

Virginia National Guard Management Group

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Date Change: 2021 Annual Conference



New Dates: 16-19 September 2021

The 4th Annual Virginia National Guard Management Group Conference originally scheduled for April 22-25, 2021 has been rescheduled to **Sept. 16-19, 2021**. The conference will be held at the same location, the [Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel](#) and Convention Center.

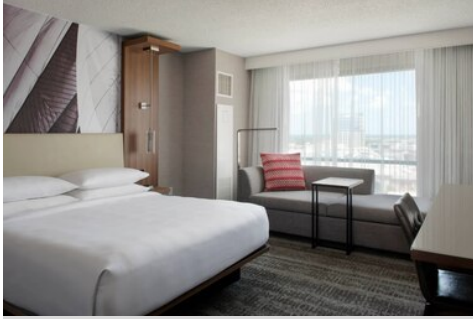
The Virginia National Guard Management Group, in conjunction with the Virginia National Guard Association and the Virginia Army / Air National Guard Enlisted Association, have rescheduled the event because of public health and safety concerns due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

“As we have an additional five months to prepare, we are committed to ensuring every effort to deliver a highly successful annual conference,” said Maj. Gen. (Ret.) John D. Taylor, VNGMG chair and president. “We’ll enhance the program to be more dynamic and innovative featuring key themes around the ever-changing life of Soldiers and Airmen serving in the Virginia National Guard.”

The highly anticipated conference brings together over 400 leaders of the Virginia Army and Air National Guard to vote on legislative priorities, share information, and celebrate the camaraderie of membership in the oldest Military Force in the United States: the Virginia National Guard!

The conference is a four-day event packed with keynote speakers, special events and access to one





of the largest defense industry trade shows in Virginia. We will have exhibits, opportunities for learning, and informational presentations. In addition, the committee is working on a **special surprise**.

For planning purposes, the next Conference dates are 11-13 March 2022, in Richmond

Commonwealth Prayer Breakfast, 13 January 2021

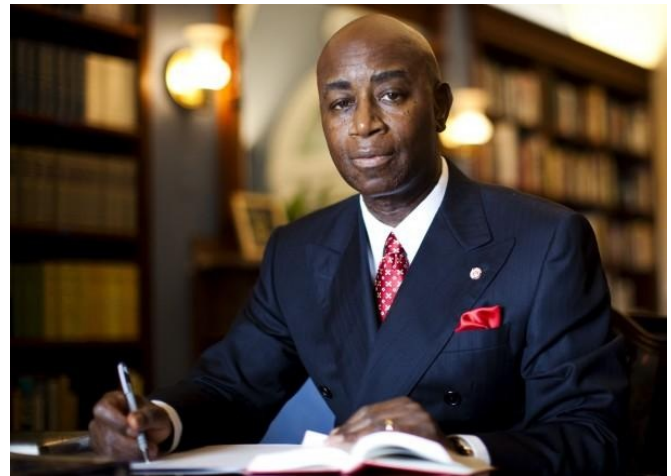
Save the Date

The Commonwealth Prayer Breakfast is an annual gathering for Virginia politicians and community members to share a meal and prayer in an atmosphere of civility. This is a non-sectarian, bi-partisan event, attended by many of the elected officials in state government, including the governor, federal and state judges, and appointed officials. It is a treasured tradition with more than a half-century of history. The pandemic will not stop the call to prayer on the first day of the 2021 General Assembly session, and the Governor's State of the Commonwealth Address.

Mark your calendar for **8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021** for the first *virtual* Prayer Breakfast.

In order to join the virtual event, follow the event on **Facebook** or subscribe for free to the new **YouTube channel**.

For questions, please email: CommonwealthPrayerBreakfast@gmail.com.



Chaplain of the United States Senate, [RADM \(ret.\) Barry Black](#), guest speaker at the Commonwealth Prayer Breakfast. From Nashville, chart-topping artist Jason Gray will deliver special music.

For additional background, please visit these selected news reports from previous years' events:

[Virginian-Pilot, 2008](#)
[Virginian-Pilot, 2012](#)
[WRIC Richmond, 2019](#)
[Roanoke Star, 2020](#)

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[Virginia National Guard Historical Foundation](#)



Sarah Campbell, curator for the state's historical collection, prepares a uniform for display May 4, 2017, at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, Virginia (photo by Sgt. 1st Class Terra C. Gatti).



Historical interpreters from Jamestown at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Virginia National Guard's newly-built Joint Force Headquarters building May 14, 2018, at Defense Supply Center Richmond in Chesterfield County, Virginia (photo by Terra C. Gatti)

Connect with our shared history: [Facebook page](#) [Official website](#)

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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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Apple users [click here](#).

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EANGUS 2021 Conference Registration

Make your plans now to join the **50th EANGUS Conference** in Albuquerque, New Mexico ... the Land of Enchantment!

Dates: 8-11 August 2021

Register now for for \$175 per person. The price goes up on 2 July.



Albuquerque, New Mexico
08-11 August 2021

Do You Have National Guard License Plates?



Enlisted members receive a numbered plate which stays the same for the member's entire career. Officers and warrant officers receive a numbered plate, based on their relative rank in the officer corps.



Retirees receive plates based on a numbered and lettered sequence. Retirees retain the same plates for life. Retirees may pay \$10/annually for a personalized plate.

National Guard Vehicle Tags

Why should I get National Guard license plates?

- To show pride of association.
- To save a little money.

National Guard and National Guard Retiree plates actually cost less than regular plates.

Retirees (all ranks) and currently-serving enlisted personnel require "The AG of VA Form 66" to get a Virginia National Guard license plate. **Unit readiness or administrative personnel provide this.**

Retirees must provide the vehicle's registration along with a copy of their retirement letter to the TAG's office before receiving the Form 66. Each retiree or service member may get plates for no more than two vehicles registered in his/her name (either alone or jointly).

Officers and warrant officers (currently serving) must complete **VSA Form 10** and **VSA Form 14**. All Officer applications are required to process through the Adjutant General's office with documents and a copy of the



Virginia Defense Force (VDF) members may obtain VDF plates from the DMV with a VDF Form 9 signed by Division HQ. This plate has a \$10 annual charge, and optionally an additional \$10 for personalization.

registration. Officers and warrant officers receive a numbered plate, based on their rank and seniority in the officer corps. They must re-apply each time vehicle registration comes due, in order to get new plate numbers based on their new relative ranking.

Field grade officers may pay \$10/annually to apply for two-digit plates. Only general officers may apply for one-digit plates.

Virginia Alumni Alumni Network

The **Virginia Alumni Alumni Network**, and is open to veterans of the VNG, family, friends, employers of the VNG, and anyone interested in the VNG. It is free and was designed to be a way to keep up with each other and events, and promote the VNG heritage and rally support when needed. There is no charge to join and participate.

The website further explains the alumni network, and also provides links for additional information, including the one to the official biweekly newsletter "The Commonwealth Guardian."

Website: <https://vanguard.dodlive.mil/vngan/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/VNGAlumniNetwork/>

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143d NGAUS Conference

9 - 12 September 2021

Charlotte, North Carolina

Join us in Charlotte for the 143rd General Conference & Exhibition. More than 2,000 Army and Air National Guard officers from all 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia gather to connect, have fun, and set the NGAUS upcoming legislative agenda. **Plenty of fun for family members as well.**



Please note that this event is the weekend prior to our own Virginia conference.



watch the video linked at left.

What is NGAUS? What does this organization do? Why should I be a part of NGAUS? Why should I care?

These are all valid questions, which merit serious answers. The President of NGAUS has made a short video addressing these and other questions. For those considering whether their participation in this organization has any value or relevance, please

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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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Here's Why the National Guard Is Over 100 Years Older Than the Other Military Services

"The Army, Navy and Marine Corps can beef over which service was created first in the year before the Declaration of Independence was

signed on July 4, 1776, but the National Guard claims to have them all beat by more than a century. The National Guard Bureau and the National Guard Association of the U.S. are celebrating what they say is the 384th birthday of the National Guard."

Read the full article [linked here](#).

National Guard Bureau (NGB) recognizes 13 December 1636 as the founding of the institution that has evolved into today's National Guard.



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Updated Logo



The Virginia National Guard Management Group (VNGMG) has updated the official organizational logo. Shown at left, this logo remains consistent with the previous design, with a few stylistic refinements that make it more visually appealing. The most prominent update is the addition of the dogwood blossom, the official flower of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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