

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!

January 2015

2014 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. 2014 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 annual combined conference in Fargo on March 8th. We had over 100 Soldiers and Airmen in attendance and set some great goals for the year. We had many wonderful sponsors and speakers at the combined conference and hope to see more of you in Bismarck this March. On March 26th 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, our deployed ADA Soldiers, and many other Senior Military Leaders. The NGAND membership drive wrapped up on 30 June with our goal being reached by attaining 100% membership, once again. In August, 15 personnel from ND made the trip to Chicago to attend the National NGAUS conference and I believe everyone had a great time.

2014 Major Accomplishment

Following the 2013 & 2014 combined conference's the association voted that NGAND needed to hire a lobbyist to pursue our ND legislative initiatives. Over several months of meetings and interviews, the board hired Mr. Keith Magnusson to represent the Soldiers and Airmen of ND during the upcoming 2015 Legislative Session. We are very excited and optimistic that the following bills will be passed, with most impacting each and everyone of you.

- ⇒ Exemption from ND State Income Tax for all ND Guardsmen and Retirees.
- ⇒ Exemption for current and retired North Dakota Guardsmen from annual DOT vehicle registration tab fees for one registered vehicle per member in North Dakota.
- ⇒ Exemption from general hunting and fishing license fees for retired and current North Dakota Guardsmen.

2015 Association Goals

- ⇒ Increase NGAUS membership with 20 new members
- ⇒ Have 150 personnel attend the State Combined Conference 20-22 March 2015 in Bismarck
- ⇒ Increase Corporate Sponsorship by five memberships
- ⇒ Have 20 delegates attend the National NGAUS Conference in Nashville, TN 22-25 September
- ⇒ Increase communication within the association
- ⇒ Passing of two legislative initiatives during upcoming Legislative Session

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 2015 Events:

- Membership Drive: 1 Jan-30 Jun
- Legislative Spaghetti Dinner in Bismarck: 15 January
- DC Legislative Event: Date TBD
- State Conference: 20-22 March in Bismarck at the Ramkota Hotel
- National Conference: 22- 25 September in Nashville, TN

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