

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

**WNGEA QUARTERLY MEETING  
JFHQ, Room 160, Madison, WI  
DATE: 18 January 2025**

**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 Vice President at 9:30. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**02. Area V Directors Update.**  
Nothing to report at this time.

**03. Unscheduled Guests or Presentations.**  
There were no unscheduled guests or presentations at this meeting.

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

**05. Treasurer's Report:** Present, written report on file.  
Treasurer's Report was accepted by the Vice 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:** Not Present, no written report on file.  
SMSgt Jason Walker plans to attend the Legislative Workshop in Washington DC.

**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.  
The membership committee to include Stephanie Corson, Rich Kocejka, Alyssa Meyers, Curtis Leren, and Sharon Booth are meeting quarterly to discuss and strategize ways to obtain more members. Stephanie and Alyssa will start reaching out to Yellow Ribbon, Family Readiness, and other organizations/programs to see how they can help us incorporate WNGEA into their activities to enhance the enlisted members' awareness and knowledge about WNGEA and to

include its importance and purpose. Other ideas for recruitment include creating a one-page pamphlet or brochure to hand out to new soldiers and airmen, creating patches and/or coins to hand out at the annual conference, ensure recruiters are knowledgeable about WNGEA and are able to share information about WNGEA to new members or possible recruitments, give out free one-year WNGEA memberships, and to upload an informational link on WNGEA website.

**12. Junior Enlisted Report: Joint Army-Air Report:** Present, no written report on file. Stephanie has reached out to the National Junior Enlisted Counsel to pursue ideas regarding membership recruitment and has received no response. She was asked to follow-up with EANGUS's Vice President, Josh Baker to see if he can help.

Jay Brody conducted a briefing to approximately 150 soldiers/airmen regarding WNGEA at the Junior Enlisted Orientation Program (JEOP) held at Volk Field.

**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:** Not Present, written report on file. No changes at this time.

**16. Publications Report:** Present, no written report on file. Bucky's Bulletin Spring of 2025 is currently being assembled. The deadline to provide Patti with articles for the Bucky is Tuesday, January 25, 2025. Gary will be sending her information regarding the WING Conference being held on 25-27 April 2025 at Double Tree at the Hilton in Madison, Wisconsin.

**17. Education Selection Report:** Present, written report on file. Scholarship Opportunities: Instructions and scholarship application form can be found on WNGEA's website: [www.wngea.org](http://www.wngea.org)

**18. Awards Report:** Position Vacant, no written report on file. Stephanie Corson has expressed interest in Awards Manager position.

**19. Insurance Report:** Present, written report on file.

- For more information regarding the State Sponsored Life Insurance Program you can go to WNGEA's website at [www.wngea.org](http://www.wngea.org).
- The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association also 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. To find more information about this program and the application go to 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.  
Barry Hilbert is the new Historian.

**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.

**25. NEW BUSINESS**

**2025 EANGUS Presidents & Legislative Workshop in Washington DC (23-25 Feb 2025)**

- **EANGUS State Presidents & Legislative Workshop - Feb. 23-25, 2025**

**Location:** True Reformer Building, NGAUS Hall of States, Capitol Hill

**Host Hotel:** [Courtyard Washington, DC/U.S. Capitol](#) | \$179 + tax

(Room block ends on 23 Jan 2025)

**Registration fees:**

- State Presidents Workshop (only) – \$75
- Legislative Workshop – \$125
- Attend both conferences – \$150
- Guest attendance (does not include workshop) – \$25
- Tabletop Exhibit for the President's Workshop – \$250

**\*\*No Refunds after 1 FEB 2025\*\***

**2025 WINGA Conference /PD at DoubleTree by Hilton in Madison, WI (25-27 April 2025)**

- The 2025 WINGA Conference/Professional Development (PD) will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Madison East in Madison, WI on 25-27 April 2025. This conference will be hosted by the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (FW) in Madison, WI.
- Bobbie Coker will reserve a block of rooms.
- The conference schedule can be found on WNGEA's website: [www.wngea.org](http://www.wngea.org)

**2025 Area V Caucus, Omaha, NE (16-18 May 2025) (possibly at 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, Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV (10-15 August 2025)**

- The conference itself is scheduled for 11-14 with August 10 and 15 being travel days.
- WNGEA Standards of Conduct; discussed and agreed upon. All reimbursable WNGEA Executive Council members going to the EANGUS Conference will need to work with the President (or VP under President direction) to determine what meetings to attend and when to be on the floor as a Delegate (full attention given to the speakers- limited cell phone use). Each will have assignments to report back (verbal) to the Executive Council for the good of WNGEA/WING Soldiers and Airmen. The goal is to have assignments and expectations prior to the conference. Contact Gary at [WNGEA@yahoo.com](mailto:WNGEA@yahoo.com) if you're going to the conference for Treasurer-Exec Director planning.
- 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

**2025 Officer/Enlisted Sportsman Challenge, Sun Prairie, WI (19 Sep 2025)**

- The 2025 Officer/Enlisted Sportsman Challenge will be held at the North Bristol Sportsman's Club in Sun Prairie, WI on Friday, September 19, 2025.

**2025 RAD Meeting, Fort McCoy, WI, WINGA/WNGEA Combined Table (27 Sep 2025)**

- The 2025 Retirement Active Duty (RAD) Meeting will be held at Fort McCoy on 27 Sep 2025.
- Bobbie Coker has volunteered to man the table.

**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:**

- **2025 WNGEA/EANGUS Scholarships, Identify Scholarship Committee**
  - SMSgt Jason Walker plans to set up a scholarship committee in May. Scholarship applications expected to be received in June.
- **WI ANG Best Warrior Competition, Fort McCoy, WI (6-9 March 2025)**
  - CSM Weyer reached out to Gary about the Wisconsin Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition which will be held at Fort McCoy, WI on 6-9 March 2025. Gary will look into what role WNGEA needs to accomplish for this competition.

**26. GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- A. Next Quarterly Meeting:** Location: Double Tree by Hilton in Madison, WI  
Date/Start Time: Friday, April 25, 2025 at 16:00

**B. Close of Meeting.**

**MOTION:** Secretary

Seconded: Vice President

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed by voice.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 hrs.

Rhonda Martinson

WNGEA Secretary

Transcribed 28 Feb 2025