbane
HHD, 2d Bn 426th RTI

2024 NCO OF THE YEAR (Alternate)

SGT Taylor Peecher
724th ENGR BN

Awards Chair, WNGEA



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2024

**RESOLUTION
PROPOSALS
REPORT**

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REVISION 2
17 July 2024

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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

USAA

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

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

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD WE CARE FOR AMERICA FOUNDATION (WCFA)

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

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

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

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

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

Eligibility

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



State Sponsored **Life Insurance Program (SSLI)**

The Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA) makes available affordable group term life insurance for Soldiers and Airmen; including Active Duty (AGR and Technicians), M-Day, Veterans and Retirees.

The advantages of SSLI* are:

- **Most valid claims are paid within 24 hours.**
- **You can keep your insurance with no premium increase when you separate from the Guard** (rates increase as you enter a new age bracket).
- **After the first year of coverage, Guardsmen receive a 70% increase in coverage at no additional cost to you.**
- **\$1,000 of life insurance at no-cost to all Guardsmen.**
- **Premiums are payroll deductible.**
- **New Guardsmen receive \$10,000 coverage at no cost for one year.**

Other important features of the SSLI Insurance Plan are:

- Base coverage is available from \$10,000 to \$45,000.
- Maximum coverage with the 70% increase is \$77,500.
- Coverage is available for your spouse to age 70.
- Dependent children covered to age 21 or 25 if a full-time student.
- No health underwriting required for dependent children.
- Coverage is 24 hours/day, 365 days/year.
- No war clause, aviation accident or hazardous duty restrictions.
- Members 18-59 years of age are eligible to apply for insurance coverage.
- Coverage reduces by 50% at age 60 with premiums remaining the same.

Office Location: JFHQ, 2400 Wright Street, Room #162, Madison, WI 53704

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phone: 608/242-3100 Fax: 608/242-3106

E-mail: insinfo@winga.org Web Page: www.winga.org/insurance.html

Underwritten by Armed Forces Benefits Association (AFBA), 909 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.
Policy #: MAT POL Ed. WINGABROR0119. This is a brief summary of benefits available under SSLI Group Life Plan. For specific provisions, please refer to the Certificate of Insurance.

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

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OFFICIAL UNIT DESIGNATION/NAME: _____

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

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WNGEA

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Check # _____ Processed by: _____

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**Do not write in this area.
Suggest to photo copy before mailing.**

*****LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES- \$220.00**

This is our new Life Membership price.

This is a special discounted price that may go up in the future.

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States will provide a Life Membership Card by mail.

Questions? Contact me

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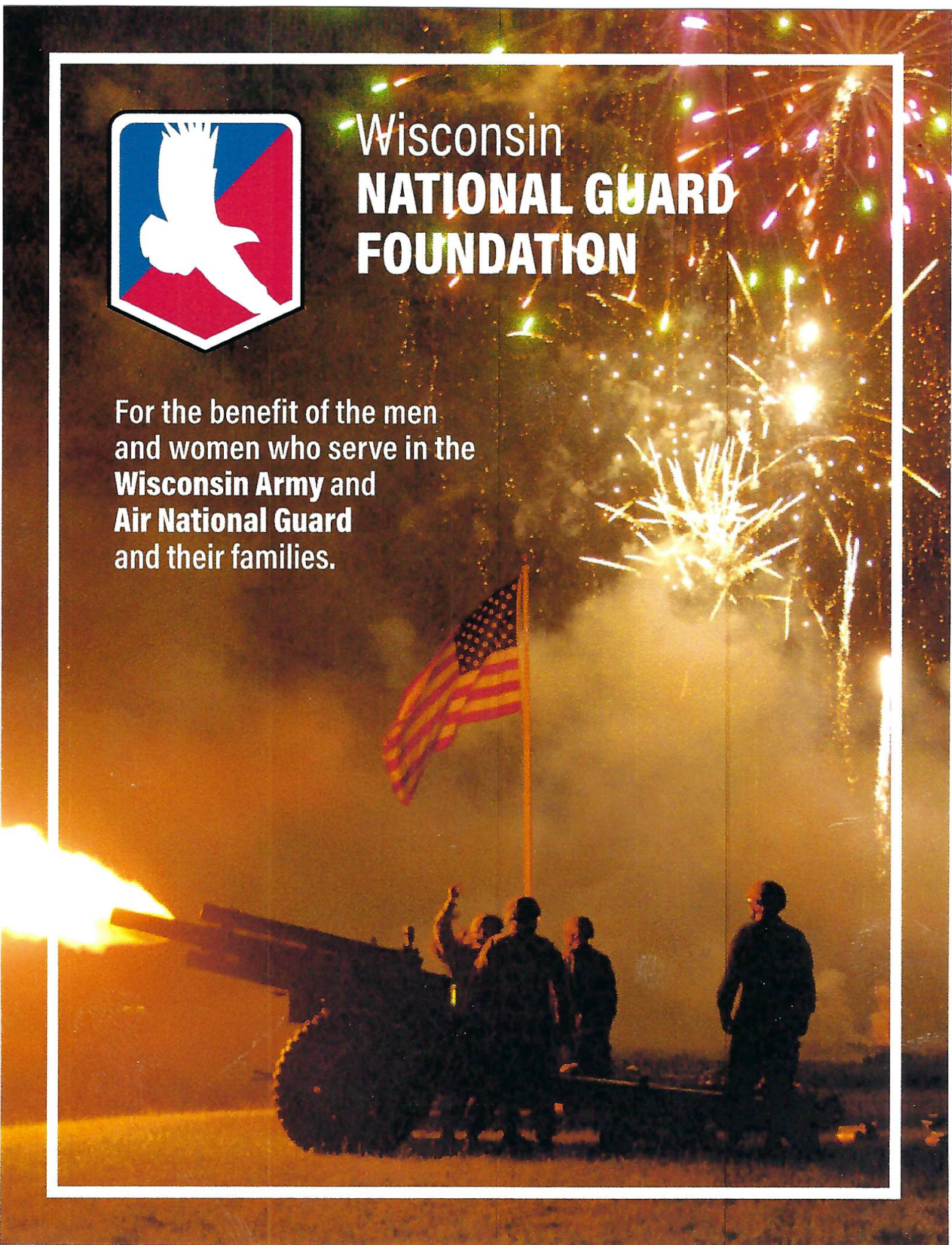
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