

The National Guard Association of North Dakota

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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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Executive Director Summary



Senator Hoeven sharing remarks at our annual DC Reception this past March. The event was co-sponsored by the Minot Chamber, Grand Forks BRIC, FMWF Chamber, Fargo Airsho, NGAND, and NDNGEA.

The National Guard Association of North Dakota has been productive since 1 January. The year started with our annual membership drive and to-date we have 53% of our officers who have paid or are life members. If you are interested in joining please see your respective unit representative or visit www.ngand.org to find your rep. In late January, Maj Micaela Brancato, Chair-Elect, and myself attended the annual NGEDA conference in Chicago, IL to discuss the upcoming NGAUS conference in August and to attend valuable training for Executive Director's and Elected Officers. We are planning to use the information we learned to make our association better in the future! In March we had our annual combined conference in Fargo. For those of you who did

not attend, please visit our annual conference tab on our website with the recap of the event and all the videos/presentations that were shown. I set two goals pertaining to the combined conference. The first was to have 150 personnel in attendance and we had roughly 100 during the day and close to 140 that attended the banquet. My goal for next years conference in Bismarck is 200 personnel in attendance. My second goal was to increase corporate sponsorship's by five and we came close with receiving four new sponsors. 2014 was our best year in the history of the association for corporate sponsorship, advertising, and profits for the associations. After all expenses were paid we made just over \$5,300 per association. The list of our sponsors are listed on the home page of our website. Please thank them and if you have others that help the NDNG throughout the year, please send me or LTC Loegering their contact information. Maj Grant Larson and I have been very busy meeting with State Legislators in efforts to receive support for the benefits we are hoping to pass in next year's legislation. We are planning on hiring a lobbyist and teaming with other veteran's groups in the state to help fight for benefits for all our Soldiers and Airmen of ND. This year's National NGAUS conference is being held in Chicago, IL. From 22-25 August. It would be great if we could bring 25 delegates to this years conference to represent ND. Please email LTC Loegering or myself if you are interested. It has been a privilege being the Executive Director of our association and am excited for what is to come in the future. Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions or concerns about NGAND.

Chairman's Corner

I am excited to see the activities our association has conducted this year. The efforts of Maj's Larson and Domitrovich and the rest of the board of directors are going to affect Soldiers and Airmen for years to come. We are continuing to build on a foundation laid by the individuals that preceded us. This is the first time, that I am aware of, that we are considering hiring a lobbyist to help advocate our initiatives. In order for the association to successfully push for our objectives with our state and national legislators, we need members behind us to show our strength. I challenge all of you to take a more active role in the future of the ND National Guard.

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 Events:

- Membership Drive: Ends 30 June 2014
- National Conference: 22- 25 August in Chicago, IL
- 2015 Combined Conference: 21-22 March in Bismarck

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