



THE NGAW NEWS

THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

December 2008

From The NGAW President

John P. Carpenter

The National Guard Association of Washington (NGAW) Officers, Board and Committees have been working hard over the past five months in a number of areas. The website located at www.ngaw.org has been updated. JOIN NOW has been moved to the top and includes the function to join NGAW on-line. The NGAW website is a great tool to keep updated on activities within NGAW, EANGUS and NGAUS. We will continue to develop the website, so please check it out and if you have not yet renewed your membership or want to join, do it on-line.

The Strategic Plan has been updated and is available on the website. We have added the Committee Members Names to make it easy to identify who is working on each committee. The plan lists the mission, vision and short and long term goals of our organization. The plan will be our guide through 2018 for the various activities of NGAW. Check it out on the website.

NGAW will host Legislative Day at the State Capitol on January 26, 2009. This is our annual event that spotlights the National Guard. NGAW will host a breakfast reception for state legislators and participate with National Guard Leaders in hosting the events throughout the day. It is important that National Guard members know our State and National Representatives and that we contact them with your concerns on issues. Both NGAUS and EANGUS have "Write to Congress" portals on their websites. I strongly encourage you to visit the NGAUS or EANGUS websites and utilize the "Write to Congress" function for national legislative issues. The NGAW Legislative Committee will be participating with our Military Department Legislative team in following the progress of the bills being worked in Olympia that are of interest to NGAW members.

The NGAW Conference Committee is busy developing this year's Conference. The conference will be held in Spokane at Center Place on March 20-21, 2009. This year's conference will provide many opportunities for participation. We also plan on having a lot of FUN. Be looking for more information on the conference in this newsletter, in the mail and on the web site. Membership has been slowly increasing in NGAW. Our goal for this year is to increase our membership to 35%. We need everyone who is currently a member to encourage at least one non-member to join. NGAW needs to be a strong organization and we can only do that by

increasing our membership.

In addition to the State NGAW Conference we also want to encourage our members to attend the National Conventions. This year The NGAUS Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on September 11-13, 2009. The EANGUS Conference will be in Rochester, MN from August 9-13, 2009. These are important events. Be looking for more information on how you can attend.

NGAW is looking for people to participate on committees. I encourage you to review the Strategic Plan and the various committees. Call the NGAW office or any of the committee members to sign up. There are many opportunities to serve.



130th NGAUS General Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, September 20-22, 2008

Washington State had over twenty four members attend this year's NGAUS Conference. MG Lowenberg and BG Magonigle led the way throughout the three day event. The Maryland National Guard did a great job in hosting the conference. Washington participated in the development of resolutions and our input from our State Conference was incorporated into the final resolutions. The WA Air Guard was presented with several awards. There were many prestigious speakers at the conference to include LTG Blum, Senator Leahy, Secretary Gates, Air and Army Chiefs of Staff, Senator McCain and Senator Biden. The Washington delegation participated in all events and was well received at all of the Hospitality Venues. It was a great time and we are looking forward to next year at Nashville, Tennessee.

NGAW Conference 2009

March 20 - 21, 2008

Spokane, WA

Our conference will be in Spokane Valley this year. The event will be held at the Center Place Mirabeau Point Park. Our hotel, Oxford Suites (Spokane Valley) is minutes away and will offer free shuttle service for those who need it. Please mark your calendars now. The Conference Committee is planning a wonderful event for you this year. Reservations need to be made for your room on or by **Thursday, February 19, 2009**. Make sure you mention NGAW to get our special rate of Single King Suite, non smoking - \$87.00

Life Insurance

The State Sponsored Life Insurance Plan is a supplement to the SGLI program and is available to all active National Guard members and their families. All drilling National Guard members are automatically covered for \$1,000 in FREE insurance coverage. The supplemental coverage is available for up to an additional \$260,000 for the currently active National Guard members; \$155,000 for the spouse; and \$5,000 on dependent children. The maximum family coverage is available for those under the age of 50 for \$32.99 (non-smoker rates). If you would like to schedule a unit briefing on this benefit or would like to apply for coverage, please contact Bonny at the NGAW office at 1-800-588-6420.

Dues Renewal

It is that time of year for all the Officers and a large amount of the enlisted. Watch your email for your renewal notice and follow the instructions. You may choose to renew through the mail, in-person or on-line.

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Happy Holidays!



National Conference 2009

The NGAUS and EANGUS conferences are the best platforms for the Guard community to get together through outreach and continued professional development sessions. It's an opportunity to express your thoughts and concerns through your respective area representatives. Make a positive impact on the current and future direction and effectiveness of NGAUS or EANGUS and attend a conference this year.

EANGUS

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States

38th Annual Conference

Mayo Civic Center

Rochester, Minnesota

August 9-12, 2009

NGAUS

National Guard Association of the United States

131st NGAUS General Conference

Nashville, Tennessee

September 11-13, 2009

Up Coming Events

EANGUS

Area VI & VII Mid-Winter Conference

Jan 23, 2009 - Jan 25, 2009

Riviera Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas NV

Hotel Reservations

You must reserve your room before Dec 24, 2008

Legislative Day

NGAW will host Legislative Day at the State Capitol on January 26, 2009.



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License Plate

Olympia – Washington family members of eligible veterans and military personnel can purchase Armed Forces License Plates for their vehicles beginning in June 2008.

For additional information, please call 1-800-562-0132 option 1, or visit the WDVA website at <http://www.dva.wa.gov> and click on Armed Forces License Plates in Quick Links.

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NGAW Office Hours

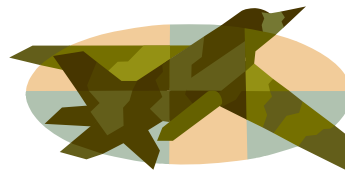
Normal business hours are Mon. – Fri. 9 am – 4 pm. **We are now open on drill Saturdays from 10 to 2 pm.** Due to vacations and sick days; there will be times when there is no one available at the office. Please take advantage of our voice mail 253-584-5411, or our email ngawa@aol.com to contact us.

Minuteman Fund Update

The NGAW continues to administer the Minuteman Fund and the Minuteman Emergency Assistance Program. So far this year we have received 129 grant applications asking for \$123,704.75. The board has approved 104 applications for a total of \$53,219.78 given to needy Guardsmen. The program is operating on very limited funds at this time, so if any of you would like to make a personal donation, please send your **tax-deductible contribution** made payable to the:

“Minuteman Fund”

c/o NGAW
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Tacoma, WA 98430-5144



TAPS

Clyde F. Good, MSG Retired, WA Air Guard
February 2008

Timothy Dean Juneman, SPC, HHC 1-161
March 5, 2008

Donald Lee Brakeville,
March 22, 2008

Dustin Lynn McCartney, 176th Engr Co
April 4, 2008

Carilyn Stock, MSG Retired, 194th Med Gp
July 26, 2008

Yancy Levi Goodwin, WA Army Guard
August 12, 2008

Stormie M. Johanson, MSG Retired, WA Air
Guard
September 6, 2008

Colonel Leon Floyd Aller, Jr. MD Retired
October 14, 2008

Brian Paul Welch, HHC 66th THTR AVN CMD
October 14, 2008

John Ray Wagner, MSG Retired, WA Air Guard
October 15, 2008

Dean Allan Sorensen, Co B (Det 1) 1-168 GSAB
November 18, 2008

Ricky Lee Enlow, JFHQ
November 27, 2008

If you know of anyone who has passed please let us know here at the office and we will include them in the next newsletter.

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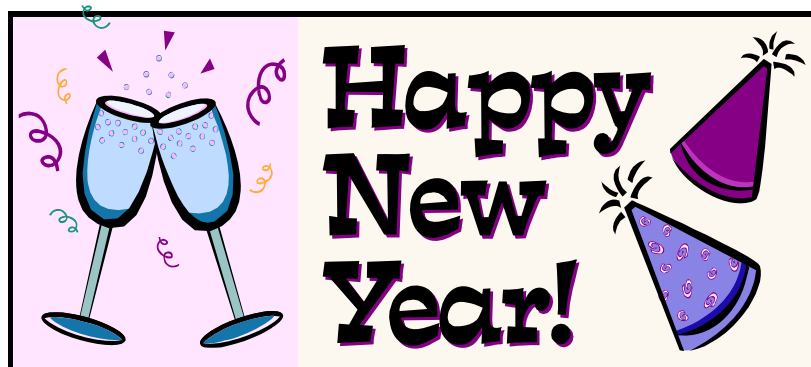
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