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Casino Night in Support of the Historical Foundation*

Saturday 27 April

Conference Speakers

Major General Timothy Williams

Family Event - Drawing & Doughnuts

Military Ball

Military Mess Dress/Semi Formal
Civilian Black Tie Optional

Sunday 28 April

Memorial Service



Virginia National Guard Management Group

VNGMG

2019 Annual VNG Combined Conference 25-28 April

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



I invite each of you and your Family to participate in 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 2019 VNG combined officer and enlisted conference business meeting and PD sessions are free to anyone that desires to arrive at 8 am on Saturday and depart upon completion of PD sessions/business meetings.

There is NO Registration Fee to attend the business meetings.

If you desire to register for other events, then you will have access to the exhibit hall, welcome reception, or Saturday breakfast.

For the \$25 fee to members and the \$ 35 fee for non-members; the registration fee for an attendee will receive the following:

1. A conference welcome packet.
2. Entry into the Friday evening Exhibitors reception with complementary food.
3. Full Breakfast buffet.
4. Access to the Exhibit Hall on Saturday Morning.
5. Assist in costs of A/V equipment rentals for sessions.
6. Attendance at Military Ball's Reception.
7. If attending Memorial Service on Sunday it includes continental breakfast.

Each individual who is a current dues paying or life member of their association that attends the business meeting will be able to participate in the voting on business of their association.

In addition, each registered individual will have the opportunity to meet with the many exhibitors that support the conference with financial fees for the opportunity to meet the members of our two associations. Repeat vendors for our future conferences lower the costs that the two associations have to fund each year.

Your participation in our annual conference is an opportunity to be a part of our future by letting the leaders of your association know what benefits you desire as a member. Your feedback ensures the continuous success of the associations to serve their membership.

The future of the two associations depends upon increased membership of all ranks in the officer and enlisted associations and your participation in the business meeting is greatly appreciated.

The conference includes many events for registered members and guests as follows:

1. Golf Tournament
2. Motorcycle Ride
3. Exhibit Hall with Vendors
4. Casino Night
5. Military Banquet
6. Memorial Service

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Virginia National Guard Management Group

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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.

I look forward to seeing you at the April conferences and discussing what benefits you want the association to provide in the future.

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The National Guard Association of the United States

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

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116th Infantry Regiment Foundation, Inc.

Humana

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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 2019 Golf Tournament

FRIDAY
APRIL 26, 2019
11:30 SHOTGUN

\$ 75 per player
1 Mulligan included !!

50/50 for extra Mulligan

In conjunction with the Annual VNGA and VAA/ANGEA Conference, hosted by the Virginia National Guard Management Group

Join us for a fun-filled Captain's Choice tournament on a very nice course that includes:

- Green fees, cart, range balls
- Individual prizes to Champion and 1st flight winners
- Great door prizes and skill event prizes
- Boxed lunch and drink tickets
- Putting contest with a \$10,000 prize if made* (see rules at registration table).

REGISTRATION INFO:

Go to WWW.VNGMG.ORG if attending Conference and follow tabs,
Contact Cliff White or Ward Moore if golf is only interest or if more info needed

!!!!!! NOTE: REGISTRATION INFO IS DUE NLT APRIL 22, 2019 !!!!!!

Senior tees for 55+ ; Bogey max score

Contact Tournament Co-Chairmen

Cliff White 434 390-7878

cliff.white62@gmail.com

Ward Moore 757 969-8627

artillery1sg@gmail.com

NN Golf Club @ Deer Run, 910 Clubhouse Way, Newport News, VA 23608

DEER RUN																							
DATE:	SCORER:										ATTEST:												
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Tot	Hcp	Net
PAR	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	3	4	36	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	5	36	72		
BLACK	437	383	513	381	210	547	426	215	424	3536	427	409	179	541	464	422	212	443	573	3670	7206		
BLUE	417	351	499	357	189	515	410	182	400	3320	405	383	168	510	434	402	197	430	553	3482	6802		
WHITE	385	329	488	334	168	499	396	163	384	3146	380	340	154	495	396	362	156	398	497	3178	6324		
MEN'S HCP	1	15	9	17	7	13	3	11	5		14	2	18	16	4	8	12	6	10				
LADIES HCP	15	3	13	7	5	11	1	9	17		12	2	14	16	4	8	18	10	6				
GREEN	317	249	402	263	136	427	320	145	293	2552	350	289	140	419	325	302	141	330	447	2743	5295		
Time	:14	:14	:16	:14	:12	:16	:14	:12	:14	2:06	:14	:14	:12	:16	:14	:14	:12	:14	:16	2:06	4:12		

Deer Run - Course Details

• The Deer Run Golf Course is a spectacular Ed Ault designed Championship Golf Course. The 7,206 course will test the mettle of even the most experienced golfer. Cut among Virginia hardwoods, the players rarely see another group of golfers. Curious white tail deer and the abundance of wildlife have caused it to be listed on the National Audubon Society Registry.

• The Deer Run course received Golf Digest Best Places to Play 4 Stars.

Virginia National Guard Association

From the President's Desk

MAJ Nate Seymour
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571-214-5198

Welcome to 2019. Let's make it our best year! I'd again like to start by thanking all active and retired members who have volunteered their time and talents to making this association great. That being said, we recently lost a longtime supporter – CW4(ret) John Velleca. Rest in peace.

In my last update I reported our legislative initiatives. Our Legislative Event was a great success, with a record number attending. Our involvement with the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) continues. However, our two priorities: increased SAD pay (SB1246) and free instate tuition (SB1412) are struggling. **We need all members to contact their state elected officials** and encourage them to support these two initiatives. You can find your representative here: <https://virginiageneralassembly.gov/> (Then click link at top for "Who is my representative?")

In January, MAJ Matt Horwatt (VP Army) and I traveled to Denver Colorado for the National Guard Executive Director's Association (NGEDA) annual conference. This annual event is highly beneficial for all Executive Directors (ED) and elected association officers. In addition to networking with NGAUS staff and learning from a series of briefings designed to aid state associations, we made coordination's for the annual NGAUS Conference 30 Aug – 2 Sept. We'll be staying at the Sheraton just a couple blocks from the conference center. We'll again partner with Pennsylvania and others for a joint Hospitality Event at the Hard Rock in Denver. In addition to the business and OPD portion, the conference will include the following social events: golf, motorcycle ride, hike the Rockies, Company/Warrant Officer mixer, Governor's Reception, All States Dinner and spousal event. Virginia registration information will be available shortly. As a reminder, registration and hotel reservations must be made through VNGA. This is a NGAUS policy and is to ensure each state has delegate accountability and to fill contracted hotel blocks. Our delegate allotment will be set 30 June and is based on our NGAUS membership rate. Please encourage others to join and I hope you'll be able to attend. <https://www.ngaus.org/events/141st-general-conference-exhibition>.

Our state conference is quickly approaching. 26-28 April in Newport News. Registration is up on the website (vngmg.org). And as always, attendance at the business session is free. Activities include: golf, motorcycle ride, business and OPD sessions, social and family events and a formal dinner Saturday evening. The Executive Council meeting will be held prior to the conference on Thursday, April 18th via webinar.

By the time you read this we will have completed our first Adopt-a-Highway roadside clean up event, 9 March on the 1.5 mile stretch of road leading up to Ft Pickett's main gate. The Officer and Enlisted Associations have teamed up to adopt this section. A sign is due to be placed in the near future.

Other membership support actives completed include the mailing of care packages to the deployed Soldiers of the 529th.

In closing, the Virginia National Guard Management Group (VNGMG) contract with the Keeney Group will expire 31 March. Therefore the as of 1 April the Keeney Group will no longer be the ED for VNGA. The Officer, Enlisted and Historical Society which make up the VNGMG are working to reevaluate the contract and MOUs going forward.

As always, I welcome your comments and feedback. And please encourage your fellow officers (active and retired) to join/renew their membership. A simple text/email with the following link will make a difference: <https://www.ngaus.org/membership>

See you at the conference!

MAJ Nate Seymour
VNGA President



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Remembering the 50th Anniversary of CPT Harry Q. Rose's Ultimate Sacrifice

CPT Harry Q. Rose was a 1966 graduate of the Virginia National Guard's Officer Candidate School OCS Class VIII, and the Honor Graduate of his Field Artillery Officer Basic Course. Born in Caples, West Virginia on 21 July 1943, he enlisted in the Virginia National Guard in 1965, and served with the 6th Howitzer Battalion, 111th Artillery in Northern Virginia, where he and his family resided. Following his Virginia OCS graduation, CPT Rose joined the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell in Kentucky, completed the Army Aviation School, and served with the 116th Assault Helicopter Company in South Vietnam. It was 50 years ago on 21 February 1969 that CPT Rose was killed in the South Vietnamese province of Hua Nghia. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with V-Device. CPT Rose is the only Virginia OCS graduate to die in combat, and to this date a leadership award is given in his honor to one of the Virginia OCS graduating officer candidates who exhibits remarkable leadership skills during the three phases of OCS training. Last September, the Virginia OCS Class LX organized a ceremony to dedicate the Virginia OCS main building at Fort Pickett in honor of CPT Rose.

- 1LT Mohammed Harba

An Update On Your SSLI (State Sponsored Life Insurance) Program

The SSLI program is a valuable benefit for the members of the Virginia National Guard and their dependents. Every member is provided a \$1,000 death benefit at no cost to the member while a member of the Virginia National Guard. This program is endorsed by the Virginia National Guard Association (VNGA) and the Virginia Army and Air National Guard Enlisted Association (VaA/ANGEA), your two professional National Guard military associations.

The program is the only one authorized for the Payroll Deduction slot from your National Guard Pay by the Congress of the United States. Authorized enrollers brief the benefits of the Basic SSLI and Enhanced SSLI available at unit assemblies, annual training, and readiness preparedness functions in preparation for deployment. If the member is present for one of these briefings they are guaranteed to be able to enroll for up to \$10,000 of coverage regardless of health and can enroll their spouse as well regardless of health. They may also enroll for additional coverage amounts at the briefings.

This valuable coverage has no geographic restriction, no war clause, no aviation clause, no hazardous duty clause, and for the Basic SSLI (guarantee issue amount) no suicide clause. The additional coverage does have an industry standard 2-year suicide clause. The coverages are very competitive and you can retain the coverage after separation or retirement up to age 70.

Claims are usually payable to the beneficiary within 24 hours of receipt of the notice of death by the administrator's office. Last year our pool paid 19 claims for insured members or dependents in Virginia. Our SSLI group of participating states paid out \$1,046,500 in 170 claims under the Basic SSLI, and an additional \$7,826,836 in 50 claims under the Enhanced SSLI last year.

In order to make sure the proper beneficiaries and coverages are recorded as the member desires, it is necessary for the authorized briefers for our program to have access to the members at the units. We try to schedule annual briefings with the units to provide updated information and coverage choices, opportunities for new unit members to enroll, and to provide assistance with changes desired.

So as you can see, your SSLI program provides real benefits at a most difficult and critical time for families dealing with the loss of loved ones. The SSLI program insurance carrier is Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA).

For more information, to make a claim, or to schedule a unit briefing go to www.SSLI.org or call 1-800-462-7441.

- Buddy Faulconer, President of VNG Ventures, Inc., SSLI Program Sponsor for Virginia.

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

Va/ANGEA Presidential Cliff Notes

Clifton C. "Cliff" White

Command Sergeant Major, VAARNG



Busy times! As always though. After attending the 2019 Legislative Reception on January 16th at the Library of Virginia, where we had at least 110 Army and Air Guard members, elected officials and guests enjoy fellowship and hear words of praise from our Adjutant General and Governor, you Executive Council quickly began planning for upcoming events.

The EC met on Saturday, 26 JAN 19, at the new JFHQ building on DSCR, recently named in honor of a D-Day veteran, SGT Bob Slaughter Headquarters, to work on issues that we are facing. The EC discussed the current status of the VNGMG and the way ahead as we change the paid services we contract. Also we discussed the upcoming 2019 Annual Conference in Newport News and how the weekend's Agenda will vary slightly from past Conferences. We discussed the attendance of a small contingency to the EANGUS Area II Mid-Winter Conference in Lancaster, PA and the President's attendance to the EANGUS President's Workshop in DC.

We heard from the new Junior Enlisted Committee Chairman, SGT Shanna Holland, and her plans to ignite the Junior Enlisted to become more involved. Shanna has attended the past two EANGUS national conferences and understands the importance of the work that we do at the state and national level, and desires to get that message to as many as she can. She has an opportunity for four new junior enlisted members to play in our Conference Golf Tournament free! So spread the word to our junior enlisted, join for an opportunity to have great fun for free!

We have been growing steadily over past few months. With help from many we are getting into the units and briefing our Airmen and Soldiers. Kudos to the Recruiting folks who just pushed to me EIGHTY new Affiliate memberships! We were at 525 annual/Lifetime members on JAN 1st, 2017 and have grown to 606 annual members on Jan 1st, 2019, with another 55 Affiliate members. Since Jan 1st we have added approximately 10 more annual/Lifetime members and near 100 Affiliate members. Thanks! And let's keep going!

You will see information in this newsletter regarding the 2019 State Conference. This will be another nice weekend for our attendees, and I hope each of you are planning on being there.

But we need you to register as soon as you can. I am stepping up to fill a void as Conference Chairman and planning for meals, seating, etc... without headcounts is VERY difficult. And one clarification: Despite a mis-communication and registration form error, there is no charge to attend only the business meetings of either Association, it is a FREE experience. But since each also includes refreshment breaks and seating requirements, we do need for you to register, or at least email your Association President of your intent to attend the business meeting only.

Also, the EANGUS Vice President Dean Kennebeck, will attend our VAA/ANGEA conference this year. We look forward to hearing from him on EANGUS issues and also on the 2019 EANGUS Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, as he is the 2019 EANGUS Conference Chairman.

The VAA/ANGEA again is offering \$5,000 in scholarships to our members, spouses, dependents and / or their grandchildren. Visit the website for application forms, or find a copy in this newsletter, and get them in ASAP, DEADLINE is 15 MAR 19. Thanks to SMSgt Lori W. Flinn for handling this important committee chair role!

How many of you would like to go on a Carnival Cruise ship out of Norfolk on a Virginia National Guard Group cruise? I am working with one of our exhibitors, Boots to Journeys, to secure a group rate on a six night, seven day cruise out of Norfolk for members and friends of the Virginia National Guard, with special group rates, and ports of call at Nassau, Half Mon Cay and Freeport in the Bahamas. The dates we are looking at are 14-20 OCT 2019. Please contact Cliff White at cliff.white62@gmail.com or visit the Boots to Journeys website for more information. I know there are many retirees and alumni of the Virginia National Guard that love to cruise, and this might be a great opportunity to get back in touch with some old friends while enjoying the experiences of a cruise.

Finally, to all in DMA thanks for all that you do for us and this Country!

CLIFTON C. WHITE, President, VAA/ANGEA



Virginia Army and Air National Guard Enlisted Association

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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



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VIRGINIA ARMY/AIR NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Recommend Typing or Filling and printing)

Name: _____ SSN: _____
(last) (first) (mi)

Address: _____
(number) (street) (city) (state) (zip)

HomePhone: _____ (Date of Birth) _____
(day/month/year)

Email Address: _____

Are you a member of the enlisted association? _____ If not a member, list your sponsor's name (sponsor must be a parent or spouse): _____

Sponsor's phone #: _____

Sponsor's expiration date of enlistment: _____ Sponsor's Rank: _____

Sponsor/Applicant member unit: _____

Sponsor's address: _____

Current Membership Card Number for self/sponsor: _____

Current Status of Applicant: High School College Other

University, College, or Trade/Business School Attending/Plan to attend:

School name: _____

School address: _____

Have you received any other scholarships? _____ If so, specify: _____

Are you presently receiving any other educational assistance? _____ If so, list the assistance and amount:

Briefly describe your educational objectives: _____

List honors (school/athletic/citizenship, etc) you have been awarded: _____

List positions of leadership you have in any organization: _____

List activities in which you have participated: _____

If additional space is required, please attach enclosures.

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Applicant's Signature)

Note: If applicant is not a member, signature of sponsor is required: (sponsor is defined as parent or spouse) _____

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school term for any reason other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any scholarship monies received by me to the Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association. I understand that if I am appointed to any military service academy, that I will forfeit all scholarship monies to the Association.

I further state that I consent to provide the information requested in this application. I have provided this information freely and voluntarily and hereby waive any objections to providing this information which might be made pursuant to the Privacy Act 5 U.S.C., Section 552a. The Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association has my permission to use the information given in considering and processing this application.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

*Letters and transcripts should be individually sealed and sent with this application as one packet.

All applications must be accompanied by:

1. A copy of applicant's school transcript.
2. A letter from applicant with specified facts as to desire to continue his/her education and why financial assistance is required.
3. Photocopy of Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association membership card (parent/spouse or yours, if you are a member).

Complete application and mail with all enclosures/attachments to:

CMSgt Lori W. Flinn
15249 Fountain Road
Ashland, VA 23005
Telephone: 804 519-6491

Applications and required documents must be received by: 15 March 2019

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

VaA/ANGEA 2019 Events

April 26-28

**VaA/ANGEA Annual Conference
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October 14-20

**National Guard Alumni & Friends Cruise
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**Help The Virginia National Guard Historical Foundation
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I pledge to donate \$ _____ to the Virginia National Guard Foundation. In the form of a Check or Credit Card
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A Shared Patch

Virginia's National Guard Air Force and Army Joint Force

By Alexander F. Barnes

With the recent decision by the US Air Force to adopt the Army's Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) uniform, the airmen and soldiers assigned to joint-force organizations began wearing the same uniform as of 1 October

2018. In some cases, airmen and soldiers began wearing the same shoulder patch. One such organization is the Virginia National Guard's Joint-Force Headquarters where the soldiers and airmen assigned to the staff both wear the same patch on their left sleeve.

There will still be a few differences, however. Air Force and Air National Guard uniforms will have their name tapes and some ranks embroidered in "spice-brown" thread while the Army uniforms will continue to use black thread embroidery.

With the advent of the OCP uniform, new versions of a unit's shoulder patches were required to reflect the new baseline colors of the OCP. The new patches, as can be seen in the accompanying photo, are fairly similar in color to the old "Woodland" pattern subdued patches, but now, they come with the Velcro backing. They may also be sewn directly to the uniform.



(LEFT) The more things change, the more they remain the same: The newer OCP version of the Virginia National Guard JFHQ patch is shown (on the right). For comparison, a BDU sample from the period when the same patch represented the Virginia State Area Readiness Command (STARC) is shown on the left.



Again for comparison, two recent versions of the same patch: On the left, is the Desert Combat Uniform (DCU) version that was worn in OIF and OEF until replaced by the Army Combat Uniform (ACU) with the Universal Camouflage Pattern (UCP) on the right. DCU photo courtesy Kevin Born)

While the uniform changes by both services since the Air Force split off from the Army in September 1947 are numerous, it appears, for now, the two will once again share very similar uniforms reflecting the joint nature of their deployed operations. ☛