

# The National Guard Association of North Dakota

# NGAND



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Our purpose: To educate, advocate and promote the well being of our state and nation. Now and forever - We are the Guard!

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View from Hospitality Suite during the 2013 National NGAUS Conference in Honolulu, HI.

## 2013 Year in Review

Thank you to all of you who are life members and members of The National Guard Association of North Dakota. Without your continued support we would not be as successful as we are. 2013 was a great year for our association as we were once again a 100% membership state! The year started with our annual membership drive on 1 January, followed closely by the Biennial State Legislative Spaghetti Dinner on 15 January at the AASF facility in Bismarck. We had a great showing from our legislators and appreciate all the support from our Enlisted Association for this event. February 22-24th we hosted the annual combined conference in Bismarck and had over 100 Soldiers and Airmen in attendance. During the conference we had a drawing to attend the National NGAUS Conference in Honolulu, HI and MAJ Jason McEvers was the lucky winner of the all-expense paid trip! Our goal for the combined conference was to poll

members in attendance of what benefits they would like the association to fight for during the 2015 state legislative session and the top four were: state tax exemption for NG members; SSLI benefit to all Soldiers and Airmen; annual vehicle registration fee exemption; and free ND hunting/fishing licenses. We are currently working on writing the legislative code for all of these items and will work with State Legislators over the next year to gain their support to help our association get one or many of these items passed in 2015. We had many wonderful sponsors and speakers at the combined conference and hope to see more of you in Fargo this March. On March 19th we hosted the annual Washington DC Legislative Social Event at the NGAUS building with the Enlisted Association and had over 100 people in attendance, including personnel from the Fargo-Moorhead WF Chamber, Grand Forks BRIC, Minot Chamber, ND Congressional Delegation, and many other Senior Military Leaders. The NGAND membership drive wrapped up on 30 June with our goal being reached by attaining 100% membership. In September, 17 personnel from ND made the trip to Hawaii to attend the National NGAUS conference and I believe everyone had a great time, who wouldn't! Please don't hesitate to contact myself or Chairman LTC Jim Loegering if you have questions or want to become more involved.

## 2014 Association Goals

- Become a 105% state [increasing our membership by 5% from 2013]
- Have 150 personnel attend the State Combined Conference 7-9 March 2014 in Fargo, ND
- Increase Corporate Sponsorship by five memberships
- Have 25 delegates attend the National NGAUS Conference in Chicago, IL 22-25 August, 2014
- Obtain support from State Legislators to pass benefits that our members want during the 2015 session
- Increase communication within the association

### Why join NGAND?

- Be a member of a professional organization that promotes and supports the well being of Soldiers and Airmen
- Fight for benefits owed to our Soldiers and Airmen
- Address future issues that could impact our State or Federal missions

### Upcoming 2014 Events:

- Membership Drive: 1 Jan-30 Jun
- DC Legislative Event: Date TBD
- State Conference: 7-9 March in Fargo at the Doublewood
- National Conference: 22- 25 Aug in Chicago, IL

### Information on NGAND:

- [www.ngand.org](http://www.ngand.org)
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