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Virginia National Guard Historical Foundation

Al Barnes, Command Historian

Quite possibly the only good thing to come out of the “stay at home” rules is that many people took advantage of the time to clean out their basements and attics. As a result, there have been many donations of historic artifacts to the Virginia National Guard Historical Foundation collection. Among the most important donations are those which came from the family of Major General Edward M. Hudgins. General Hudgins had an interesting military and civilian career; he enlisted in Company E 116th Infantry in the 1930s as a private.

By the time the Virginia National Guard was mobilized for WW2, Hudgins had risen to the rank of lieutenant and had also completed his Law degree at the University of Virginia. When the 29th Infantry Division was reorganized, Lieutenant Hudgins was transferred and served as the Aide to General Edward Almond. From there he was assigned to the White House as a Military Aide to Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He often travelled to the China-Burma-India Theater on missions from the President. Ultimately he was selected to serve as the Chief Defense Counsel for Japanese Army officers being tried as war criminals.

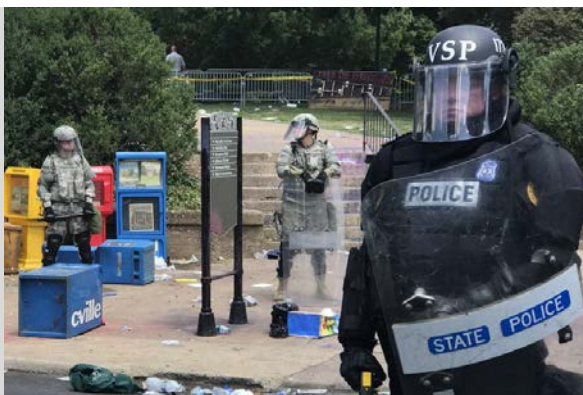
After the war he returned home to Virginia and resumed his law career. He also ran for the Virginia General Assembly and was elected 6 times, representing Chesterfield and Powhatan counties and the city of Colonial Heights. After some postwar service in the Army Reserve, Hudgins rejoined the Virginia National Guard where he rose to the rank of Brigadier General and was the Commandant of the Officer Candidate School in 1966 and 1967. He retired shortly after and stayed active until his death in 2005.

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Among the items donated by General Hudgins's family are his dress blue uniform and hat, his burial flag, a number of photographs and documents from his career as well as the OCS graduation programs for 1966 and 1967. These items are currently on display in The Adjutant General's suite on the second floor of the Joint Force Headquarters.



Virginia Guardsmen back up the Virginia State Police during civil disturbances in Charlottesville, 2017.

State Active Duty pay

The Virginia General Assembly passed SB753, improving pay and allowances for personnel on State Active Duty (SAD) missions. This applies to Guardsmen as well as to the Virginia Defense Force (VDF).

For details of the legislation, including the full text of the bill, please [visit this site](#).

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Save the Date: 2021 Annual Conference

Dates: 23-25 April 2021

The VNGMG Annual Conference will take place at the [Norfolk Marriott Waterside](#), 23-25 April 2021.

We will have exhibits, opportunities for learning, and informational presentations. In addition, the



committee is working on a **special surprise**.

For planning purposes, we have set 11-13 March 2022 for the subsequent conference.

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The State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) program provides group term life insurance exclusively for actively serving members of the Army and Air National Guard organizations and their dependents. The program is derived from United States Public Law 93-289, May 24, 1974, to encourage persons to join and remain in the National Guard. [Click here](#) to apply for coverage, or to enhance your existing coverage.



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Public Affairs

[Visit this site](#) for official public affairs releases for the Virginia National Guard.

In addition, the site offers releases from the past few years, a searchable index, links to other relevant sites (including social media platforms), interesting photographs, and important references.

The site is a collection for relevant content about the entirety of our community, including the [Virginia Army National Guard](#), the [Virginia Air National Guard](#), the [Virginia Defense Force](#), and the [Department of Military Affairs](#).



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EANGUS 2020 Conference: Options



Individuals who paid the registration fee to attend the 2020 Conference in Little Rock, AR, we are offering two options:

1. Leave your conference registration and payment with **Arkansas in 2022!**
2. Request a refund. Unfortunately, we are unable to roll payments over to the New Mexico Association for the 2021 Conference. We are asking that each individual registered attendee and/or a State Association representative (for bulk registrations) designate your choice by completing the form sent to you via email **NLT 1 August 2020**.

National Guard Soldier & Airman Relief Grant for Emergencies (SARGE)

EANGUS WCFA offers an emergency relief grant to a current or former **National Guard member AND is an EANGUS dues paying member** who has experienced a catastrophic financial hardship and/or personal property loss.

Please submit the following:

- Include your member number on the application (join your state from [this link](#))
- A Letter of Endorsement from an Approving Authority must be uploaded with the application.
- Approving Authorities: [State Family Programs](#) Director, [Wing Family Programs](#) Coordinator, State SEL, State CSM, State CCM or The Adjutant General.

The committee will take no action on applications that lack an endorsement from an Approving Authority. Applicants should work through their chain of command to obtain an endorsement letter.

Examples of Appropriate Hardships: Grants may be used for financial hardships related to events such as mobilization, natural disasters, fires and other catastrophic losses. The grants are intended for otherwise non-reimbursable expenses (i.e., not covered by insurance) due to these events and include medical bills, utility bills, rent or mortgage payments, groceries, relocation, shelter due to loss of residence and funeral expenses. Other expenses, not listed

here, may be deemed appropriate and approved by the committee.

Reference the [WCFA SARGE and Disaster Relief Fund SOP](#) to ensure you meet the criteria.

Submit your application [here](#). The committee only accepts online applications.

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Register Now: 142nd NGAUS Conference: A Virtual Experience

Due to concerns over the health and safety of attendees and participants, the NGAUS board of directors has accepted the host state's recommendation to **cancel** the 142nd General Conference & Exhibition set for 28-31 August 2020, in Boston.



NGAUS
142nd General Conference
A Virtual Experience
— 2020 —

In its place, the association will conduct an [abbreviated virtual conference from Washington, D.C.](#) This will enable NGAUS members nationwide to still conduct important association business and hear from defense leaders.

[Use this link to participate the Facebook event, 28-29 August 2020.](#)

Virginia National Guard Association (VNGA)



New officers of the Virginia National Guard Association are:

- Capt. Jason Dodge, company-grade officer representative (left)
- Capt. Jonathan Patterson, vice president – Air National Guard (middle-left)
- Maj. Andrew Czaplicki, president (middle); Maj. Eric Johnson, vice president – Army National Guard (middle-right)
- Warrant Officer Blair Lionel, warrant officer representative (right).

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NGAUS Scholarship

The National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) is partnering with Grantham University to award two full graduate scholarships. One scholarship

is for an active NGAUS member. The second scholarship is for a spouse of an active member. Scholarship value depends on degree selected and credits transferred.

[Click here for details on applying.](#)



Virginia National Guard Foundation, Inc.

Emergency financial assistance to Virginia National Guard service members, employees, and families.

Federal and Commonwealth of Virginia civilian employees may donate through payroll deduction.

- **Combined Virginia Campaign Code: 8376**
- **Combined Federal Campaign Code: 46732**

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Historical Foundation Annual Golf Tournament



Save the Date!

The annual [Virginia National Guard Historical Foundation](#) Golf Tournament fundraiser is scheduled for 18 September 2020, at the [Royal New Kent Golf Club \(I-64 exit 214, about 35 minutes east of Richmond\)](#). Prizes, lunch, old friends, new friends, and support of our common heritage.

Registration details in future editions of this newsletter, as well as at the [VNGMG website](#).

Guardsmen Now Eligible for Membership in the Virginia Credit Union

The Richmond-based Virginia Credit Union now offers membership to Soldiers and Airmen of the Virginia National Guard. The collaboration between the Virginia National Guard

Association, the Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association and the Virginia Credit Union began in early February. Va. National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, regardless of duty status, may create an account using the **VACU membership code: Military Affairs.**



Maj. Andrew Czaplicki, president of the [Virginia National Guard Association](#), said “This is an amazing benefit for our Soldiers and Airmen. We’re not only

building a partnership with a Virginia-based financial institution, but we also really feel like this creates opportunity for junior military personnel that may not have access to a local bank.”

In addition to regular financial services, VACU provides Soldiers and Airmen, educational seminars and workshops on topics like budgeting, identity theft, credit reports, and credit scores, psychology of spending, buying a home, online self-paced courses and more. Soldiers and Airmen will have a direct point of contact for one-on-one counseling and to answer personal finance questions.

VACU is the largest state-chartered credit union in Virginia and serves communities across the commonwealth. VACU currently operates 18 local branches and a variety of online and electronic services to service members wherever they are located. VACU is a financial cooperative serving more than 290,000 members that offers a variety of affordable banking services, loans, mortgages and free financial education resources, with a focus on helping people be more confident with their finances. Going forward Czaplicki said he wants to continue working to bring financial literacy courses to initial entry training predatory programs within the Virginia National Guard, as well as making financial education services available during unit training assemblies.

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