



# The BUGLE

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## *Message from the President*

### ABOUT NGAUS

*“In their first productive meeting after the Civil War, militia officers from the North and South formed an association with the goal of obtaining equipment and training by educating Congress on militia requirements.*

*Today, 138 years later, the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) continues that mission. From the NGAUS Headquarters at the National Guard Memorial in Washington, D.C., the Association Board of Directors, NGAUS President and 25-member staff lead the charge in support of the nearly 45,000 NGAUS members, all 460,000 soldiers and airmen of the National Guard, veterans, retirees and their families.”*

As we move into the second quarter of FY 2017 the focus on NGAUS/NGAME is on unit readiness. NGAME’s goal is to develop and submit resolutions that support our Soldiers and Airmen throughout the State and Nation. The resolution process starts in January and normally runs until the NGAME annual conference in September 2017.

Resolutions can be submitted under three different categories: Joint, Army and Air. Anyone can submit a resolution to NGAME. Resolutions are voted on at our Annual Meeting (7 APR 2017). Then they are sent to NGAUS to be reviewed and voted on by all States at the national conference.

You can review the currently standing resolution at: <http://www.ngaus.org/advocating-national-guard/issues-important-members> .

Save the date: **7 APR 2017 1730-1930, NGAME** Annual Meeting in the greater Augusta Area. Location will depend on the number of attending that RSVP.



Resolution Process

## **Education Scholarship**



**CW4 Michael Rideout with Angela Rideout**

2016 Winners of the NGAME Education Scholarship were Angela Rideout, Blake Bourassa, Nicole Robitaille, and Katherine M. Reynosa. This year's scholarship application deadlines for submission will be 28 FEB 2017. Checks will be handed out at the annual conference on 7 APR 2017.

## **Company Grade Officer Luncheon**



The 1<sup>st</sup> Company Grade Officer Luncheon was held at Camp Keyes in Augusta on November 10, 2016. With seventeen commissioned and warrant officers present from both the Army and Air Guards, Brig. Gen. Douglas Farnham discussed what it means to be a part of a profession, how to manage careers through networking, and the importance building relationships across organizations.

## **NGAUS Legislative Priorities and Issues**

NGAUS represents its members and the entire National Guard on the issues that directly impact them, their units, their families and their employers. Since its inception, NGAUS has held an annual conference during which members gather and vote on the top legislative priorities for NGAUS. We prioritize and transform our members' concerns into legislative action. See our legislative resolutions for fiscal year 2018.

As issues and legislation comes up for consideration on Capitol Hill, we send out Legislative Alerts and direct you to the actions you can take to make your voice heard. Timely engagement is most important to these matters. NGAUS hopes you will back us up when the time comes for us to raise our voices.

### **Enhance Domestic Operations**

The National Guard's ability to provide critical response to Americans at a moment's notice relies on planning and dedicated funding.

### **Expand State Partnership Program**

The State Partnership Program (SPP) has been building relationships for over 20 years with 68 unique security partnerships in 74 nations around the globe. The unique dual nature of the National Guard places SPP at the crossroads of diplomacy and defense, and embodies the widely accepted "smart power" approach to United States foreign policy.

### **Fund Guard Cyber Force**

The National Guard is perfectly suited to expand our nation's cyber security capabilities by leveraging the unique information technology talents within its ranks.

## **Funding for Equipment and Modernization**

Funding for equipment and modernization is critical to ensuring the National Guard is properly equipped to respond both overseas and domestically. NGAUS plays an essential role in advocating to Congress and our industry partners to upgrade, modernize and when possible, recapitalize Army and Air Guard platforms.

## **Leverage the Cost-Effective Guard**

Our nation can reduce defense spending and maintain the necessary force structure and experience to meet future challenges by growing the National Guard as a percentage of the Total Force.

## **Military Construction**

Funding for military construction and modernization is critical to providing safe and functional facilities for training and mobilization.

## **Personnel & Benefits**

National Guard members and their families deserve proper medical coverage, education and employment opportunities as well as retirement and veterans' protections.

## **Preserve an Operational Force**

Allowing the National Guard to regress back to a strategic reserve would squander over a decade of investment in training, equipping, and readiness.

## **Representation in Defense Reviews**

Congress must recognize the service and commitment of every member of the National Guard by ensuring the National Guard has an equal voice in Department of Defense, Army and Air Force policy, planning and budgetary deliberations

- See more at: <http://www.ngaus.org/advocating-national-guard/ngaus-legislative-priorities-and-issues#sthash.NLu3ciYt.dpuf>

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### **Key upcoming dates:**

1 JAN – 31 MAY 2017 Initial Membership Drive

NLT: 1 APR 2017: All Resolutions Submitted to the Army and Air VPs

31 MAY – 30 JUN Final Membership Drive

7 APR 17: Annual Meeting

20 JUL 17: Golf Tournament at Natanis Golf Course, Vassalboro

1 JUL- 30 AUG 17: Select Delegate and coordinate NGAUS trip

7-10 SEP 17: 139th General Conference & Exhibition, Louisville, Kentucky

(See more at: <http://www.ngaus.org/activities-advocacy-and-professional-development/139th-general-conference-exhibition#sthash.71A2xzKl.dpuf>)

### Sample Resolution Form

PDF fillable version available @: <http://www.ngaus.org/sites/default/files/FY2018ResolutionsForm.pdf>



## National Guard Association of the United States FY2017 Draft Resolution Input Form

Phone: 202-789-0031 Fax: 202-682-9358 [www.ngaus.org](http://www.ngaus.org)

NGAUS File #

This form must be used to submit a new resolution or initiate proposed changes to standing resolutions. Each form must contain only one recommendation statement. Draft resolutions received after 1 July but no later than 31 July will be classified as "Emergency." Following the general conference, adopted draft resolutions will be incorporated into their applicable standing resolution or established as a new resolution. Detail information is then removed unless required for clarity.

Date (MM/DD/YY)  SME/Email

State  SME/Phone

Input #  Input # is the sequential number of drafts submitted by your state Type Draft Resolution

Relating To   
Examples: Retirement Pay, Combat Vehicles, C-130 Modernization, etc.

Category  Standing Resolution to be Amended  
(For new resolution or item, select "New") Resolution #  Item #

**Proposal Statement:** In one sentence, please describe the specific item, program or legislation being proposed.  
(ONE RECOMMENDATION PER FORM - SPELL OUT ALL ACRONYMS - USE ONLY THE SPACE PROVIDED)

**Recommendation Information:** Use this box to further explain the changes being proposed above. This can identify policy, modernization program, equipment, status, states or personnel impacted.  
(SPELL OUT ALL ACRONYMS - USE ONLY THE SPACE PROVIDED - THE SAME JUSTIFICATION MAY BE USED FOR MULTIPLE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, IF APPLICABLE)

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