

The National Guard Association of North Dakota

NGAND



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Why join NGAND?

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

Upcoming Events:

- Membership Drive:
1 Dec 16—30 June 2017
- 2017 Legislative Reception:
17 January in Bismarck
- 2017 Roughrider Conference:
17-19 March in Bismarck
- 2017 National Conference:
7-10 Sep in Louisville, KY

Information on 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!

December 2016

2016 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. Our voice through NGAUS is only as strong as our membership, with your support we will continue to advocate for benefits for all Soldiers, Airmen, and Retirees. Once again, we had a successful Combined State Conference in Fargo and hope to see more of you in Bismarck this upcoming March, so check out the details on our website, www.ngand.org. In September, at this year's National NGAUS Conference in Baltimore, MD, we had close to 20 attendees. A big thank you to Bobcat and other supporters, as everyone had a great time. Next year's National Conference is in Louisville, KY and it is our hope as a board that more of you would like to attend. It has been a privilege being the Executive Director of the Association and I am excited for what is to come in the future. Please do not hesitate to email me or CW2 Joshua Simmers if you have any questions or concerns about your Association, NGAND.



Image: 2016 National NGAUS attendees. We hope to see more of you during the 2017 National NGAUS Conference in Louisville, KY. Big thank you to our corporate sponsor:



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Legislative Update

In March 2016, the membership voted on a single legislative agenda: tax free status. That's a great R&R tool *and* cash in hand for Guardsmen. However, discussions with state entities, legislators, and lobbyists have been gloomy. As a board, we've carried your initiative forward in the hopes that some day, when the budget is improved and the service of our Guardsmen is fresh on our legislators' minds, the organization will be in a better position for such a request. Opportunities like the Legislative Reception, held at the AASF in Bismarck on 17 January 2017, provide a format to meet and greet our lawmakers and keep communication open so that we know each other, and each other's capabilities, when decisions need to be made. Please join us then (travel reimbursement available), contact your lawmakers, and let us know what we need to pursue for the well-being of our force.

2017 Association Goals

- ⇒ Increase state and national membership by 50 new members — 100% State Again!
- ⇒ Have 200 personnel attend the Roughrider Conference 17-19 March in Bismarck
- ⇒ Increase Corporate Sponsorship by five new memberships
- ⇒ 20 delegates to attend the NGAUS Conference in Louisville, KY 7-10 September 2017
- ⇒ Increase communication within the Association