



Future Meetings / Conferences

Virginia National Guard Association (VNGA)

52nd Annual Conference 2012- Williamsburg, VA 20-22 April

NGAUS

2012- Reno, NV 9-12 Sept

2013- Honolulu, HI 20-23 Sept

2014- Chicago, IL 22-25 Aug

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2012- Reno, NV 19-21 Jan

2013- Honolulu, HI 21-23 Jan

2014- Chicago, IL 13-15 Jan

2011- 2012 VNGA Executive Council Quarterly Meeting Dates:

23 July 2011

22 October 2011

25 February 2012

20 April 2012

AGAUS

2012- Lincoln NE 3-7 Jun

EANGUS

2012- Long Beach, CA 24-29 Aug

2013- Sioux Falls, SD 18-22 Aug



Special Thanks to our 2011 Corporate Members:

Platinum:

- DRASH
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- WL GORE Associates

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- ARINC
- CALIBRE
- Northrop Grumman L-3 Communications
- AFBA 5 Star Association ESS

Silver:

- Raytheon
- Deployed Resources
- Revision

Bronze:

- Harris Corp W.Governors University
- Stevens Office Supply Cave Systems
- Arrowpoint
- Communications Applied Technology

VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- VNGA/DMA Legislative Event
- VNGA Conference
- 52nd VNGA Annual Conference Registration Form
- Future Conferences and Meetings
- Corporate Members

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VNGA NEWS

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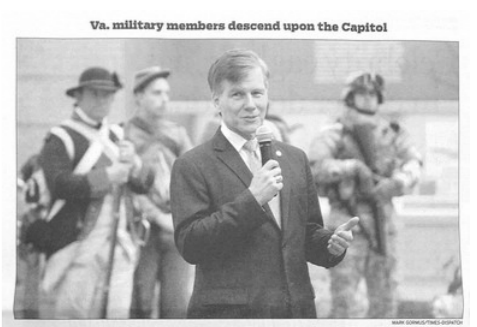
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VNGA LEGISLATIVE NEWS



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service to commonwealth and country at a legislative reception hosted Jan. 18 by the Virginia Guard Officer's Association and Virginia Guard Enlisted Association at the Library of Virginia in Richmond. Approximately 20 Soldiers and Airmen who have served on federal active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan were invited to the reception to share their experiences with the legislators in attendance, and Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Long, Jr., the Adjutant General of Virginia, gave a brief update on the Virginia National Guard. Re-enactors from the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation dressed in military uniforms spanning the more than 400 years of the Virginia Guard service to commonwealth and country were also on hand. Earlier in the day, Virginia National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and members of the Virginia Defense Force displayed some of the Guard's capabilities for state active duty outside the General Assembly building.



Gov. Bob McDonnell spoke during Wednesday's state Capitol visit by members of the Virginia's National Guard units.

Guard warns of needs

Adjutant general says resources from federal Gov. Bob McDonnell and members of the Virginia General Assembly commend the Virginia National Guard for the organization's service to commonwealth and country at a legislative reception hosted Jan. 18 by the Virginia Guard Officer's Association and Virginia Guard Enlisted Association at the Library of Virginia in Richmond. Approximately 20 Soldiers and Airmen who have served on federal active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan were invited to the reception to share their experiences with the legislators in attendance, and Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Long, Jr., the Adjutant General of Virginia, gave a brief update on the Virginia National Guard. Re-enactors from the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation dressed in military uniforms spanning the more than 400 years of the Virginia Guard service to commonwealth and country were also on hand. Earlier in the day, Virginia National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and members of the Virginia Defense Force displayed some of the Guard's capabilities for state active duty outside the General Assembly building.



National Guard general warns of dwindling resources (Richmond Times-Dispatch) www2.timesdispatch.com/news/virginia-politics/2012/jan/19...



Article and photos from Virginia National Guard Public Affairs Office

Committee Reports

TIME AND PLACE:

The 2012 Annual Conference is being hosted by the JFHQ-VA at the McGruder Crown Plaza Williamsburg, VA on 20-22 April 2012. Registration will be available on-line in Late February. You can download and mail your form or complete the included registration form and mail it to the Host Conference Committee staff.

BYLAWS AND SOP:

The By-Laws and the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) has been posted to the VNGA web site, www.vnga.org. There are three proposed changes also posted for your review. All request for By-Law changes are to be submitted to the President, CW5 Eddie Whitt, with copies sent to the Executive Director, Lt Col (Ret) M. Colleen Chipper, and the By-Laws Chairman, CW4(Ret) John D. Velleca not later than 90 days prior to the conference as noted in Article X of the current By-Laws. The e-mail addresses of the above listed individuals are as follows: CW5 Eddie Whitt, eddie.whitt@us.army.mil

Lt Col (ret) Colleen Chipper, vnga@verizon.net and

CW4 (Ret) Velleca, jval23@att.net.

SCHOLARSHIP:

The Scholarship Committee has selected the winners and amounts to be awarded to the scholarship applicants for this year. Presentations will be made at the Annual Conference. The Committee will accept applications for the 2012 school year for officers and their family members starting in May 2012. Please contact

the VNGA Scholarship Committee Chairman, LTC Tony Schlager, at tony.schlager@gmail.com or the Executive Director, Colleen Chipper at vnga@verizon.net

AWARDS:

The following awards were given at the last Annual Conference:

Harry Q. Rose: ILT Eric Johnson

James E. Hurt Award: 183rd RTI

Meritorious Service (VNGA): Sonny Louie for his significant work on the VNGA website

Scholarships: Christine Kerrigan, Capt Antoinette Allen, MAJ Jennifer Martin, Ms. Laura Huxtable.

Please submit any recommendations for individuals or units to be considered for VNGA recognition at the Annual Conference in April. Submit nominees to the awards committee. *chairman*, MAJ Chrysti Fraizer at crysti.fraizer@us.army.mil.

NOMINATIONS:

If you would like to be considered in the future for one of the officer positions on the executive council, please contact Chairman, COL Paul Griffin or Executive Director and send resume to vnga@verizon.net. All applications will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee and the proposed slate of Officers will be presented to the Executive Council. Other nominations can be taken from the floor at the Annual Conference.

LEGISLATIVE

VNGA will hosted a successful legislative breakfast and a Joint Reception with Department of Military Affairs and the Virginia

Enlisted Association at the Congressional Library in Richmond Virginia on 18 January 2012. Please contact CPT Cheryl Stacklin, Legislative Committee Chairman, at Cheryl_stacklin@us.army.mil if you have any legislative issues to be discussed at the next Executive Council meeting.

FINANCE:

The finance committee conducted a teleconference meeting to discuss future budget issues. MAJ Mike Anliker will resume the duties as the Finance Committee Chairman from COL (Ret) Mike Coleman in March 2012.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions present the issues most important to the Virginia National Guard. The three main objectives articulated by the resolutions are to: (1) obtain adequate manning, (2) obtain more modern equipment and (3) better training for the National Guard to perform its state and federal missions. The resolutions committee will review all NGAUS and State resolutions to be presented at the Annual Conference for vote in April. Contact Committee Chairman CPT Shawn Otto to submit new state or national resolutions to be considered.

RETIREE/ ASSOCIATES:

The next Virginia National Guard Association (VNGA) conference will be held at the Crown Plaza Williamsburg, VA. In order to have a retiree/associate hospitality room, as we have had in the past we will need some monetary assistance in the way of donations. As the Chairman of the Retiree/Associate Committee I ask for a donation of \$25.00, or whatever you can afford. All donations are to be sent to John

President's Message

"Get Involved and Get a Member", is this year's theme. 2012 looks to be a whirlwind year and we need everyone's help to make this a most exciting year for the Virginia National Guard Association. Where are we headed you ask? Well, the **"2020 Vision"** campaign plan was presented to the Executive Council for review in October and will be ready to roll out to the membership in April. This will be our roadmap and the direction we head, so "mount-up". CPT Shawn Otto and CPT Cheryl Stacklin have crossed the "Line of Departure" and are "On-Point" with the Legislative and Resolution Committees, having already met with their ENGA and DMA counter-parts to plan and exe-

cute two successful legislative events in Richmond, Virginia on 18 January 2012. Their efforts have lead to the establishment of a Joint Legislative Committee which has been meeting monthly since August 2011 to develop and work legislative proposals in a combined forum. These are two examples of on-going work; but the work cannot be done by a handful of members. We need your help. If you have an idea which will make the organization better, "get involved". Then get your battle buddy to become a member and "get involved" as well. You will

be surprised what your participation can do to for the relevancy of our association. Remember the strength of our association is only as strong as the membership.

MAJ Casey Cox is taking the lead as the Communications Chairman to develop a long-range plan to improve the website and other avenues to reach our membership including using some of the social network sites. We hope to present the plan at the Annual Conference.

NGAUS News/ Website

The National Guard Association of the United States provides states and its members unified representation before Congress.

The National Guard Association of the United States has created a legislative center for all of its members, members of Congress, Congressional Staffers and all others interested in learning about the legislative priorities of NGAUS and how they can contribute to their success. All members can sign up on the NGAUS website to receive the Legislative Alerts at www.ngaus.com.

NGAUS NEWS:

On January 3, 2012, the President signed the National Defense Authorization Act which includes the provision to give the chief of the National Guard Bureau a permanent seat on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. According to the President of NGAUS, Major General Hargett, this is the most significant legislative victory for the National Guard since the Militia Act of 1903 that created the modern dual



–mission National Guard. This allows the National Guard to have representation among the senior military leadership and provide civilian leaders direct access to expertise on the Guard's domestic response capabilities.

Why is NGAUS important?

Some members of the National Guard are under the mistaken impression that the Department of Defense (DOD) automatically provides the equipment, resources, and policies necessary to ensure a robust and ready National Guard. However, although the flow of funding and policies comes from the DOD to the National Guard Bureau (NGB), then states and individual units, it is questionable just how much of those resources would be identified for the Guard without direction from Congress.

The United States Constitution establishes the basis for the Militia, now referred to as the National Guard, on several key provisions. First, Section 8 – Powers of Congress –establishes that Congress shall have the Power to... "provide for the common defense", "to raise and support Armies", "to provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions",

and "to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress." And the Second

Amendment – the Right to Bear Arms – states that "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." These very important provisions of the United States Constitution clearly place responsibility for ensuring National Guard readiness directly in the hands of Congress, not the Department of Defense. Congress exercises this responsibility by legislating "authorizations" and "appropriations" that provide funding and policies specifically for ensuring that the National Guard is "organized and armed." The National Guard Bureau provides annual defense budget inputs to the Department of Defense. However, due to budget "caps", the Department is often faced with tough choices that could result in under-funding many National Guard (and active duty) programs. The National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) is a private organization that "is" permitted to lobby Congress on behalf of its 45,000 members.

The above information is located on the NGAUS website under NGAUS 101 – "What has NGAUS done for you lately?"

134th NGAUS Conference

The 134th NGAUS Conference will take place on 9-12 Sept 2012 in Reno, Nevada. The Theme of the Conference is "Hometown Force, Global Reach."

The NGAUS conference allows members to gather and to vote on the top legislative priorities for NGAUS, share information and celebrate the camaraderie of being National Guard and NGAUS members. The conference is a three-day event packed with keynote speakers, entertainment, special events and access to the largest defense industry trade show.

This year the United States Presidential Candidates will be invited to address the NGAUS Conference Attendees.

Reno, the "Biggest Little City" is located only 35 minutes from beautiful Lake Tahoe, which borders Nevada and California.

Conference events include:

- Roll Call of States featuring entertainment
- Business sessions with keynote speakers
- Professional development workshops
- Governor's Reception
- Spouse Luncheon

- 200+ exhibitors in the trade show
- Hospitality Night with your comrades
- States Dinner (dressy casual attire)
- Golf tournament, 5K Run, special receptions and much more

