

## Minutes of the Annual National Guard Association of Maine Business Meeting

On April 19, 2019 the National Guard Association of Maine held their annual business meeting at Camp Chamberlain, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Jeff Bilodeau, David Cheney, Phil Trevino, Jason Reardon, Scott Lewis, Nic Phillips, Samantha Sproul, Jeff Morton, Marlene Lajoie, Michael Rideout, Steve Spearin, Carl Lamb, Earl Adams, Eric Lind, Mike Abbott, Donald Grinnell, Pete Ogden, Jeff Shirland, James Young, Iain Gillis, Diane Dunn, Anthony Cole, Joe White and Chris Merrill.

Following dinner Mr. Lewis gave an informational briefing to the committee. He covered the Review Executive & Standing Committees; Purpose, Charter and Bylaws Review; Key Initiatives 2018-19; Treasurers Report; 2018-19 Budget Execution; and Golf Tournament Planning for 2019. Mr. White briefed on the Air Guard Membership, Mr. Trevino briefed the Army Guard Membership and NGAME Scholarships, and Mr. Merrill presented the Secretary's Report and shared some photos from the 2018 Golf Tournament. Mr. Lewis also discussed the National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, along with a presentation from Mr. Reardon who attended his first National Convention and he shared his wonderful experiences of the convention with the group.

At 1800 Hrs Mr. Lind made a motion to start the business meeting. Mr. White seconded. As the first order of business the members unanimously voted Mr. Merrill in for a third year as the Secretary. There were no new nominations.

Mr. Lewis then discussed new business items. These were: Resolution Process and Proposed Resolutions; Recommendation for continued support of NGAUS Convention – Denver, Colorado; Recommendation for support of NGAUS Convention in Boston 2020; and the Proposed Budget for 19-20.

The committee voted to support each of the Resolutions below:

- **Secondary Containers for Transportation Efficiency** (sponsored by Indiana) – Recommendation: make containers with 10 year lifecycle (\$700) available through NSN instead of using cardboard containers (\$250) that typically last 1 to 2 years
- **Aviation Incentive Pay** (sponsored by South Carolina) – Recommendation: To make the Aviation incentives for Active and reserve the same. Currently due to the 1/30<sup>th</sup> rule there is a disparity while the flight proficiency requirements are the same.
- **Army Aviation – Modernization and Sustainment of Army National Guard Aviation** (sponsored by Kentucky) – Recommendation: Support upgrades to existing communications and health monitoring system in the (LUH-72) Lakota with a digital, lightweight, beyond-line-of-sight (BLOS), Push-to-talk (PTT) radio, with Voice Over Internet (VoIP) and real-time fleet health monitoring, recording, and next generation satellite communication system.
- **Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems (CUAS) for Air and Army National Guard Base Defense** (sponsored by several states) – Recommendation: That every vulnerable base location in the ANG and ARNG be equipped with the capability to find, fix, target, attack, and destroy enemy unmanned aerial systems.
- **Army National Guard Funding** (sponsored by Pennsylvania) – Recommendation – To maintain funding in the Reserve Component Automation System (RCAS) for the enduring requirement for hardware refresh and temporary application support.
- **Incentives Programs for Full Time Staff** (sponsored by Pennsylvania) – Recommendation: To change the policy that prohibits the Dual Status Technicians and T-32 AGRs from receiving incentives and bonuses.

- **Full Time Manning to support Mission Command and Cyber Readiness** (sponsored by Pennsylvania) – Recommendation: To request increased manning in Full Time Force as it relates to the Cyber Readiness and Guard Net and the functions related to sneering mission command systems are operational and secure.
- **ALR-69A Digital Radar Warning Receiver (DRWR) USAF program of Record upgrade for A-10, F-15, F-16, C-130, C-17, and KC-135 (all ANG Aircraft)** (sponsored by several states) Recommendation: ALR-69A DLR continue to be funded as an ANG requirement for ALL aircraft CONUS and OCONUS Fighter, Mobility, and Tanker missions.

Mr. Lind asked if the full-time manning in the Cyber Command was a joint billet. Mr. Lewis replied that it was.

Mr. Lewis stated he is requesting the MSC Commanders to help support the Association, and Mrs. Dunn cautioned the group about the appearance of undue command influence regarding political activities. Mr. Lewis acknowledged her sage advice.

Mr. Morton inquired if funds were available for the Boston event in 2020. Mr. Lewis stated yes.

Mr. Grinnell mentioned that in the past the association had raffled a short trip and a stay in a hotel, and they had made thousands of dollars. Mr. Lewis acknowledged his idea and stated he would look into it.

Mr. Phillips mentioned that members should increase their effort to target young officers through officer professional development opportunities for company grade officers. Mr. Lewis agreed.

Mr. Merrill commented on how social media interactions is increasing the association's reach and requested members make a point to like, comment, and share our Facebook posts, particularly the golf tournament photos.

Mr. Lewis then covered the budget for 2020. Mrs. Dunn suggested creating a line item to cover the small per person registration fee. It was noted that this is already accounted for under "NGAUS Dues". Mr. Bilodeau motioned to increase the Budget for the Denver conference from \$14,000 to \$16,000. That was widely seconded by many members. Mr. Lind then moved to vote on the budget, several members seconded, and the budget was approved as proposed.

There being no further business the meeting as adjourned at 1830 hrs.

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