



VNGA
5901 Beulah Road
Sandston, VA 23150

Prsrd First Class
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Richmond, VA
Permit #1630

VIRGINIA
NATIONAL GUARD
ASSOCIATION

VNGA NEWS

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1

1 JUNE 2010

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **VNGA**
50th Anniversary
- **New Leadership**
- **132 NGAUS**
Annual Conference
Registration Form
- **Future Conferences**
and Meetings
- **Corporate Members**

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Committee Reports 2
- Resolutions Update 2
- Executive Director 2
- Ventures Report 3
- Websites to Visit 3
- NGAUS News 3
- 132d NGAUS Conference 3

Future Meetings / Conferences

VA NATIONAL GUARD Association

VNGA Annual Conference
2011– Alexandria, VA 29 April-1 May
2012– TBD 27-29 April

2010- 2011 VNGA Executive Council Quarterly Meeting Dates:

31 July 2010
October 2010
January 2010
29 April 2011

NGAUS

2010-Austin, TX - 20-23 August
2011-Milwaukee, WI 27-29 August

NGEDA

2011– Milwaukee, WI TBD
2012-Reno, NV 10-12 Sept

AGAUS

2010– Lexington, KY 15 May



Go to our website:
www.vnga.org

Special Thanks to our 2010

Corporate Members:

Platinum:

DRASH
Dynamic Animation Systems (DAS)

GORE
ARINC

Gold:

Northrop Grumman

Bronze:

Goodrich	Harris
L3 Communications	ESS
Logistics 2020	
Stephen's Office Supplies	ITT
Total Imersion Software (TIS)	
Booz Allen Hamilton	LINXX

50th Anniversary Conference

Members of the Virginia National Guard Association and their guests celebrated the 50th Anniversary of their organization in Williamsburg Virginia in April 2010. The Virginia Air National Guard's 192d Fighter Squadron, commanded by COL Mark McCauley took the lead as the Host Command for the Conference that turned out to be a great success. Special recognition should be given to our Corporate Members and Sponsors who provided resources to make this a memorable event. Thanks to all of the Officers and Airmen from Virginia Air National Guard who ensured that our conference attendees and corporate sponsors were provided assistance in a timely manner.



Special Thanks to CPT Craig Carper and CPT Emily Huffman who spearheaded the planning and logistical efforts for the Conference. These two individuals committed most of their spare time outside of their full-time job and National Guard commitments.

This year the Conference started with the Annual Golf Tournament that was combined with the Enlisted Association at the Golden Horse Shoe Golf Course in Williamsburg. Friday night provided a great fellowship venue, and opportunity to meet our Corporate Members and sponsors for the Conference.

The event took place in the exhibit hall area with plenty of refreshments, music and a wine tasting event sponsored by the Williamsburg Winery.

Saturday's Business Session was not as well attended as in years past, but all business was conducted

with a quorum. The dinner banquet was excellent, and entertaining by the Guest Speaker, Paul Galanti, a Navy war veteran who shared his insight on freedom, having been a prisoner of war for 6 years in Vietnam. His closing comment was memorable— he stated that "Every day is a good day when the door lock is on the inside!"

New Association Leadership



First, Thanks to CPT Danny Jones and the other officers on the executive council this past year who provided leadership and direction to improve the future business of the Virginia National Guard Association. This group of officers steered the efforts of the executive council to insure that the strategic plans

for the Association, its members and corporate partners are reviewed and executed. This year at the Annual Conference a slate of officers was presented by the nominations Committee Chairman, COL Paul Griffin.

The following Officers will

serve in leadership roles for 2010-2011.

President: COL Tom Wilkinson
President Elect: CW5 Eddie Whitt
Vice President Army: MAJ Jennifer Martin
Vice President Air: Capt Cheryl Stacklin
Secretary: COL(Ret) Mike Coleman
Treasurer: MAJ Mike Anliker
Executive Director: Lt Col (Ret) Colleen Chipper

Committee Reports

BYLAWS:

The four changes to the bylaws that were voted on and passed at the annual conference will be posted on the website by July. You can contact CW4(Ret) John Velleca if you have any concerns regarding the VNGA Bylaws or would like to request a change to be considered for approval by the membership.

John Velleca: Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP:

The Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications for the upcoming school year for officers and their family members.

Please contact the VNGA Scholarship **Committee Chairman, LTC Tony Schlager** or the Executive Director, Colleen Chipper

AWARDS:

Several awards were presented at the Annual Conference. Congratulations to those individuals and units that received the much earned recognition. Please submit any recommendations for consideration by the awards committee **Chairman CPT Antoinette Allen**

Time and Place:

The next Annual VNGA Conference will take place in North-

ern Virginia- Co-hosted by the 29th ID and 329th Sust BDE

NOMINATIONS:

If you would like to be considered in the future for one of the officer positions on the executive council, please contact **COL Paul Griffin** or the executive director.

The following additional committees presented their report at the annual conference:

LEGISLATIVE FINANCE STRATEGIC PLANS

The list of all VNGA committees and the newly appointed Chairman will be posted on the website



Please contact the President or executive director if you want to join a committee!

Resolutions for NGAUS Meeting

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 received 34 Joint, 16 Army, and 34 Air draft resolu-

tions from the National Guard Association of the United States, in January 2010. The Resolutions Committee then met and considered each of these standing resolutions that were passed at the last NGAUS Conference.

The Virginia National Guard Association voted and passed the following resolutions at the annual conference:

Sponsor the following Joint Resolutions: #3, 7, 14, 15, and

33; and to support all but Joint resolution #27. The committee recommends sponsoring Army resolutions #14 and 16, and supporting the remaining resolutions. The committee recommends for the Association to sponsor Air resolutions #1, 5, 27 and 34, and to support the remaining resolutions that were submitted. The resolutions can be found on our website as well as the NGAUS website in the legislative section.

Co-Committee Chairman: LTC (ret) Don Akers LtCol (ret) Colleen Chipper

President's Message

Greetings from the New President: I want to thank Danny Jones for his excellent leadership as President of our Association over the past year. The Conference in Williamsburg was a great success and I also want to thank the Air Guard and all

those who worked so hard to make it memorable. We have some challenges ahead, while our membership is better our participation is waning. I urge you to become more involved in your Association. Seek Committee membership or unit

representatives and don't be afraid to come to the Quarterly Executive Committee meetings. Get involved with your organization and let's make our Association stronger than it has ever been!

Thanks,

Tom Wilkinson, President



NGAUS News/ Websites

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.

FY 2011 Top Legislative Issues:

- **Early Retirement Credit for Guardsmen:**
-Retroactive credit to Sept 11, 2001
- **Empowerment:**
-Permanent seat on the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the Chief of NGB
- **Fully equip and modernize the Army National Guard:**
-Continue robust funding to modernize ARNG equipment for dual use for Homeland Security missions

- **Recapitalize the Air National Guard:**
-Total Force concurrent and balanced procurement policy
- **Modernize National Guard Facilities:**
-Provide funds to assure modern and functional training and mobilization sites.
- **Recognize Title 32 in post 9/11 GI Bill:**
-Correct oversight of not including Title 32 in the Post 911 GI Bill

Ventures Report

This past year Virginia National Guard Ventures, Inc. (VNG Ventures) continued to promote its benefit program endorsed by the two associations, the State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) group term life insurance for Guard Members and their families. The revenues generated by the SSLI program from the continued support and participation enabled VNG Ventures to continue to distribute significant funding to the two associations, and we are able to budget and maintain the distributions the periods 1 JULY 2009 – 30 JUN 2010 and 1 JULY – 30 JUNE 2011 at \$20,000 each year to each association. Fortunately we have not

had to dip into the reserves to do this as we did for several previous years. As you can understand, the success of the SSLI program is the ongoing enrollment of new people. We continue to receive very positive support from most of our units and leaders in the Virginia National Guard. However, we remind you of the need to be notified of every unit mobilization and deployment as early as possible in order to make the program is available to our soldiers and airmen before they go in harms way. We also need the ongoing access to units throughout the year in order to provide the service for existing participants and to allow new members access to the benefits of the SSLI program. We sincerely thank those of you who have been instrumental in helping make

sure both situations happen and ask that you do everything you can to insure this continues. Please **contact our administrator** by calling **1-800-462-7441** to schedule a unit briefing or obtain additional information about the SSLI program. You can also go to online to the website: www.ssl.org

The benefits provided for our members and their families **under our SSLI program range from the \$1,000 "No Cost" up to a total of \$260,000 with the addition of our "Better Alternative Group Life."** Our SSLI program offers a very competitive supplement to the SGLI program for members and spouses, and can be continued at affordable rates upon separation or retirement. **BG(ret)Buddy Faulconer**

132d NGAUS Conference - Austin, Texas



Travel to the **Live Music Capitol of the World** and enjoy the fellowship of being with your Guard family. Thousands of Army and Air Guard officers from all 54 states and territories will gather in Austin on **21-23 August 2010** to help NGAUS set National Guard legislative priorities and have fun doing it!

Enclosed in this Newsletter is a registration form that must be received by 10 July 10. The form is also found on the VNGA website: www.vnga.org.

Conference events include

- **Roll Call of States** featuring entertainment
- Business sessions with **keynote speakers**
- **Professional development** workshops

- **Governor's Reception** at the rodeo!
- 200+ exhibitors in the **trade show**
- **Hospitality Night** with your comrades
- A "Texas formal" **States Dinner**