

# 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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## Executive Director Update



Mr. Carroll Quam receiving the First Annual Roughrider Association Award in memory of SGM (Ret) Roger Johnson. Roger passed away on December 31, 2014 and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He is posthumously being awarded the Roughrider Association's first Roughrider Award for a lifetime of dedication to the NDNGEA and the NGAND.

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 54% 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](http://www.ngand.org) to find your representative. In late January, I attended the annual NGEDA conference in Nashville, TN to discuss the upcoming NGAUS conference in September and to attend valuable training for Executive Directors. In March, we had our annual combined conference in Bismarck. 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 presentations that were shared. This year we had roughly 125 in attendance during the day and close to 170 that

attended the banquet. My goal for next years conference in Fargo is to have 200 personnel in attendance. This year NGAND and NDNGEA presented the First Annual Roughrider Association Award posthumously to SGM (Ret) Roger Johnson for a lifetime of dedication to both the Enlisted and Officer Associations. 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 MAJ Jason McEvers their contact information. This year's National NGAUS conference is being held in Nashville, TN from 10-13 September. It would be great if we could bring 20 delegates to this years conference to represent ND. Please email MAJ McEvers 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 your association, NGAND.

## Chairman's Corner

Our organization is doing well with membership, but we need to get more members active in the association. With the shrinking budgets, we have seen a grab for resources to ensure quality training and school dollars. NGAUS has proven it is fighting for the National Guard at the National level. The Guard is in every zip code and Congressmen listen to a large organization, like NGAUS. However, in order to have a voice, you must be a member. The upcoming National Conference in Nashville, TN this September is a great opportunity to hear national level leaders speak to the Guard and to find out what the future holds for the National Guard. This past State Conference is proof that our Congressional delegation cares about the Soldiers and Airmen of ND and they are truly proud of the NDNG for all we have accomplished in the past 14 years and beyond. They want to ensure we are trained and ready for whatever missions come our way. We are planning for another great State Conference in Fargo in 2016 and hope to see another large turnout of Soldiers, Airmen, NCO's, Officers and Retirees. Help spread the word about the 2016 State Conference and I hope to see all of you next year in Fargo!

### 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 2015
- National Conference: 10-13 September in Nashville, TN
- 2016 Combined Conference: 18-20 March in Fargo

### Information on NGAND:

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