

Virginia National Guard Management Group

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Timothy Williams

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Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

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2019 VNGMG Annual Conference Marriott Newport News City Center April 25-28, 2019



Letter From Timothy P. Williams

It is hard to believe that the holidays are upon us, and preparations are in full swing all over. As we enter this season, please remember to take some much deserved time for your family, your friends, and yourself. All too often, we fail to protect this time... but quality time away and strong support systems are vital to what we do. Without healthy relationships and lifestyles, we cannot bring our best to the fight.

I want to take a moment and thank all of you for the hard work in re-invigorating our associations. Everyone involved is doing monumental work because they can see the value and potential in the future. I greatly appreciate all that you are doing - and the incredible support I see from your families, employers, and community leaders. Without them backing us, the work ahead would be nearly impossible.

I'm optimistic about our future! We certainly have hard work in front of us, but there is growing visualization that we need the associations now more than ever. In many ways - at least from my view - we're witnessing the 'operationalization' of our organization as a support resource to our Soldiers, Airmen, and their families during an incredibly demanding time in history. In my current role, I am reminded daily that without an activist association in our corner, our force structure, resources, and family support are in jeopardy.

I thank you for all that you do to preserve what we are so fortunate to have; I am humbled to serve beside you. Keep the faith! Wishing all of you a joyous and safe season!

Legion 6



EANGUS Conference
August 4 - 7, 2019
Des Moines, IA



NGAUS
The National Guard Association of the United States

NGAUS 141st General Conference
August 30 - September 2, 2019
Denver, CO

Virginia National Guard Management Group

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Virginia National Guard Management Group (VNGMG)
MG (VA) John D. Taylor (Retired)
Chairman, VNGMG Board of Directors



Happy Holidays to the members and their families of the two associations. Next year will include the 59th Annual VNGA Conference and the 45th Annual VaA/ANGEA Conference. This is the third year the two conferences have been co-located. Combining the efforts of both associations will help ensure our annual conference continues to improve and serve the membership. I hope you and your family will participate in this conference and have a good time at the many events that are being offered during the 2019 conference. I encourage each of you to go to our Website (vngmg.org) for additional information on the 2019 annual conference.

The Virginia National Guard Management Group (VNGMG) will complete its second year in existence on 1 May, 2019. We have accomplished many objectives during the past 24 months and will continue to support the two associations and the Virginia National Guard Historical Foundation (VNGHF) and their membership. 2019 will be a successful year for the VNGMG and the two associations based on your input to what benefits you desire as a member of the two associations.

Increasing membership and very active participation by each of you as members is the most important objective for our associations. Each of you are requested to continue to recruit new members in your units in 2019 for both associations and encourage individuals to join. Every Virginia National Guard soldier and airman should be a member of their professional association to provide the support to our Virginia National Guard members and families at the state and national levels in 2019 and beyond.

Assisting the VNGHF in raising funds for construction of the Virginia National Guard Museum that will be located in Richmond is just one of our major tasks for 2019. I encourage each of you to go to our Website (vngmg.org) for additional information on the VNGHF and how to donate to the construction of the museum.

Please stop me during the 2019 conference and let me know what future benefits you desire as a member of our organizations. The VNGMG stands ready to support the associations in 2019 in increasing benefits of being an active member. With your support and engagement, the associations will be able to support each of you as a member in 2019 and the future.

Again, Happy Holidays to you as a member and each of your families. May 2019 be a year of success for each of you in your personal life and the Virginia National Guard.

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VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD MANAGEMENT GROUP 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE MARRIOTT NEWPORT NEWS AT CITY CENTER APRIL 25-28, 2019

2019 VNGMG CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday April 25, 2019

1930 – 2100 VaA/ANGEA Executive Board Meeting
1900 - 2300 Hospitality Suites

Friday April 26, 2019

0815 – 0945 VNGMG Executive Board Meeting
1030 - 1700 Golf Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run \$75
\$75 per person
1130 shotgun start
Includes: Round of Golf, Cart, Lunch, Drink Tickets & Door Prizes
1030 – 1700 Motorcycle Ride
1500 – 1800 Exhibitor Set Up
1700 - 1900 Registration
\$25 per registration for VNGA and VaA/ANGEA Members
\$35 per registration for non-member
1800 –1915 Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall
Included in Registration Fee
1915 - 2200 Exhibit Hall & Casino Night in Support of the Historical Foundation
Advance Registration Required
\$20 per adult
\$15 per Child
Includes: 2 Drink Tickets, Heavy Hors D'oeuvres, \$5,000 casino cash
Additional Casino Cash can be purchased to support the Virginia national Guard Historical Society
2200 - 2330 Hospitality Suites

Saturday April 27, 2019

0730 – 1200 Exhibits Sponsored by VNGMG
0730 – 0830 Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
0730 – 1700 Auxiliary Silent Auction
0830 – 0930 Virginia National Guard Management Group Joint Opening Session and Business Meeting
0930 – 1000 Coffee break in Exhibit hall
1000 – 1130 Virginia National Guard Management Group Joint Educational Session
1130 – 1330 Lunch on your own
1330 – 1630 VaA/ANGEA Business Session
1330 – 1630 VNGA Business Session
1800 - 1900 Banquet Reception
1900 – 2200 Annual Military Banquet
Advance Registration Required
\$50 per person
2200 - 2330 Hospitality Suites

Sunday April 28, 2019

0800 – 0900 Coffee and Danish
0800 – 0900 Memorial Service
0900 – 1000 VNGA Unit Representative Meeting
1000 – 1100 VNGA Executive Council After Action Review

Hotel Reservation

Marriott Newport News City Center
740 Town Center Drive
Newport News, VA 23606

\$94.00 Room Rate
Prevailing Government Rate at time of Check In

[Click Here for Hotel Reservation](#)

Group Code:
VA National Guard Group Block
1-866-329-1758

Reservation Cut Off date :
April 4, 2019

Parking:
Self Park Free
Valet \$12 per day

2019 VNGMG Conference

Family Event Saturday April 27th

0900 – 1130

Drawing and Donuts Family Event

\$15 Adult \$10 Children under 10

Private Event for Family Members

2 hr step-by-step painting class at Wine and Design

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Keeney:

vaanguardgroup@gmail.com

Phone: 804-643-0312

Fax: 804-643-0312

[**Click Here to Register Online!**](#)



VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD MANAGEMENT GROUP 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE MARRIOTT NEWPORT NEWS AT CITY CENTER APRIL 25-28, 2019

2019 VNGMG CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Military Affiliation (please circle)

Army Officer Air Officer Army Enlisted Air Enlisted Alumni/Retired

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

RANK: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

CIVILIAN EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

Guest First Name: _____ Guest Last Name: _____

REGISTRATION TYPE:

VNGA or VA/ANGEA Member Attendee Conference Registration Fee \$25 \$ _____

Non Member Attendee Conference Registration Fee \$35 \$ _____

Friday Events

Friday Night Casino Night in support of the Historical Foundation \$20 per adult, \$15 per child \$ _____
Adults _____ # Kids _____

Friday Golf Tournament \$75 per person \$ _____
Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run
Number of players _____ x \$75
Names of players _____

Friday Motorcycle Ride
Yes, Number of riders _____ or No

Saturday Events

Drawing & Donuts Spouse/Family Event (Adult \$15 Kids 10 and younger \$10) \$ _____
Wine & Design Paint it forward Oyster Point # Adults _____ # Kids _____

Saturday Night Banquet \$50 per person (Adult Only) \$ _____
of attendees _____ Please list dietary Restriction: _____

Please select your entrée (1 per person) _____ Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian _____ Fish

Total Amount To Be Paid: \$ _____

VNGA Officer T-Shirt Size XS S M L XL XXL
One per VNGA Officer

Method of Payment

Please make checks payable to VNGMG, and mail with registration for to 4461 Cox Rd, Suite 110, Glen Allen, VA 23060
Pay by credit card, please fill the following out completely. Please email the form to vanguardgroup@gmail.com or fax to 804-643-0311

Name on card: _____ Credit Card Number _____

CC Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CCV Code: _____ Signature: _____

2019 VNGMG Annual Conference Exhibitor and Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Membership \$2,000

- Corporate Membership to VNGMG, VNGA, and VA/ANGEA for 1yr
- Named Event at Annual Conference
- 4 Conference Registrations
- 2 Exhibit Booths
- Company Logo on all Signage and Promotional Material
- Company Logo on VNGMG website
- Company Logo on Promotional Item
- 1 Page Advertisement in Conference Program

Gold Membership \$1,500

- Corporate Membership to VNGMG, VNGA, and VA/ANGEA for 1 yr
- Named Event at Annual Conference
- 4 Conference Registrations
- 2 Exhibit Booths
- Company Logo on all Signage and Promotional Material
- Company logo on VNGMG website
- ½ Page Advertisement in Conference Program

Silver Membership \$1,000

- Corporate Membership to VNGMG, VNGA, and VA/ANGEA for 1 yr
- 2 Conference Registrations
- 1 Exhibit Booth
- Company Logo on all Signage and Promotional Material
- Company logo on VNGMG website
- ¼ Page Advertisement in Conference Program

Bronze Membership \$500

- Corporate Membership to VNGMG, VNGA, and VA/ANGEA for 1 yr
- 2 Conference Registrations
- 1 Exhibit Booth
- Company Logo on all Signage and Promotional Material
- Company logo on VNGMG website

****Tickets To Military Ball Not Included In Membership****

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Contact email address: _____

Attendee Name (1): _____

Attendee Title (1): _____

Attendee email address (1): _____

Attendee Name (2): _____

Attendee Title (2): _____

Attendee email address (2): _____

Membership Package: _____ \$ _____

Additional Sponsorship: _____ \$ _____

Additional Add On's: _____ \$ _____

Total Amount to be Charged: \$ _____

Exhibit Booth \$500

- Includes 2 General Registrations
- 1 Exhibit Booth
- Name/Logo in the Convention Program

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

- \$250 Coffee Break
- \$250 Coffee and Danish Memorial Breakfast (Sunday)
- \$500 WIFI Sponsor
- \$500 Family Event Drawing and Donuts (Saturday)
- \$750 Military Ball Banquet Reception (Saturday)
- \$750 Welcome Reception Sponsor (Friday Night)
- \$2,500 5 Min. Podium Time @ Opening Joint Session

Motorcycle Ride Sponsorship

- \$1,000 General Sponsorship

Golf Tournament Sponsorship

- \$50 Bogey (18 available)
Hole Sponsorship
- \$200 Birdie (18 available)
Hole Sponsorship
Includes 1 Golf Registrations
Company logo on Rules Sheet
- \$500 Eagle (2 available)
Longest Drive/Closest to the Pin Hole Sponsor
Includes 2 Golf Registration
Company logo on Rules Sheet
- \$1,000 Double Eagle (2 available)
Includes 4 Golf Registrations
Hole Sponsorship
Company logo on Rules Sheet
Company logo on a tournament give away

Casino Night Sponsorship

- \$250 Table Sponsorship (6 available)
Company logo at casino table

VNMG Military Ball

- \$2,500 Main Sponsor (1 available)
2 Military Ball tickets at a VIP Table
5 minute Speaking Opportunity during Military Ball

ADD ON's

- \$45 Additional Registration
- \$50 Military Ball Tickets
- \$75 Electricity at booth

****Please send company logo to vanguardgroup@gmail.com by February 1, 2019******

Payment Information (Please Print)

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Exp Date ____/____/____ CVV Code: _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature (required): _____

Corporate memberships are tax deductible contributions. The VNGMG is a 501c3 organization.

Virginia National Guard Association

From the President's Desk

Winter 2018

MAJ Nate Seymour

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Hope all's well and everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and is ready for Christmas. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the dedicated members of our association. As you'll see we're making progress in many areas.

Our legislative activities are gaining momentum. The combined efforts from the Officer, Enlisted and Adjutant General's Office achieved a significant accomplishment this fall. The **Joint Leadership Council (JLC)**, which is an advisory council made up of veteran organizations placed correcting the Guard State Active Duty (SAD) pay imbalance as its top priority for the coming legislative year. This is a great accomplishment, but it's not a done deal. We still need your voice to support this initiative. Also making the list of JLC top priorities was free instate tuition for Guardsmen.

The annual **Legislative Day** will be 16 January at the Library of Virginia in Richmond. This will be our opportunity to speak with state legislators. Please attend if possible. Food and drink will be provided.

NGAUS will hold its Industry Day 10 Dec. Visit <https://www.ngaus.org/events/22nd-annual-industry-day> for details. Additionally, I'm looking for 3 Company Grade officers interested in attending the **National Capital Summit**. This is a professional development event where you'll learn about NGAUS's legislative process. Travel expenses will be covered. Dates are: 10-12 March, 14-16 July, or 27-29 October. I need to make the March selection NLT 21 December. Please contact me directly if interested.

In October we conducted our first 100% on-line Executive Council meeting. We had a quorum by both the new and old standard and a productive meeting followed. During this meeting the EC approved adding additional payment options for Active Life memberships. We're working out the details, but if you're interested in spreading out the \$1000 NGAUS Active Life Membership fee, let us know and will make it doable for you.

Also in October, we sent a VNGA member to Detroit, MI to attend the first meeting of the newly formed NGAUS Cyber Task Force. Congratulations to LTC John Monihan on his selection as the Subcommittee Chairman for Force Structure.

Our next **Executive Council** meeting will be 27 January at the Newport News Marriot, which is the location of this year's state conference. We'll conduct our meeting in the morning with webinar option for those who can't attend in person. Followed by a tour of the hotel and conference facilities. We'll break for lunch (proved). And those that can stay, we'll conduct a membership drive. So please renew (<https://www.ngaus.org/membership/individual-membership>) your membership prior to 25 January so we can focus on growing our association, not just maintaining. A suite has been reserved for us to work in and stay overnight. But, what would all work be without some play too? The Marriott is in a nice area for "socializing." We might have to RECON some sites or conduct a "wet run" of the hospitality suites. I hear Michelle's famous French Toast will be available Sunday morning for those who stay. Please let me know if you'll join us.



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While we're on the membership issue. The membership year is 1 January to 31 December. However, if you join now it will be for the 2019 year. We've had 20 some officers already do this. At last year's conference you heard me speak about the Life Member "Green Book." I'm happy to report that thanks to our strong retiree base we're making progress. Nearly 200 members have been found and added back to our rosters.

This year's Annual NGAUS conference will be in Denver, Colorado from 30 Aug – 2 Sept. I'll be attending the National Guard Executive Director Association (NGEDA) annual meeting this January in preparation.

In closing I want to share some before and after pictures from the SMR beach front. Last spring CSM Cliff White (VAAANGEA President) ask VNGA to assist with replacing the grills so Guardsmen and their families could enjoy a cook out on the beach. Four grills have been successfully installed and a plaque noting VNGA and VAAANGEA's shared contributions will soon be placed.



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VNGA/NGAUS Membership Renewals

Virginia National Guard Association and NGAUS membership renewals have now been distributed. If you would like to renew now, please follow the steps below. All renewals must be completed by December 31st.

Log into the NGAUS website at <https://www.ngaus.org/user/login> and click the "Renew" button on the right-hand side of the screen. On the next page, click the "Renew" button in line with NGAUS membership, located on the right of the screen. Once in the Shopping Cart, be sure that the renewal package is the type of membership you wish to renew. Click "Save & Finish". Next, click "Continue to Shop" to renew your VNGA membership. Under "My Chapter Memberships", click "Renew", and again, make sure the renewal package is the type you wish to renew, and click "Save & Finish", then "Check-Out" to enter your payment information.

Have you moved?

Do you need to update your address, phone number, or email address with the VNGA?

Please go to www.ngaus.org/user/login

Forgot your user name and password?

Contact Yashika Fowler at 202-408-5880 or

yashika.fowler@ngaus.org

NGAUS and EANGUS Member Benefits

Dues-paying members and life members of the NGAUS and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, or EANGUS, have an accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) benefit at no extra cost to the member.

NGAUS and EANGUS members under the age of 80 are automatically enrolled for \$2,500 in accidental death and dismemberment coverage. The NGAUS Insurance Trust trustees voted during their October 1998 meeting to reestablish the benefit.

This \$2,500 benefit, will automatically cover all members under age 80 whose national dues have been received or accounted for by their respective national association headquarters. There are no other enrollment requirements for the member to be covered.

For the claim to be paid, the NGAUS or EANGUS headquarters must receive the completed claim form (<https://www.ngaus.org/insurance/enrollment-and-claims-forms>) and verify that the dues of "deceased/claimant" are current. Once the appropriate national headquarters is notified of a pending claim, they will verify membership and document it appropriately on the claim form. The claim form will then be forwarded to the claimant for completion. The completed form and any other required documents should then be returned to the NGAUSIT address on the form for processing by the insurance company.

The AD&D benefit is viewed as a significant addition to the membership package for the two associations. The membership at large can be of great service by notifying the NGAUS and EANGUS headquarters whenever there is a death of a member. This will assist us in making sure that a benefit due to a Guard member's beneficiary is not overlooked.

Virginia Army and Air National Guard Enlisted Association

VaA/ANGEA

Clifton C. "Cliff" White
Command Sergeant Major, VAARNG



Goodbye My Friend - By the time this newsletter is distributed we will have laid to rest a great friend and lifelong member of our Association. On December 5, 2018 Sergeant First Class (Retired) J.J. St. Clair, aged 82, lost his long bout with Parkinson's disease, slipping into eternal life with our Lord at the Salem Veteran's Hospital's Hospice Unit. JJ was a tremendous asset to the Virginia Army National Guard during his 31 years of service, mostly while stationed at the Roanoke Armory. His work in our Association saw him hold many offices, attend dozens of State and National Conferences, and serve as State Conference Chairman numerous times. He was hired as our Executive Secretary in May, 1995 and served in that capacity until his health would no longer allow him to travel, passing his duties on to his devoted daughter, Carmen Hedge, in 2014. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Carmen and his beloved wife, Elain (a past president of our Auxiliary) during these most trying times. We have truly lost a great friend, loving family man, excellent Soldier, and devout Christian with SFC St Clair's passing.

Membership - We are growing, ever so slowly. We have surpassed 640 members for the first time in over five years. This is a positive movement. Three problems I have noted in membership:

1. Retention of annual members - too many annual members are not renewing their memberships. Each member should be receiving renewal notices from our Executive Secretary's office. Please reply or go to our website to renew.
2. Lack of knowledge about us – I attend as many unit drills as possible, when invited, to speak to the units about our mission. Too many of our newer Soldiers and Airmen have neither knowledge of our Association's existence nor what we do at the State and National level. Few are aware of our FREE Affiliate membership option. When advised of such an option some do join, but not near the level of support as you might think would take about 3 minutes to help support their Association.
3. Apathy – THE KILLER OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS! I am not sure why we have dropped in membership levels across the Country in virtually all volunteer organizations, except to say that with the advancement of technologies, something that should give us more free time to devote to such organizations, we as a society seem to have replaced that free time with overly-addicted attention to social media and gaming.

Membership levels, whether active members working on committees or serving in elected positions, or just being a silent, dues paying supporter, is vital to the continuance of most volunteer organizations. It is most important to one like ours, being a 501 / C19 Veterans Service Organization, chartered to promote legislative activities to State and Federal elected bodies for the betterment of our National Guard unit's equipment, manning levels, health care issues, retirement issues, and other Soldier and Airmen benefits. The bottom line is that we exist to help all Soldiers and Airmen have better training and benefits. I simply ask this when speaking to Soldiers and Airmen: HELP US TO HELP YOU. Join today to help us be stronger in numbers and so we can carry more clout to help you.

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Legislative Reception - I expect you will see elsewhere in this newsletter information about a very important evening coming next month. We, along with our sister Association (VNGA) sponsor an annual Legislative Reception during the Virginia General Assembly session. This is a very nice event where we invite all Virginia elected officials to stop by and visit with our members, this year on the evening of January 16th, 2019, in the Library of Virginia. Attendees learn what we do as members of the Virginia National Guard, the Adjutant General's office provides a military-related Speaker series event, we have both uniformed and civilian-dressed attendees to mix and mingle with the Governor and members of the House and Senate that take the opportunity to come visit with us. All members are invited and encouraged to attend this free event.

Executive Council Meeting – January 26, 2019, JFHQ, DSCR, Richmond, VA. Starts at 10:00 am.

President's Workshop and Legislative Workshop – February 24-27, 2019, Washington DC. The President's workshop is first two days and is for the President and other elected VAA/ANGEA officials to learn new methods of membership recruitment, governing our State chapters, and network ideas from all 55 Chapters. The Legislative Workshop ends the training and allows each State to schedule appointments to meet personally with their State's federally elected officials in their Washington DC office. It also is the annual EANGUS award presentation to outstanding Congressman that supports our National Guard legislative initiatives.

EANGUS AREA II Mid-Winter Conference – March 1-3, 2019, hosted by Pennsylvania Association, Marriott Hotel, Lancaster, PA. This event is for Executive Council members to plan our Area issues but open to anyone interested in visiting the Amish Country of Pennsylvania.

VAA/ANGEA Annual Conference – April 26-28, 2019, Marriott @ City Center, Newport News, VA. See info elsewhere in this newsletter.

NATIONAL GUARD ALUMNI and FRIENDS CRUISE - The VAA/ANGEA has worked with Boots to Journeys, a travel agency owned by a retired CW5 from the South Carolina National Guard, to reserve a block of "special rate" rooms on the Carnival Cruise Lines ship sailing from Norfolk, VA on October 14th, 2019. This is a six night Bahamas cruise without the expense of driving/flying to & from Florida. This gives those that like to cruise, and those that may have never been on a cruise, an opportunity to take a vacation with some old friends or friends not yet met. It is a possible fund raising opportunity for us too; our goal is to obtain 16 rooms with double occupancy. If met or exceeded, Carnival will donate \$20 per person to our Association. We will enjoy a group "welcome aboard" two hour private party on the first night too. See the flyer in this newsletter.

This is an imperative point, if you are reading this newsletter, then you are probably already a member, and I personally thank you for that decision. But we need you to help spread the word and help us recruit new members. I can provide leaders and enlisted members a fairly good presentation to use to assist in briefing fellow Soldiers and Airmen as your time allows. Contact me at cliff.white62@gmail.com to ask for assistance, or visit our website to contact our full time staff at the Virginia National Guard Management Group at VaGuardGroup@gmail.com. Also remember to LIKE our FACEBOOK page: Virginia Army and Air National Guard Enlisted Association.

Honored to Serve!



Virginia Army and Air National Guard Enlisted Association

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HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

While the national Guard Soldiers and Airmen are on mission helping their fellow citizens, their own homes have been flooded and their contents destroyed.

EANGUS is accepting donations to help those heroes.

To make a donation, go to <https://eangus.org/donation/>

The Virginia Army & Air National Guard Enlisted Association has arranged a great opportunity to get together, have some fun and raise money toward our Association at the same time.

We have partnered with Boots to Journeys, LLC to offer a sailing from Norfolk, VA which will allow a short drive for a lot of our members on a 6 Day Bahamas Cruise.

- October 14, 2019 MONDAY -- NORFOLK, VA
- October 15, 2019 TUESDAY -- FUN DAY AT SEA
- October 16, 2019 WEDNESDAY -- NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS
- October 17, 2019 THURSDAY -- HALF MOON CAY, THE BAHAMAS
- October 18, 2019 FRIDAY -- FREEPORT, THE BAHAMAS
- October 19, 2019 SATURDAY -- FUN DAY AT SEA
- October 20, 2019 SUNDAY -- NORFOLK, VA



A group rate has been secured for inside cabins. All other staterooms will be priced at the best available offer at the time of your booking. Example below is based on 2 per cabin with today's Military rate including Port Fees and Taxes.

Inside \$811.52 per person(pp)
Oceanview \$881.52 pp Balcony
\$1102.41 pp

Jr. Suite \$1560.52 pp

\$77.50 pp is the Gratuity which can be prepaid

We HIGHLY encourage Travel Protection to protect your trip investment.

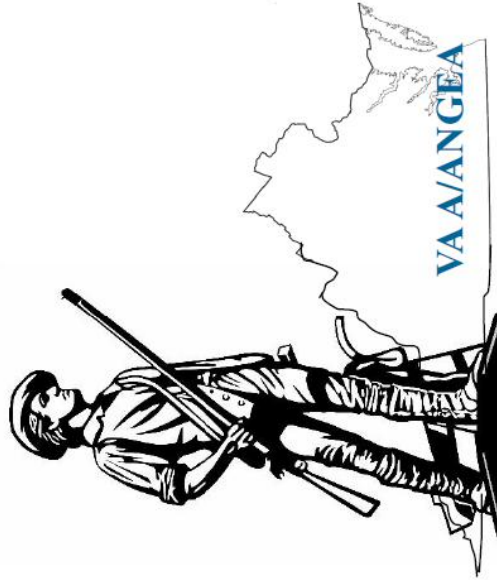
\$24 per person will be donated to the Association to assist with the fundraiser.



Travel@BootstoJourneys.com
1-833-490-0390
<https://BootstoJourneys.com>

**VIRGINIA ARMY/AIR
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WWW.VAAANGEA.ORG



- PROMOTING THE -

STATUS, PROFESSIONALISM AND WELFARE OF THE

VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD

- STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE
- REDUCED FEES FOR COUNTY, CITY AND STATE
- AUTOMOBILE LICENSE TAGS
- PX & COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES FOR GUARD MEMBERS
- \$ 3,000 TAX EXEMPT GUARD PAY (STATE TAX)
- SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Revised May, 2018

Virginia Army & Air National Guard Enlisted Association State **Affiliate** Membership Application

Affiliate Member's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Civilian Email Address: _____

2019 VAA/ANGEA AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP *** FREE ***

Dues: 2019 FREE

Affiliation:

DMA Employee _____

VDF _____

VA ANG Airman _____

VA ARNG Soldier _____

UNIT _____

Join VAA/ANGEA @

WWW.VAAANGEA.ORG

or Scan this QR to join on-line-->



ALL current members of the Virginia National Guard are provided \$1,000 of no cost State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) coverage. For more information visit: SSLI.ORG

Send To: VA A/ANGEA
4461 Cox Rd., Suite 110
Glen Allen, VA 23060

New _____

Renewal _____

**Virginia Army/Air National Guard
Enlisted Association and EANGUS Application**

Unit _____

Unit PRN _____

Name _____ Civilian Email Address: _____

DOB _____ Branch: VA ANG _____ VA ARNG _____ Rank _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Return application with payment to:
VA A/ANGEA
4461 Cox Rd., Suite 110
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Organized in July 1974 by approximately 20 enlisted personnel in Lynchburg, VA. Incorporated at the First Annual Conference in March 1975 as a non-profit organization.

The first President was State Command Sergeant Major Herbert L. Lewis.

Some of the benefits and privileges that the VAA/ANGEA promoted and helped to achieve:

- State Tuition Assistance
- National Guard license plates for 1/2 price of regular price
- County or City decals for no more than the cost of National Guard plates
- Up to \$3000 of National Guard pay exempt from Virginia state income taxes
- Unlimited PX & Commissary privileges
- Scholarships sponsored by VAA/ANGEA, EANGUS and the Auxiliary

MEMBERSHIP

Effective 1 July 2017 the membership dues of the Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association (VAA/ANGEA) to include membership in Enlisted Association National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) is:

Annual Membership	\$ 20.00
All Ranks Enlisted	\$ 20.00
Lifetime Membership	\$ 135.00

NEW ***2018 Affiliate Membership*** FREE

Any drilling member of the VANG, employee of Department of Military Affairs, or member of Virginia Defense Force may request affiliate membership (non-voting) by completing application and providing required information.

NAME

This association shall be known as The Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association, also referred to as VAA/ANGEA. It is established as a 501/C19 non-profit organization.

PURPOSE

To enhance the prestige, morale and wellbeing of the enlisted (former, current & retired) members of the Virginia Army & Air National Guard.

To facilitate the exchange of ideas and the solution of problems relating to the enlisted and retired members of the Virginia Army & Air National Guard.

To provide a method for the individual enlisted or retired member of the Virginia Army & Air National Guard to propose resolutions which can be acted upon by the Association to improve various aspects of the Virginia National Guard.

To encourage and provide a vehicle for fraternal and social activities for enlisted and retired members of the Virginia Army & Air National Guard.

To promote and support adequate State and National security under to provisions of the Constitution of the State of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States of America.

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EANGUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States

Among the many noteworthy accomplishments of EANGUS, largely attributable to the Associations grass roots and legislative efforts are:

- VA Home Loan Program for Guard and Reserve members made permanent
- DoD Dental Insurance plans for Retirees and National Guard Members
- Burial Benefits for National Guard Members
- Unlimited Commissary privileges for Guard and Reserve Members, PX privileges for Retirees
- Retirement age for pay eligibility decreased by Deployment period(s)
- Montgomery & Post 9-11 GI Bill education benefits increases and improvements
- TRICARE benefits for National Guard members who are unemployed or without employer-sponsored health insurance
- Restoration of tax-deductibility of non-reimbursable expenses for travel to drill
- Extended protections under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act for National Guard Members
- Increase in IADT points that can be earned in one year.

BENEFITS

EANGUS consistently seeks and administers programs to benefit the membership. A quarterly publication, The New Patriot Magazine, will keep you informed on EANGUS and its accomplishments.

Many programs such as Credit Cards, Auto Insurance Programs and other insurance plans are available.

For more information on the Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association please visit website at: <http://www.vaaangea.org/>

VaA/ANGEA 2019 Events

January 16	Legislative Reception Library of Virginia, Richmond
January 26	Executive Council Meeting JFHQ, DSCR, Richmond
March 1-3	EANGUS Area II Mid-Winter Conference Marriott, Lancaster PA
April 26-28	VaA/ANGEA Annual Conference Newport News Marriott City Center
October 14-20	National Guard Alumni & Friends Cruise Carnival Triumph, Bahamas

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The Virginia National Guard Museum will feature personalized, engraved bricks and sandstone blocks. Be a part of history and buy yours today.

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\$250

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WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?

A look at WWI Doughboys at leisure

by Alexander F. Barnes

Among the many similarities of soldiers from all recent historical periods, two in particular stand out: First, soldiers (and Marines, sailors, and airmen) love to have their picture taken. Second, they have a sense of humor that is often lost on outsiders. And in this case, outsiders would be defined as the civilian world, people from different eras, and even fellow soldiers outside the immediate group being photographed.

As a modern example of the phenomena described above, when I was serving in Co. L, Marine Support Battalion in Guantanamo Bay in 1975, we had no Christmas tree to decorate. So, we cut some long limbs from local cactus, jammed them into a garbage can, and decorated it as a "Cuban Christmas tree." I'm sure that many photos exist of our efforts in the scrapbooks of the guys from the unit, but, without captions, those photos will leave future historians scratching their heads and wondering, "What were they thinking?"

For the Doughboys of World War I who were training in the States or serving in France and Germany, there were no end of opportunities to take pictures — and leave us wondering the same thing. Here are just a few that leave us wondering, "What were they thinking?" ❖



Marked only with the words "That last night in San Antonio," this group of happy 90th Division Doughboys certainly give the impression that they are well equipped with tobacco and alcohol, and ready to face the Kaiser's Army. They would get that chance soon enough at St Mihiel and in the Argonne.

Perched bravely on Umbrella Rock over the historical marker for the Battle of Wauhatchie (28-29 October 1863), these two 51st Infantry Regiment soldiers would soon be on their way to France to serve in the 6th Division. Umbrella Rock still exists today, but it is now off limits to the general public.





What 322nd Field Artillery Regiment Doughboy thought it was a good idea to impress these two mademoiselles in Messac (most likely Massac), France, by letting their friend pose with his M1917 Enfield? Hopefully, the First Sergeant was busy elsewhere!



More 90th Division humor or accidental placement? The artillerymen from Battery "F", 345th Field Artillery Regiment, pose for a "yard-long" photo. The soldier in the center behind the tree was either the unit comedian or just unlucky; either way, he had to know he was not going to be in the photograph. What was he thinking? (Photo courtesy USAMHI)



Nothing says "good times" after mucking out the AFG Mounted Detachment horse stables like taking your boots off, gathering your dogs, and having a beer while sitting on the cobblestones. Knowing that LTC Jonathan Wainwright (later General Wainwright in the Philippines) commanded the detachment and was a strict disciplinarian, what were they thinking?



A real head-scratcher; this orderly from the 19th Evacuation Hospital, located near Trier, Germany, has decorated his white over-garments with a Sam Browne belt, Croix de Guerre, a row of ribbons, two overseas stripes and an "early arrival in France" star.



A solemn group of 37th Division artillerymen and their French 5th Regiment comrades pose with a captured German field piece. Only the Doughboy on the far right seems to see the humor in the pose of the Frenchman seated on the cannon barrel.



Among the many off-duty pursuits of the US soldiers assigned to the Occupation of Germany in the early 1920s were trips to visit the battlefields of the Great War. Here two well-uniformed soldiers emerge from an old bunker brandishing a bayonet, a bottle, and a spoon. With most of the battlefields in France still covered with live ammunition of all sizes, such exploration was probably not the smartest way to spend their leisure time.



This image gives us an idea of what passed for humor in the mess sections of the Big Red One. Brandishing all of the sharp tools of their trade, these Doughboys of the 1st Division threaten each other playfully. During the occupation of Germany, many 1st Division photos portrayed the Division's symbolic number "1" inside a wreath and these soldiers have replaced it with their current assignment: Kitchen Police.



These two American Forces in Germany (AFG) NCOs have chosen to spend their time getting a portrait made with a German Fräulein. While the soldiers appear to be at their best, and now wearing rank also on their left sleeve, the German girl appears to be experiencing the "worst hair day ever." What was she thinking?



A nicely uniformed transportation corps soldier from the 310th Mechanical Repair Unit, Sergeant Samuel Fleming, poses for a portrait in Coblenz. Fleming, a former University of Cincinnati student from Adams, Ohio, has chosen an interesting German-language book to pose with: Die Eroberung Der Luft (The Conquest of the Air). What is the message he is trying to give us? (Photo courtesy JAG Collection)