

The National Guard Association of North Dakota



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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2022 Year in Review

First and foremost, a big thank you to all NGAND members. Without your continued support, we would not be able to provide the advocacy that benefits all of our Soldiers, Airmen and Retirees. Our voice through NGAUS is only as strong as our membership.

Over the past year, our organization has experienced several exciting achievements and events. In March, over 80 members attended the 2022 Roughrider Conference, and in late August, we had a strong contingent of officers attend the national NGAUS Conference in Columbus, Ohio. On September 30th, we hosted the second annual Roughrider Association golf scramble at Hawktree Golf Club in Bismarck. Between the beautiful weather, excellent condition of the course, and camaraderie, the event was a tremendous success. Mark your calendars - the Board is currently considering options for next year's tournament, which will continue to take place in September.

In 2022, we continued to exceed goals achieving 104% NGAUS membership for the second year in a row. Our membership numbers are critical when we advocate for NDNG members and missions with state and national congressional leaders—this is a huge win for us. Looking ahead to 2023, we hope to carry this momentum by continuing to take advantage of NGAUS digital life membership, which reduces the member's national lifetime cost to only \$500. NGAND further discounts national memberships by providing a 25% rebate on any membership purchased by June 30th, 2023. The Board of Directors will meet this month to determine additional membership promotions for the new year. Contact your local unit director or email us at ngandexecutivedirector@gmail.com for details! Our strength is in our numbers—consider becoming a lifetime member in the new year.

One last note, 2023 will be the final year for Chris Domitrovich as the NGAND Executive Director with Brett Nelson crossing over and fully taking the reigns on 1 October. When you see him, thank Chris for his leadership over the past 10 years—his endeavors have benefitted our organization, and more importantly, our NDNG Soldiers & Airmen.



Why Join NGAND and NGAUS?

Our professional organizations provide unified representation at both the state and national levels to the men and women of the NDNG. Through NGAND and NGAUS, we are able to give a voice to all NDNG members who cannot advocate on their own for benefit parity, equipment modernization, and relevant missions.

State membership dues are used to provide professional development opportunities, fund college scholarships, send members to the National Conference, and support NDNG events. National membership dues are used similarly, but also provide the necessary financial resources required to advocate for the National Guard on Capitol Hill. In recent years, NGAUS has decreased the cost of national dues in order to boost overall membership, which is critical when our legislative representatives discuss National Guard requirements and priorities with Congress.

As we look forward to 2023, NGAUS's top joint priority is **Zero Cost Tricare to all Reserve Component members**. This legislation would transform Tricare Reserve Select into a healthcare option for drilling Guardsmen, including Federal Technicians, with no member co-pays or monthly fees. Those choosing the family option would get a reduced rate for their dependents. This initiative has the full support of GEN Hokanson, Chief of NGB, who has argued that it is both a readiness and retention imperative. Your membership directly impacts our collective voice!

What do we do?

- Fight for benefits for our ND Soldiers, Airmen & Retirees
- Give back through scholarships & NDNG event donations
- Provide low-cost life insurance options through the SSLI program
- Engage with local, state & national leaders to address issues that impact our missions

Upcoming Events:

- Annual Membership Drive: 1 January - 30 June 2023
- 2023 Roughrider Conference: 17-18 March in Bismarck
- 2023 National Conference: 18-21 August in Reno, NV
- 2023 RR Golf Tournament: Sept at Location TBD

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