

# VIKANG NEWS

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## **President's Report To the leaders of the Minnesota Army and Air National Guard**

Greeting to the Soldiers and Airmen of the Minnesota National Guard. As we enter 2008, it's good to reflect on 2007 as well as look forward at the challenges ahead. Last year, we continued to see a high deployment ops tempo for many of our units. We've had many members return from extended deployments and reintegrate with their families, employers and communities. We've had inspections, mission certifications, and mission changes. We will continue to face many if not all and more of these events and challenges in the upcoming year.

On the legislative front, we had our share of challenges and successes as well. Gov. Pawlenty submitted a legislative package that was very supportive of the Minnesota National Guard. Through this package, there were actions passed that will benefit our members, and some that did not that will need to be readdressed. This year's legislative package promises to be supportive to the Guard as well. It takes all of our members to communicate to our district representatives the importance of continue support for the National Guard.

I recently had the honor of presenting two of our representatives NGAMN awards for their support for our members. Both of them discussed their continued support for our units as well as the health and welfare of our members. It is exactly that kind of support, not only through word, but action as well, that we need to continue to recruit, train, equip, and retain the very best people to support our missions.

Of importance to us as members of the armed forces has been the talk of "recapitalization" of equipment, and "operationalization" of the Guard and Reserve. Both of these two topics can have a significant impact on us. While I think it's reasonably safe to say that our services need to repair and replace worn and outdated equipment, I also feel it's important that the cost of this recapitalization does not come at the sole cost of members. And the "operation-

alization" of Guard and Reserve, does not come at the cost of additional deployment stress to our families and employers. Nor should it come at the cost to our members of not receiving the same benefit consideration as our active duty counterparts.

Each of us needs to take the opportunity to voice our opinions to our legislative representatives to ensure that we are heard and that our concerns are addressed. It will be no surprise to any of us that in today's economic and political climate, tax money is tight, and the demand for those dollars is strong. We need to be as strong as those we are competing against.

We also need to ensure that our organization is strong. It's not free to fund the actions of those who are working to further our interests. The only way we can do that is through our membership. Our membership levels have been low in the past few years which is unfortunate because then our voice is not as loud. We must encourage eligible members to join our organization and to participate in the efforts we put forth. Membership applications for 2008 are available at the National Guard Association of Minnesota website at [www.ngamn.org](http://www.ngamn.org) or you can get one from your region representative. You can join either on line via credit card or complete the application and mail it and a check to:

NGA-MN headquarters.  
Walt Schulz 3530 E. Medicine Lake Blvd, Plymouth, MN 55441

Finally, I encourage each of you to attend our state conference this year which will be held in St. Cloud, MN the 25-27<sup>th</sup> of April. It promises to be an enjoyable and worthwhile event for all. Registration can be accomplished via our NGAMN website as well.

## **347<sup>TH</sup> RSG LTC Thomas Miller**

The next couple of quarters will be very busy for the units of the 347<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Group. The 147<sup>th</sup> Personnel Services Battalion will return home to Minnesota on or about 12 February 2008 from their

deployment in Afghanistan. They will begin their Reintegration cycle shortly thereafter.

In mid-March the 247<sup>th</sup> Finance Detachment will return from their deployment in the Iraqi Area of Operations and finally, the 347<sup>th</sup> Personnel Services Detachment will return from the Iraqi Area of Operation in July 2008.

The remaining units continue to have very active schedules. The 34<sup>th</sup> Division Band will participate in the MN Music Educators Conference and will provide a free concert on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at the Minneapolis Convention Center at 7:30pm. They will also be performing at Mt. Rushmore on 13 June 2008.

The 114<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company exceeded 100% unit strength (142 personnel) in December 2007; a remarkable achievement in light of the fact that the unit was stood up in the Duluth/Chislm area in January 2007. The unit has also received its new equipment of Palletized Loading System trucks and is actively training their soldiers.

The 204<sup>th</sup> Area Support Medical Company has a new Company Commander; MAJ Paul Peterson. Many thanks to the outgoing commander, MAJ Chris Luhman, for his stellar performance as Commander.

The 257<sup>th</sup> Military Police also have a new commander; 1LT Eric McGowen. 1LT McGowen assumed his duties from CPT Matthew Dick who was instrumental in bringing the unit up to speed in Quick Reaction Force readiness.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company continues to make the Stillwater Armory their home and are quickly adjusting to the expansive space and opportunities their home provides them.

The HHD and HQ 347<sup>th</sup> RSG and several subordinate units continue to prepare for Annual Training in late August/early September in anticipation of providing support to activities associated with the Republican National Convention.

Last, but not least, the units of the 347<sup>th</sup> RSG will begin wearing their new unit patches and crest in March 2008.

VICTORY! VICTORY! VICTORY!

**From the Secretary  
1LT Trista Martinson**

Upcoming Conference Locations: Conference location will remain on our traditional location schedule 2008 St Cloud, April 25-27, 2009, Mankato, 2010 Rochester, 2011 Chaska, 2012 Duluth. We have been looking at new locations with improved facilities to make the conferences more enjoyable if you have comments or suggestions please contact the secretary at [Trista.martinson@us.army.mil](mailto:Trista.martinson@us.army.mil).

**34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division  
MAJ Kent Porter**

Since the last newsletter submission, 34th ID drives forward with many exercises. We have exercises on three different continents, North America, Africa, and Asia.

Joint Task Force Exercise 8-04 is an exercise we will have with the US Navy and Joint Task Force 32 is an exercise we are planning with other agencies within the United States next fall. Africa, some of our Red Bulls went to Egypt for an exercise called Bright Star in conjunction with the 42<sup>nd</sup> ID.

The 34th ID will take a more active role in this exercise in the future, but the planning for it continues. In Asia, about 50 Red Bulls are going to South Korea to participate in an exercise called Key Resolve with the 8<sup>th</sup> Army and 2nd ID. So if we weren't known as a world class division before, our exercise participation will definitely change many peoples view of us.

With all these exercises, the stress on our soldiers, their families, and their employers continues, we cannot thank them enough for their support. This is something we all should do more often and thank them for their support.

34th ID has gone through a great turnover in membership. From this time last year, we have turned-over nearly 80% of our members and we welcome, or in most cases, welcome back these officers. With such a turnover come many challenges, but none that cannot be overcome. Cohesion, teamwork, and leadership are just a few of these challenges, but an aggressive drill and Annual Training plan, has the sections working on simulated 'mini-exercises' or Command Post Exercises (CPX) every other month leading up to our culminating event mentioned earlier, JTF 8-04.

ATTACK, ATTACK, ATTACK!!!

**133<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing  
By Lt Col Bob Niesen**

2008 has arrived and with that comes the beginning of a new membership year. One measurement of the strength of an organization is its' depth. Quantifiably, the depth can be equated to membership numbers. Within our group, we have the potential for over two hundred members. Those two hundred members do make a difference when they voice their concerns together! At this time, everyone in our group should have received dues notification; however if you didn't or if you've misplaced it, included in this news-letter is a 2008 membership form. Forms and association information are also available on the web at <http://www.ngamn.org/>

Strength of the organization is as important this year as in any previous. Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty has a 35-point initiative supporting veterans and the military. Additionally, there are several pending initiatives at the national level, and our support is vital if we intend to see these enacted.

**Now for some local news:**

A "Change of Responsibility" ceremony will be conducted on Sunday of the March UTA with current Command Chief Master Sergeant Bruce Graham stepping down (retirement) and Chief Master Sergeant Dave Speich stepping up into this role. Our congratulations to both individuals!

Plans are in the works for another Family Day event in August. Preparatory events for the Republican National Convention may require some adjustments, but our goal is to hold the event irregardless.

A significant percentage of our 210<sup>th</sup> Engineering and Installation Squadron as well as several other wing members, are currently deployed to southwest Asia and other overseas locations. Later in 2008, a large contingent from the wing will deploy in support of Air Expeditionary Force and Expeditionary Combat Support operations in south-west Asia. Additionally, the wing will be stepping up to support Operation Joint Enterprise in Europe. All of this activity will certainly help us prepare for an early 2010 Operational Readiness Inspection!

**84<sup>th</sup> Troop Command  
LTC Timothy Kojetin**

Battery E, 151 Field Artillery (Target Acquisition), from Anoka, has been awarded the Army's Meritorious Unit Commendation for ser-vice in Iraq in 2004-2005. BG Trost and COL Bertrang presented the award in Anoka on 12 January. The Meritorious Unit Commendation consists of two components; the Meritorious Unit Commendation streamer, which is scarlet with the name of the applicable theater of operations in white letters, and a ribbon. The ribbon is worn by all members of the organization and is considered an individual decoration for Soldiers in connection with the cited acts and is worn as a permanent part of the uniform, whether or not they continue as members of the cited unit. Other Soldiers may wear this decoration while serving with the unit to indicate the unit has been awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation. The only other MNARNG units to receive this award in World War II were Batteries A and C of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 151 Field Artillery, for service in Iraq.

The 849<sup>th</sup> and 851<sup>st</sup> Engineer Companies from Litchfield and Camp Ripley continue to serve in Iraq. Their estimated return dates are this spring for the 849<sup>th</sup> and summer for the 851<sup>st</sup>.

The Forward Support Company of the 682<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion will be conducting their annual training at the National Maintenance Training Center in Camp Dodge, Iowa, 16 February through 1 March.

Another fifty Soldiers from the 682<sup>nd</sup> will be traveling to New Mexico to perform duty on Operation Jump Start. Two more rotations will be conducted this spring.

The 434<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company located in Northfield, Redwing and Minneapolis is receiving new equipment and a new mission. The Biological Identification & Detection System is replacing their Smoke Platoon. BIDS is a mobile laboratory used to detect and identify possible airborne pathogens. They will receive the equipment and begin training on it this summer.

**From the Executive Director  
Walter D. Schulz**

Welcome to 2008. In the near term we all should be directing our attention to 2008 membership. Let's all get together and support President

Lt Col Dahlquist and make 2008 a banner year for membership. (Last year the Association ended up being at 60% membership.) Lets remember that the dues that are paid to NGAUS will be used to lobby on capital hill for add ons for the National Guard (both Army and Air) to support our troops, see National Defense Highlights. For 2008, thus far we are at 26 % .New retired life members for 2008 are LTC Dean Bloemke, Marvin Hey BG Timothy Kennedy, LTC Geraldine Longfellow, and Lt Col Randal Overby, Remember the early bird cut off is 31 March 2008.

Mid term is our annual state conference which will be held in St. Cloud, MN on 24-26 April 08, at the Radisson. Plan to attend – See registration in the publication. The theme this year will be, ‘The American Family’. You can also register on line at [www.ngamn.org](http://www.ngamn.org).

Long term is our 130<sup>th</sup> NGAUS Annual Conference 19-23 Sep 08. (19 & 23 are travel days) in Baltimore, MD. As just returning from attending the NGEDA conference (23-27 Jan 08) I have booked forty three sleeping room and one suite at the Tremont Plaza Hotel. More information will be published on the web.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> BCT CPT John Donovan**

1<sup>st</sup> BCT Community ‘Stand-to’ in Bloomington, Minn.

A military “stand-to” is roughly defined as “all personnel to your post.” On Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> members of the Bloomington community stood by their posts to support those who have served them.

This “Stand-to” also known as Bloomington’s response to the Humphrey Institute’s “Call to Civic Action” has becoming the pilot site for this unique program designed to assist Soldiers coming back from war. According to Capt John Donovan, Headquarters, 1/34<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, Burnsville, MN is scheduled to hold a similar event and St. Cloud, MN is in the planning stages to hold a like event in the spring or summer of this year.

Providers are just community people ‘being community’ by offering 20 hours or more of free services. More than a dozen businesses showed up for the event, to included: Jobs for Veterans, Helmets to Hardhats, Faith Based Services, Work Force Center, Mortgage and Counseling Services, Northwestern Health Services, Adler Institute, Now and Zen Healing Arts, Reiki Energy Therapy, Minnesota

Association for Veterans, Beauty Supply, Bloomington VFW, Debt Counseling and Minnesota Veteran Family Support. The troops interacted with service providers and selected certificates for the free services they wished to use.

The mission was a success through the efforts of dedicated residents, the partnership of eight ELCA Lutheran churches, the support of Bloomington Mayor, Gene Winstead, the Patriot Guard, the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Minnesota Humphrey Institute.

“This community event was meant to give community residents an opportunity to say thank you to the citizen-soldiers who are currently serving our nation. It is an extension of the “Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Campaign”, said Capt Donovan. “It gave them an opportunity to truly demonstrate that they “support the troops” more so than just hanging a magnetic ribbon on their car.”

The ‘Warrior to Citizen’ call to civic action, originated by the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute, is a non-political initiative bringing communities together to assist our troops and their families with the transition home. Heeding the words of Governor Pawlenty, it attempts to “bring our soldiers all the way home”. This civic call to action augments the 30-60-90 day Beyond the Yellow Ribbon reintegration program created by Major Gen. Larry Shellito and Chaplain John Morris of the Minnesota National Guard.

#### **PRESIDENT SIGNS FY08 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT-**

##### **National Guard Empowerment Provisions Grade & Duties of CNB.**

Increases CNGB grade to General and designates as a principal advisor to SECDEF through CJCS on matters pertaining to non-federalized NG forces and other matters as determined by SECDEF. Also sets several qualifications for CNGB position. (Sec.1811)

**Joint Activity** Designates NGB a joint activity of DoD instead of joint bureau of Army & USAF. (Sec. 1812.) Report language specifies that this change should not result in any change in the day-to-day relationship between the Chief of the NGB and the Secretaries of the Army and Air Force and their respective staffs. (Sec. 1812)

**Charter** Requires SECDEF to develop charter for NGB in consultation with CJCS, SecArmy and SecAf. Charter is required to address NGB responsibility to

**ASSIST THE SECDEF** in facilitating and coordination with other federal agencies, the TAGS, NORTHCOM AND JFCOM on the use of NG personnel and resources in the conduct of operations under Title 32 or in support of state missions. (Sec.1813)

**Plan for Response to Disasters and Attacks** Requires the SECDEF, in consultation with the DHS, CJCS, NORTHCOM and CNGB on plan for coordinating use of National Guard and active duty armed forces when responding to disasters, terrorism and other man-made disasters. Plan shall include identification of National Guard equipment required for civil support. Plan due to Congress 1 June 2008 with update by 1 June 2010. (Sec. 1814)

**Civil support requirements** Requires SECDEF, in consult with DHS, to determine military-unique capabilities needed for civil support in an incident of national significance of a catastrophic incident, and, in coordination with Service secretaries & CJS develop and implement a plan for providing the necessary funds and resources. (Sec. 1815)

**NORTHCOM Review Reserve Component** Requires the CJCS to review positions, job description, and assignments within the NORTHCOM with goal of determining the feasibility of significantly increasing the number of Reserve Component members assigned. Due to SECDEF within 1 year of enactment and to Congress 90 days later. (Sec. 1821)

**Council of Governors** Requires the President to establish a bipartisan council of governors to advise SECDEF, DHS, White House HS Council on matters relating to the NG and civil support missions. (Sec. 1822)

**Reserve Forces Policy Board** Requires the SECDEF to provide Congress NLT 1 July 2008 with a plan to implement revisions to the Reserve Forces Policy Board which the Secretary determines necessary. Plan shall be consistent with findings of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves and take into consideration views of civilian and military leaders, past chairmen of the RFPB, private organizations with expertise and interest in DOD organization, and others at SECDEF discretion. (Sec. 1823)

**RC Consideration for LTG Positions** Expresses the Sense of Congress that, whenever 0-8s are considered for promotion to 0-9, Reserve Component officers should be considered. (Sec. 1824)

**Chairman’s 10 now 15** Increases from 10 to 15 the number of Reserve

Component General Officers authorized to serve at combatant commands under 10 USC 526(b)(2)(a). (Sec. 1824)

**NG Deputy Cdr NORTHCOM**

Requires that at least one deputy commander of the combatant command, the geographic area of responsibility of which includes the United States, shall be a qualified officer of the National Guard who is eligible for promotion to the grade of 0-9, unless a National Guard officer is serving as commander of that combatant command. (Sec. 1824)

**Joint Duty for TAGS** SecDef must submit a report on the appropriateness of joint duty credit for TAGS. (Sec. 1824)

**Retirement Age of Reserve Component General Officers**

Requires that Reserve Component Major Generals and above must retire at age 64. Those serving in Lieutenant General or General position may get waivers to age 66 or 68 approved by SECDEF or POTUS respectively. Reserve Component officers in the grade of General must be separated after 40 years commissioned service. (Sec. 1825)

**NG Equipment Report Addition**

Requires the annual NG and Reserve Equipment Report to include CNGB certification of inventory of programmed but not received. (Sec. 1826)

**Civilian Personnel Issues**

**Federal Employees Life Insurance**

Federal civilian employees who are members of a Reserve Component and are called to active duty may continue coverage under Federal Employees Group Life Insurance for up to 24 months, provided they make premium payments after the initial 12 months of coverage. (Sec. 1102)

**Military Construction Authorization**

**ARNG** \$538,865,000 (Div. B)

**ANG** \$287,537,000 (Div. B)

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MANKATO, MN**

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Amount Due \_\_\_\_\_ (See table below) Make check payable to NGAMN send to address above

To pay by credit card, fill out the following: Circle credit card type: Master Card [ ] Visa [ ]

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$79</b>	<b>\$102</b>	<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$143</b>	<b>\$163</b>	<b>\$179</b>	<b>\$41</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$66</b>	<b>\$89</b>	<b>\$89</b>
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**STEP FOUR: DETERMINE  
YOUR TOTAL COST**

Fill in # and sub-total

Event	Company Grade	Field Grade	#	Sub-total
Full Registration: Banquet & either Business Meeting or Guest Brunch	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$60</b>		
Business Meeting Only	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$15</b>		
Spouse Brunch Only	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$15</b>		
Banquet Only	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$45</b>		
Prayer Breakfast	<b>Order &amp; Pay at Restaurant</b>			
Retired Dinner & Caucus	<b>Order &amp; Pay at Restaurant</b>			
Optional Voluntary Donation	<b>To Help Cover Conference Costs</b>			
<b>Total =</b>				

**STEP THREE: SELECT YOUR DINNER ENTRÉE:**

Mark your Choice (s):

\_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Stuffed Chicken Breast

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 oz New York Strip

\_\_\_\_\_ Fried Walleye

\_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Pasta

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