



## Company Grade Officer and Enlisted Professional Development Training



The 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and Volk Field ANGB are co-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). 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 D. Rogers is the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard and serves as the Director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. He commands and directs more than 150 units that comprise the Michigan National Guard (approximately 10,500 soldiers and airmen) and oversees the employment of more than 700 State and 300 Federal employees that make up the department's branch operations which include Michigan Veterans Homes, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, State Operations and the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy. MG Rogers received his commission

through the Reserve Officer Training Corps as a graduate from Michigan Technological University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering. Prior to being selected as the Michigan Adjutant General, MG Rogers served as Commander of the 177<sup>th</sup> Regional Training Institute, Deputy Commanding General of the 46<sup>th</sup> Military Police Command, and Commander of the 507<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom. MG Rogers also served as Deputy Commander, US Army Tank Automotive and Armaments Command. During this assignment, Dr. Rogers was responsible for implementing comprehensive and cohesive strategy providing acquisition, logistics and sustainment support for over 3,000 soldiers that operated at ten major U.S. Army installations, 70 worldwide locations, and base operations at three depots and two arsenals. Dr. Rogers was directly accountable for an annual budget of \$4.7B and an additional \$2B in foreign military sales. Dr. Rogers supervised a workforce of over 18,800 combined military and civilian employees. His major decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters. In 2024, MG Rogers was elected to the position of NGAUS Chairman of the Board.



CSM (Ret) Robert Sweeney currently serves as the President of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) and Executive Director of the Washington National Guard Association. CSM Sweeney previously served as Senior Enlisted Leader of the 205<sup>th</sup> Leadership Regiment covering 15 regional NCOES Schools, and CSM of the 81<sup>st</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team during combat operations in Ramadi, Iraq. He is Past President

of the National Guard Executive Directors Association (NGEDA). Mr. Sweeney will provide a briefing on pending legislative initiatives to benefit the National Guard.



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 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.

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