

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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2023 Year in Review

A sincere thank you to all members of both NGAND and NGAUS for making 2023 another successful year for our association. Without your continued support and participation, we would not be able to advocate for the benefits, resources, and missions that positively impact 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 continued to build upon past achievements. In March, many members braved the elements to attend the Roughrider Conference in Bismarck. The keynote address delivered by Danny Ziem of Echelon Front was the highlight of the weekend. In August, our delegation of officers, spouses, and retirees at the national NGAUS Conference in Reno, Nevada represented us well. The joint Bobcat Company—NGAND hospitality room brought in Guardsmen from around the 54, and several NDNG individuals and units received national recognition for contributions to our missions and communities.

In September, we hosted the third annual Roughrider Association golf scramble at Hawktree Golf Course in Bismarck. The weather held out again this year, and the tournament provided an opportunity for current and retired ND Guardsmen to enjoy a day at one of North Dakota's premier courses. With overwhelming positive feedback, we look forward to returning to Hawktree again next fall with a date to be announced soon.

Finally, we once again achieved our annual goal in 2023 by reaching 101% NGAUS membership, which marks our third consecutive year above 100%. Our membership numbers are critical when we advocate for NDNG members and missions with state legislators and national congressional delegations. Looking ahead to 2024, we hope to continue to build active membership within our state. For the coming year, the Board of Directors has authorized a \$250 rebate for all NGAUS life memberships purchased before June 30th. With the NGAUS Digital Life membership cost at \$500, this means that our members will receive life-long benefits at 50% of the cost. Additionally, any NGAUS life member who purchases a NGAND State Life membership (\$350) will get an additional \$100 rebate.

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Why Join NGAND and NGAUS?

Our professional organizations provide unified representation at both the state and national levels to members of the NDNG. Through NGAND and NGAUS, we are able to give a voice to those 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 team discusses National Guard requirements and priorities with Congress.

As we look forward to 2024, NGAUS's top joint priority remains **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 2024
- **2024 Roughrider Conference:**
22-23 March in West Fargo
- **2024 National Conference:**
23-26 August in Detroit, MI
- **2024 RR Golf Tournament:**
Sept at Hawktree, Bismarck, ND

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