

What is NGAUS?

What is NGAUS - The National Guard Association United States is the commissioned voice of the National Guard, both Army and Air for National Guard issues both at the state and federal level.

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- NGAUS = Federal Org
 - NGAMN = State Org

(The Enlisted Association of the National Guard United States (EANGUS) is the enlisted voice)

Why NGAUS?

- While there are other organizations out there that lobby for our causes and propose to represent us, NGAUS/NGAMN is the only organization dedicated solely to the issues that surround the guard with a special sensitivity to our dual mission.
 - As proof of this, just look at the laundry list of items from both the national and state level that NGAUS/NGAMN is working on:
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NGAUS – National Voice

- Besides addressing national issues like those associated with BRAC (i.e. saving Duluth ANG from closing) and those associated with the current force shaping actions, general lobbying also takes place on these items:
 - Funding for re-supply of equipment and material used during our current contingencies (Operation Jump Start, Kosovo, SWA, OEF, and OIF)
 - Upgrade of current weapon systems to keep us relevant for the future, annual pay raises and special duty pays like family separation pay, hardship duty pay, and hostile fire pay.
 - Benefits lobbying
 - Educational benefits for Guard and Reserve,
 - Healthcare coverage through Tricare,
 - Working on reducing the age retirement for retirement pay from age 60,
 - Fighting for funding and allocations for our full time staffing,
 - Lobbying on deployment frequency and duration,
 - Drill pay and other compensation
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National Guard Association Minnesota (NGAMN)

- As for the state, NGAMN is the only lobbying organization purely dedicated to working with government officials on our behalf.
 - Directly attributable to NGAMN lobbying are items like
 - State bonuses we have received in the past,
 - Tuition reimbursement program currently in place,
 - State funding that supports the states funding involvement on each of our bases.
 - This year, it directly entails lobbying to support the Governor's initiatives
 - Exempting for state income tax 100% of your military pay and pensions
 - Proposal to expand education benefits for military veterans and their spouses/ children who have become totally and permanently disabled or died as a result of their military service (up to \$1000 per semester for up to 5 years of higher education)
 - Extension of the state reintegration program beyond the one year it was initially approved for
 - Increased funding for the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs fund needed to meet the special needs of returning service members
 - Increased funding for the state military facilities.
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NGAMN II

- Lastly, Minnesota just put in a tax credit
 - Available to all military personnel who have deployed to a combat zone since 2001
 - \$59 for every month spent in a combat zone since 2001
 - Need to complete a M99 - Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone
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Finally – It's us!!

- If that isn't enough, just remember. The “they” we are talking about when referring to the association is us. This is an organization made up of people like you and me. It is designed to forward and promote our needs. It is our voice! Feel free to have your voice be heard by submitting resolutions to be considered at the state and national levels.
 - Resolutions are considered at the state and national conventions
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NGAUS/NGAMN

Membership Programs

- Several Membership options
 - Annual National and State
 - Active Life (One time payment with National and State separate)
 - Retired Life (One time payment)
 - All current and former National Guard Officers eligible.
 - New Officers are provided a “dues free” full year of membership
 - Can sign up online at website or mail in dues
 - Questions on membership or issues can be directed to contacts listed on last page
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Member Benefits

- Free accidental death and dismemberment insurance
 - Special programs under NGAUS Insurance Trust
 - NGAUS Travel
 - FTD.com discounts
 - ING Direct Savings Plan
 - NGAUS Credit Card
 - Preferred Vision Care
 - National Guard Magazine/State Newsletter
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Upcoming Events

- Board for NGAMN meets monthly
 - State Convention
 - April 24-26, 2009 – Mankato's Alltel Center
 - Full Info online @ www.ngamn.org
 - National Convention Sept. 10-13, 2009
 - 131st General Conference - Nashville, Tennessee
 - Chance to hear national leaders from all services on current/future events
 - Dynamic events planned for all officers
 - Full Info online @ www.ngaus.org
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NGAUS Contacts

- Websites

- www.ngaus.org
- www.ngamn.org

- State Contact info:

- National Guard Association of Minnesota
 - 3530 East Medicine Lake Boulevard
 - Plymouth, MN 55441
 - Telephone (763) 545-1391 FAX (763) 543-8034
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Membership form

- National Guard Association of Minnesota
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- Plymouth, MN 55441
- Telephone (763) 545-1391 FAX (763) 543-8034
- **www.ngamn.org**
- Member Name: _____
- Address: _____
- City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
- Unit of Assignment: _____ Group Number: _____ (See list below)
- E-Mail Address: _____
- Amount Due: _____ (See table below.) Make check payable to **NGA MN.**
- To pay by credit card, fill out the following:
- Circle credit card type: Master Card Visa
- Account Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____
- Signature: _____
- **2009 Dues Schedule (Includes State and National dues):**
- O-1 O-2 O-3 O-4 O-5 O-6 O-7 O-8 WO1 CW2 CW3 CW4 CW5 \$45 \$60 \$79 \$102 \$120 \$143 \$163 \$179 \$41 \$50 \$66 \$89
\$103 **2009 Dues schedule if you have *State Life Membership (Paying National dues only):***
- O-1 O-2 O-3 O-4 O-5 O-6 O-7 O-8 WO1 CW2 CW3 CW4 CW5 \$30 \$45 \$59 \$72 \$85 \$108 \$123 \$139 \$26 \$35 \$46 \$59 \$73
- **2009 Dues schedule if you have *NGAUS Life Membership (Paying State dues only):***
- O-1 O-2 O-3 O-4 O-5 O-6 O-7 O-8 WO1 CW2 CW3 CW4 CW5 \$15 \$15 \$20 \$30 \$35 \$35 \$40 \$40 \$15 \$15 \$20 \$30 \$30 **For Active Officers**, NGAUS Life Membership is \$1000; State Life Membership is \$250
- **For Retired Officers**, NGAUS Life Membership is \$125; State Life Membership is \$50

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