



# Your Communicator

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES



I know everyone is gearing up for summer and I hope this issue of the communicator finds you well.

I would like to thank COL Treharne and the 157<sup>th</sup> MEB team for the hard work on hosting a fantastic WINGA conference. It was great to have Mark Malizia from NGAUS present on the tireless work your professional association is conducting on a daily basis to improve the lives of the Soldiers and Airmen of the Wisconsin National Guard. Some of the hot topics he discussed was the prioritization of funds during the military build-up and ensuring the National Guard is receiving their equitable portion. Without our membership, there would not be an advocate in Washington DC looking out for us.

One year ago, I discussed that Officer Professional Development (OPD) was one of the four priorities I wanted to focus on during my two years as president. The organization was able to implement

the OPD during the conference. It was a phenomenal time for officers to engage with senior leaders and discuss leadership and the "Profession of Arms." We received positive feedback and I ask for additional suggestions to make your conference a better experience next year. WINGA is looking forward to expanding OPD in the future. With your help, we can continue to provide this initiative to our members.

We are preparing for the 139<sup>th</sup> NGAUS General Conference, which will be held 7-11 September 2017 in Louisville KY. It will be another opportunity to engage with senior leaders from across all components, hear from members of congress, view the newest cutting-edge technology from industry, partake in professional development forums, and conduct the business of your association. Since attending my first national conference in 2001, I have only missed a couple because of deployments. I have gained so much professionally and personally from each one, to include lifelong friendships with officers from the fifty-four states and territories. This year the association is looking to see if individuals would like to charter a bus, to save on transportation costs.

I want to thank each one of you for the continued engagement of moving WINGA forward.

*President Eric Leckel*

## F35 SITE SURVEY UPDATE

Beginning Monday, June 19, 2017 the Air Force will begin conducting a five day on-the-ground site survey of the 115th Fighter Wing at Truax Field AGS as a part of a deliberate enterprise-wide look for its F-35A basing. Site survey teams will assess the 115th Fighter Wing against operational requirements, potential impacts to existing missions, infrastructure and manpower. They will then develop cost estimates to beddown the F-35A at Truax Field. Once complete, the Air Force will execute the Environmental Impact Analysis Process for each of the candidates before making a final basing decision.

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**TAPS**

If you are aware of the passing of one of our members, please notify us.

COL (Ret) Erv Erdahl  
 CW5 (Ret) Roger Oseth  
 Col (Ret) Everett Pohlman

(in alphabetical order)

**KEY DATES**

- 14 Jun—US Army Birthday/ Flag Day
- 4 Jul—Independence Day
- 18 Jul—100th Anniversary of the forming of the 32d Inf Div
- 9 Aug—WINGA Board Mtng
- 26-31 Aug—EANGUS Conf, Reno, NV
- 4 Sep—Labor Day
- 7-10 Sep—NGAUS Conf, Louisville, KY
- 11 Nov—Veteran’s Day
- 6 Dec—WINGA Board Mtng
- 13 Dec—National Guard Birthday

**WINGA 2018 GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

The deadline for WINGA Scholarship applications is fast approaching. Up to ten \$500 undergraduate grants and two \$500 graduate scholarships can be awarded.

The WINGA Awards Program can be accessed through our website ([www.winga.org](http://www.winga.org)) The website has the application forms for both the Educational Grants and the Presidential Scholarship Award.

Applications for these awards are due at the WINGA Office, 2400 Wright St, Room 208, Madison, WI 53704-2572, **not later than July 12, 2017.**

**NGAUS SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Leonardo DRS Guardian Scholarship awards college scholarships to the children of fallen Guardsmen in the Global War on Terror. **The deadline is June 30, 2017.**

<http://www.ngef.org/get-involved/apply-for-the-drs-guardian-scholarship/>

The Van Hipp Heroes Scholarship provides scholarships to Guardsmen wounded in the Global War on Terror. **The deadline is July 1, 2017.**

<http://www.ngef.org/the-van-hipp-heroes-scholarship-fund/>

Grantham University is offering two full-tuition scholarships. Each scholarship is valued up to \$14,200 and covers tuition costs, required textbooks, software and fees. One scholarship is for an active NGAUS member and current Guardsman in the rank of 05 or below (to include WO). The second scholarship is for a spouse of an active member in the rank of 05 or below. **The deadline is August 4, 2017.** <http://www.grantham.edu/scholarships/ngaus-scholarship>

**REDEDICATION OF RED ARROW PARK, MANITOWOC**

The City of Manitowoc and the Friends of Red Arrow Park invite you to attend the Rededication of Red Arrow Park and the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the 32nd Division in Manitowoc, Wisconsin on 15 July 2017. There will be a gathering of Berlin Crisis Red Arrow Veterans for pictures in front of the Mural from 9-10am. The Rededication Ceremony and Remembrance will be held from 10:30-12:00 noon at the Memorial Brick Area,

**LEGISLATIVE CORNER**

**JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON UW TUITION**

The Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee recently made recommended changes to the UW System Budget. Two provisions directly support the National Guard:

- Includes a requirement for the UW and Technical College Systems to accept the American Council of Education (ACE) credit recommendations found on a current or former services members Joint Services Transcript of Community College of the Air Force Transcript when they apply for credit transfer.
- Includes a Nonresident Tuition Exemption for members of the National Guard. Students who have resided in Wisconsin for six months immediately preceding the beginning of any semester would be eligible for resident tuition.

These provisions have bi-partisan support which was introduced by Rep. Ed Brooks and Rep.

**CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE**

Senator Orin Hatch (Utah) has filed S. 1086 which would allow federal employees who are also members of the Reserve Components to utilize Tricare Reserve Select. This bill could provide significant savings to Guard members. You may wish to read this bill and consider contacting your Senator/Representative if you support it.

**Save the Dates**



**STATE WNGEA**

**68th WINGA Annual, Eau Claire  
 27-29 April 2018**

**NATIONAL  
 NGAUS Annual Conf**

140th: 24-27 Aug 2018  
 New Orleans, LA

141st: 30Aug-2 Sep 2019  
 Denver, CO

142st: 28-31 Aug 2020  
 Boston, MA

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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**STATE SPONSORED LIFE INSURANCE (SSLI)**

by COL (Ret) Mike Williams

Personal life insurance is used to provide income for surviving family members to replace the earned income of a deceased primary wage earner. About 7 out of 10 adults have some form of life insurance, and for 70% of those insurance owners, life insurance is the only substantial asset in their estate.

The principal concerns for purchasers of personal life insurance are that the survivors would suffer a devastating loss of income and would be burdened by debt. However, as time passes and a family’s needs, objectives and financial situation changes, the family’s life insurance needs will likely change as well. Because of the changes that affect many families, an annual financial check-up should be planned. However, certain changes demand that an individual immediately reevaluate his or her life insurance plan. These important changes include:

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Marriage                          | Children leaving home  |
| Birth of a child                  | Beginning a business   |
| Purchasing a residence            | Panning for retirement |
| Planning for children’s education |                        |

Upon the death of a primary wage earner, a family might not be able to meet mortgage payments, provide for college or prepare for retirement. Immediate and future family needs could be put on hold as a result of a death.

If the surviving family is left without sufficient funds to meet basic needs, they will have a financial crisis to cope with during a time of grief. Because the financial needs of families with young children are often greater than the needs of families without children, families with young children have a clear need for life insurance – often a large amount of it. Even if both spouses are employed outside the home, the loss of one income through death can cause the family immediate economic hardship and can make it difficult to meet future needs such as properly educating children.

As our motto states; “Life Insurance for You...Protection for Your loved Ones.” If you have any questions about your SSLI insurance or want to investigate the need for additional coverage for you or your loved ones, do not hesitate to contact your SSLI office staff at 608-242-3100 or [insinfo@winga.org](mailto:insinfo@winga.org). You can also visit our web site at [www.winga.org/insurance.html](http://www.winga.org/insurance.html) for more information.

‘Colonel Mike’ Williams (Ret)  
 State Insurance Administrator  
 Wisconsin National Guard



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Would you like to reduce paper clutter **and** save WINGA money? If you prefer to receive *Your Communicator* via email—or if you do not want to receive a printed copy—please notify us at [lrasmussen@winga.org](mailto:lrasmussen@winga.org)



**SSLI OFFICE UPDATE**

Congratulations to Bob Strange, SSLI SRP Coordinator, who is now a licensed insurance agent in Wisconsin.

We bid farewell to Lisa Howard, SSLI Office Manager, who retired in April 2017. Lisa worked for the SSLI office since 2002 and had been the Office Manager since 2011.

Brooke Schultz has taken over as the Office Manager. Brooke has worked for the SSLI Office since October 2013.

Doris Gernetzke has returned to the SSLI Office on a part-time basis.

**2017 NGAUS/WINGA MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS**

The 2017 NGAUS/WINGA membership drive will wrap up 30 June 2017. As of 31 May 2017, the percentage of paid members for actively drilling soldiers and airmen was 60% for the Wisconsin Air National Guard and 79% for the Wisconsin Army National Guard. Our overall NGAUS membership strength is currently at 106% due in large part to the 519 individuals who are active life NGAUS members. Active life membership counts toward NGAUS membership even after the member has retired. This represents the 37th consecutive year that Wisconsin has attained 100% membership in NGAUS! Thank you to all who are paid NGAUS and WINGA members!

2017 Incentive Life Membership Update: Again, in 2017, the WINGA Board offered a life member incentive program. This program offered a \$500 incentive for company grade officers and a \$250 incentive for field grade officers who became NGAUS and WINGA life members. A total of 44 officers (15 ANG and 29 ARNG) took advantage of this incentive program to become new NGAUS and WINGA life members!

**100% MEMBERSHIP UNITS**

Congratulations to the following units attained 100% membership in membership year 2017. They were presented with a check at the WINGA Conference that represented 5% of their paid annual dues.

- |              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| HQ ANG       | 1-120 FA          |
| 54 CST       | 105 Cav           |
| 732 Maint Bn | 173 Engr Bn       |
| 2-127 Inf Bn | 426 Training Regt |
| 1-128 Inf Bn | 257 Bde Spt Bn    |



**WELCOME TO NEW NGAUS/WINGA MEMBERS**

The following individuals have been appointed as officers in the Wisconsin National Guard in 2017. Newly appointed officers with no prior NGAUS and/or WINGA membership receive 1 year of complimentary membership in NGAUS and/or WINGA.

And, congratulations to those officers who have been discharged from the Wisconsin National Guard and became a NGAUS and/or WINGA Retired Life Member. NGAUS Retired Life Membership is currently \$125 and WINGA Retired Life Membership is currently \$15.

**Complimentary Membership**

- 1LT Brian Betlej
- WO1 Brianna Christensen
- 1LT Shannen Dalton
- 1LT Jeffrey Dell
- 1LT David Eischen Jr
- 2LT Sol Grosskopf
- CW3 Chet Heacox
- 2LT Anna Kastelic
- 2LT Sarah Kohrt
- 2LT Chinedu Obowu
- 2LT Alexander McCunn

**(complimentary mbr contd)**

- CPT Michael Miner
- WO1 Ashley Mullis
- CW2 Brett Palmer
- 2LT Tyler Rickenbach
- 2LT Samuel Soderberg
- 1LT Connor Sprague
- 2LT Matthew Stai

**Retired Life Members**

- CW4 Mike Berard
- MAJ Jonathon Burbach
- LtCol Anthony Chosa
- Col Steve Dunai
- CW4 Tricia Gundlach
- LTC David Haupt
- LtCol Gerard Iverson
- COL John Schroeder

**Complimentary WINGA only**

- MAJ Patrick Ballard
- CPT Joseph Guikema
- 1LT Guy Maily
- Maj Penny Ripperger

## 2017 WINGA CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Special thanks to the 157th MEB for hosting the WINGA/WNGEA Joint Conference at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake 28-30 April. The Mukwonago High School Junior Mixed Quartet performed at the Saturday Evening Banquet.



Speaker from NGAUS at Joint Session: Mark Malizia, the NGAUS Legislative Program Manager for Personnel and Programs



Presentation of WINGA Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Zach Brandon for outstanding support to the Wisconsin National Guard. Left to right: Col (Ret) Mike Hinman, Col Erik Peterson, Brig Gen Gary Ebben, Mr. Zach Brandon, Maj Gen Don Dunbar, President Eric Leckel



WINGA Business Session: President Eric Leckel



Swearing in of new officers: left to right—WO1 Joe Rasmussen, Col (Ret) Mike Hinman, CPT Emily Yttri, LTC DJ Klauser



WINGA Business Session: LTC Mike Hanson asks a question

### CONFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS

**Attendance:** 180 registrants, 150 attended banquet

**Event summary (scale of 1 to 5):**

- |                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Registration – 4.3       | Joint Session – 4.4       |
| Golf – 4.3               | WINGA Business Mtg. – 4.5 |
| Ice Breaker – 4.7        | OPD Speakers – 4.1        |
| Corporate Sponsors – 4.3 | Hospitality Room – 4.2    |
| Blind Auction – 4.6      | Osthoff Resort – 4.6      |

**Key survey results:**

- 13% of delegates were first-time conference attendees
- 92% want to retain OPD at future conferences
- 89% prefer no uniforms at business meetings
- 70% prefer no uniforms at banquet

**Take Aways:**

- Consider a joint hospitality room
- Plan spouse/children activities
- The banquet needs a guest speaker or WINGA Award
- Include vegetarian food choices at the Ice Breaker
- Business meeting had good interaction
- Consider using local/state Visitor Convention Bureau

### CORPORATE SPONSORS

We would like to thank these corporate sponsors for their support of the WINGA Conference: Columbia Southern University, Concordia University, Intercomp Company, Litefighter Systems, Massif Company, Mead & Hunt, Navy Federal Credit Union, New York Life Insurance Company, Northrup Gruman, Patriot Taxiway, Pets for Vets, Raytheon, Schutt Industries, Snap-On Tools, Trans America Financial, Unifire Inc, USAA.

### PROMOTED OFFICER DONATIONS

A big THANK YOU to the following officers who were promoted in 2016 and who contributed to the 2017 WINGA Conference:

- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| LTC Brion Aderman        | CPT Matthew Kuhnert |
| LTC Josephine Daniels    | BG Joni Mathews     |
| Col Matthew Eakins       | Capt Tom Molke      |
| Col Glenn Evenson        | COL John Oakley     |
| LTC Mike Hanson          | MAJ Chris O'Connell |
| LtCol Christina Hastings | LtCol Mike Western  |
| LTC Pete Kitzhaber       | CW4 Steve Wightman  |

**2017 NGAUS CONFERENCE DETAILS**  
**7-11 September 2017**

**CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

Louisville welcomes you to NGAUS 2017. WINGA has a block of rooms and a hospitality suite at the Galt House Hotel in downtown Louisville, 140 North Fourth Street. The Galt House is within walking distance of many downtown businesses and tourist attractions. <https://www.galthouse.com>

**Thursday, 7 September**

Coach bus departs for Louisville  
 Golf Tournament at the Persimmon Ridge Golf Club  
 Meet & Greet, WI Hospitality Room  
 Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer at the Sports and Social Club at Fourth Street Level

**Friday, 8 September**

Fun Run at Louisville Waterfront Park  
 First Officer Professional Development Session  
 Exhibit Hall opens with brunch  
 First Business Session  
 Governor's Reception at Churchill Downs

**Saturday, 9 September**

Second Officer Professional Development Session  
 Second Business Session  
 Spouse Luncheon at Galt House Hotel  
 Retiree Luncheon/Caucus  
 Warrant Officer Luncheon/Caucus  
 Big 10 Hospitality Night at the Blue Grass Brewing Company (BBC)

**Sunday, 10 September**

Third Business Session  
 Third Officer Professional Development Session  
 Army and Air Breakouts  
 States Dinner (*Derby Attire—light-colored, plaid or seersucker blazers for the men and spring dresses & hoes for the ladies*)

**Monday, 11 September**

Coach bus departs Louisville for return to Wisconsin

**Additional information can be found on the NGAUS website — [www.ngaus.org/ngaus2017](http://www.ngaus.org/ngaus2017)  
 WINGA will send newsletters with updates to WINGA members who register for the conference**

**COACH BUS TRANSPORTATION:** WINGA has contracted for a coach bus, provided we meet a minimum of 30 passengers. Bus will depart from Madison on 7 Sep, w/pick-up in Milwaukee area, and return on 11 Sep. Cost will be \$75 per person.

**KEY DEADLINES:**

Wednesday, 26 July—Registration due to WINGA  
 Tuesday, 15 August—last day to cancel a paid registration, less a \$15 administrative fee

**FLIGHT DISCOUNTS:**

Delta and United Airlines will offer up to 10% discount on flights to Louisville  
 Delta: [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com), select “advanced search”, enter “NMP68” in the Meeting Event Code Box on the adv search flight page  
 United: [www.united.com](http://www.united.com); enter “ZXF4392303” into the Offer Code box on the search flight page

**Things to do and places to see in Louisville:**

Local highlights include: Churchill Downs, Waterfront Park, Museum Row (Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, Frazier Museum, the Muhammad Ali Center). Taste a Mint Julep.



**139<sup>th</sup> NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition | September 7-11, 2017, Louisville, KY  
NGAUS (WI Attendee) Conference Registration Form**

**MEMBER REGISTRATION**

Check one if applicable:  Retiree  Current TAG  Former TAG  I would like to be considered as a delegate

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include Rank/Title/Prefix/Suffix if applicable)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Civilian E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/GUEST REGISTRATION**

Check one if applicable:  Spouse  Guest

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

**NGAUS REGISTRATION FEE:** Registration fee for each attendee is **\$180**. There will be a \$15 cancellation fee.

**CONFERENCE EVENTS**

Check which of the following events you and/or your guest(s) will attend.

<b>NGAUS Golf Tournament</b>	September 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	\$125/person
<b>CG/WO Mixer</b>	September 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	included
<b>Fun Run</b>	September 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	\$20/person
<b>Officer Professional Development</b>	September 8,9,10	<input type="checkbox"/> NGAUS Member	included
<b>Governor's Reception</b>	September 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	included
<b>Spouse Luncheon</b>	September 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	included
<b>WO Luncheon &amp; Caucus</b>	September 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	included
<b>Retired/Separated Luncheon</b>	September 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	\$5/person
<b>States Dinner</b>	September 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	included

**ACCOMMODATIONS** – Wisconsin is at the **Galt House (\$131 per night + tax)**. *A \$100 deposit is required to reserve a room.*

Check-in Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check-out Date \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  I don't need a hotel room

**BUS TRANSPORTATION** – WINGA has contracted for a coach bus, provided we meet a minimum of 30 passengers. Bus will depart from Madison with a pick-up in the Milwaukee area. Cost will be \$75 per person.  Yes, I want to take the WINGA bus.

**TRANSPORTATION** – A free shuttle will be provided between SDF and official conference hotels on September 6, 7 & 11.

Arr Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Dpt Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Dpt Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT - Check or Credit Card.** NOTE: There will be a \$3 convenience fee charged for a credit card transaction.

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to **WINGA Inc.**

CC Type \_\_\_\_\_ CC # \_\_\_\_\_ CC Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost for Conference Registration Fees - \$180 per person  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel Deposit - \$100  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ WINGA Coach Bus - \$75 per person  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost of Additional Conference Events  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$3 Credit Card Transaction Convenience Fee  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount**

**On-line registration is in-progress. Please check the WINGA website for availability.**

**Please note any special requirements or dietary restrictions.**

**RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO WINGA Inc, 2400 Wright St, Room 208, Madison, WI 53704 NLT 26 July 2017**

Registration form can also be found on the WINGA website - <http://www.winga.org/events.html>

You may stop at WINGA office and swipe your credit card or call 608-242-3114 and provide verbally

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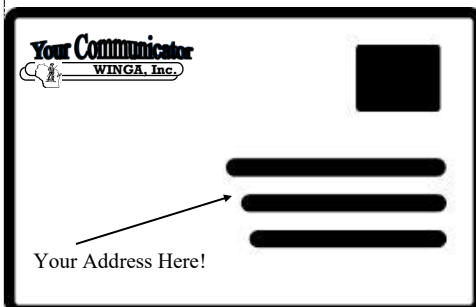
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Please join us at the NGAUS Conference  
Louisville, KY  
7-11 September 2017

Mark your calendars for  
Joint Officer and Enlisted Professional Development,  
hosted by JFHQ and sponsored by WINGA and WNGEA  
at the Lismore Hotel, Eau Claire  
27-29 April 2018

#### DIRECT BENEFITS OF YOUR WINGA/NGAUS MEMBERSHIP

- Tax-free retired military pay in Wisconsin
- WI State Tuition Assistance Program and post 9-11 GI Bill
- State Soldiers & Sailor Relief Act
- Definition of "veteran" has been expanded to include Guardsmen and Reservists with 20 years of service
- Post-deployment mental health care
- TRICARE Coverage
- Free \$10,000 life insurance policy to new members of the WI National Guard for one year
- Free \$1,000 life insurance coverage for all actively serving WI National Guard members
- Scholarships for members and dependents
- Annual WINGA and NGAUS Conferences, including Professional Development
- WINGA newsletter "The Communicator" (published 3 times per year)
- Monthly NGAUS magazine
- Benefit parity for National Guard