

THE VOICE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Members,

First of all, thank you for your continued support of the Association. It's been a quiet quarter as far as outward facing activities, but we've been busy at work on the board preparing for the year ahead.

- We held a planning session in June to lay out the events and activities for the 24-25 fiscal year, and we successfully built and passed the budget to support.
- We're heading into National Conference season with a strong plan. Both EANGUS and NGAUS will be in Detroit, and we have a good combination of young and seasoned members heading to the Motor City to represent the state.
- Our Director of Membership, Tanya Ulsted, has some fantastic ideas for outreach and events to share the information learned from our various state and national engagements. We're hoping to start that series in September, so stay tuned!
- Our Golf Tournament is just 10 days away! We're hoping for a strong presence from the players and our sponsors to fund another year of scholarships. The goal is to eclipse the \$12k we were able to award this year.
- We're continuing to work on a program with Boeing that should yield training and job opportunities for our Guard members and their families. Steve Vuleta, our Director of Development, continues to press hard to strengthen that Boeing relationship and develop others with our local businesses.

I am very proud of the hard work our board and committees continue to do to fight for the benefits our Guard Family deserves. *But we need you!* We need your ideas. We need to know what our membership truly wants and needs. If you have any ideas of things you want your association to pursue, please reach out! We have a strong team who will do what they can to make it happen. You can contact the office at ngaw@ngaw.org or reach out to me directly at president@ngaw.org. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Thanks,
Dan

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QUARTERLY NGAW MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Date: 18 July 2024 Call to Order: 4:32pm

Board Members Present: D. Wessman, Garcia, Vuleta, Ulsted

Employees Present: Golonka, Sweeney, M. Wessman

Quarterly Reports

Treasurer's Report: still in search of a new Treasurer

Business Report:

- Quarter Income: \$34,626.24
- SSLI Updates: 155 Enrollments in April, 112 in May
- Campground Updates: 87% occupancy
- Next 90 Days Key Actions: Dock Removal (17/18 Jul), Submit info packet to FMO for new dock (due 19 Jul), CG Contract extension talks with FMO

Development Report

- Corporate Sponsor Updates: MAK Technologies renewed their annual partnership
- Working with Boeing to create training program with WNG
- Next 90 Key Actions / Events: Follow-Ups for National Conferences; push Industry Day

Membership Report

- Working with JAG to produce letter of guidance for commanders with left/right limits on promoting NGAW and rules regarding professional organizations
- Creating a subcommittee to plan Membership events throughout the year
- Officers: 514, Enlisted: 453

Upcoming Events

12 Aug NGAW Golf Scramble, Capitol City Golf Club, Olympia

18-21 Aug EANGUS Conference, Detroit, MI

23-26 Aug NGAUS Conference, Detroit, MI

17 Oct Quarterly NGAW Board Meeting

Open Business

- **Proposals for Board Review:** none

Adjourn: 5:23pm

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UPCOMING 2024 GOLF SCRAMBLE

It's almost time to tee off for our 2024 NGAW Golf Scramble! Join us on the links of **Capitol City Golf Club** in Olympia on **Monday, August 12** for an 8am shotgun start. We'll follow a standard scramble format, with teams of 4, and Mulligans, string, and Caddy Packs will be available for purchase. Registration costs cover the price of golf, cart, range balls, and lunch.

Proceeds from the tournament fund our charitable NGAW Foundation and allow us to help WA Guard members with financial needs in education, emergency assistance, and family support. We raised over \$12,000 last year, and the goal this year is to surpass that! Help us help your fellow Guardsmen and their families.



Date: Monday, August 12th

Location: Capitol City Golf Club
5225 Yelm Highway SE,
Olympia, WA 98513

Cost: \$100/golfer



***Matching outfits are not required,
but always appreciated!***

Not a golfer? Join us as a volunteer. Or even better, sponsor a hole or donate a raffle item!

For more information and to register, visit: <https://ngaw.org/events/golf/>

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UPCOMING NATIONAL CONFERENCES

Both the EANGUS (18-21 Aug) and NGAUS (23-26 Aug) national conferences will be held in Detroit, MI later this month. The Motor City is calling, and we'd like to help you get there.



The national conferences are valuable professional development opportunities that allow you to get involved at the national level and have an impact not just on your career but also on the future of the National Guard. These events are open to current Guardsmen and retirees. Attendees will participate in multiple sessions with senior military leaders and officials.



SAVE THE DATE: 2024 INDUSTRY DAY

We're excited to announce that we've have set the dates for our upcoming Industry Day! Join us and our Corporate Partners on **Thursday, Nov. 7** in Building 81 (PCRC) on Camp Murray.



Do you run a Guard-owned business? We want you to join us at Industry Day! Contact our office for details.



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2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, we awarded over \$11,000 in scholarships to our members and their dependents! This is the largest total number of scholarships, as well as the largest total dollar amount we have ever awarded! Scholarship recipients this year come from all over the state and include members from both the Army and Air Force, spouses, and children. Thank you to all the outstanding applicants for the time and effort you put into your applications, and congratulations to those receiving awards!



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DO YOU HAVE A LIFETIME MEMEBRSHIP?

Is remembering to renew your NGAW membership each year a struggle? Do you wish there was a set-it-and-forget-it option? There is! NGAW has affordable lifetime membership options for both Enlisted and Officers.

These memberships are offered to both those currently serving in the WA National Guard, as well as retirees, and installment payment options are available. For more information contact ngaw@ngaw.org or visit: ngaw.org/membership-account/membershiplevels/.

Lifetime Member Benefits Include:

- Dedicated advocates in Olympia and on Capitol Hill fighting for your benefits
- Access to exclusive professional development, networking and educational opportunities
- Eligibility for member and dependent scholarships
- Insurance supplements designed for members of the National Guard
- The opportunity to serve on association committees and task forces that help drive the future of Guard advocacy
- A super cool commemorative NGAW insulated mug!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 12 NGAW Golf Tournament

Aug 18-21 EANGUS Conference

Aug 23-26 NGAUS Conference

Nov 7 NGAW Industry Day



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