



# National Guard Association of North Dakota

Annual Meeting  
23 March 2024



# Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- Attendance & Named Proxies
- Approval of December Minutes
- Finance Update
- Executive Director Update
- Committee Updates
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment





# Call to Order

## Nick Hanson



# Roll Call



- Chris Domitrovich**
- Brett Nelson**
- Alan Dohrmann**
- Nicholas Hanson**
- Steve Hoikkala**
- Matt Voeller**
- Jay Sheldon**
- Kristopher Jacobs**
- Lucas Klettke**
- Stan Brown**
- Lee Teigen**
- Nicolette Daschendorf**
- Josh Roller**
- Rachel Berg**
- Dennis Hoffman**
- Amanda Tang**

- Jeff Steckler**
- Justin Johnson**
- Chris Spangler**
- Josh Yri**
- Waylon Tomac**
- Matt Winters (Stan Brown proxy)**
- Greg Goodman**
- Justin Huber**
- Edward Crary**
- Kim Nelson**
- Shaun Carlson**
- Ryan Bergh**
- Brett Nelson**
- Dave Anderson**
- Randy Fuss**
- Sam Nuenthel**
- Pat Flanagan**

# Attendance & Named Proxy



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# Approval Of Minutes

- Discussion **None**
- Motion **Fuss**
- Second **Brown**
- In Favor **Unanimous**
- Opposed





# Finance Update

## LTC Matt Voeller



# Finance Report (Treasurer)

- In
  - Insurance
    - Premiums & Enrollments (Get the brief!)
    - Experience Refund (pool to date was + in December)
  - Roughrider Conference Sponsorships
  - State Memberships
  - National Membership Incentives



Nick covered this slide



# Finance Report (Treasurer)

- Out
  - Operations (mailings, supplies, travel)
  - **Membership Incentives & Events**
  - Legislative Events
  - National Conference
  - TAG Support
  - ED Salary



# Finance Report (Treasurer)

## ➤ Current Balances

- Bravera Bank (Operations Account) – \$34,791.58 (as of 20MAR24)
  - 28DEC23 – \$25,752.92 (final 2023 statement 'thru' date)
- Wells Fargo (Investment Account) – \$127,234 (as of 20MAR24)
  - 31DEC23 – \$124,971.59
  - No deposits or withdrawals
  - Historic Rate of Return – 4-5% (inception 31DEC06)
  - YTD: 1.81%; 1-year: 7.22%
  - Asset Allocation
    - 55.18% Equities
    - 38.97% Fixed Income
    - 5.62% Cash Alternatives/Other
    - .23% Specialty Assets





# Executive Director Update

## Maj Brett Nelson



# ED Membership Report

- Company Grade (O-1 - O-3; W01 - CW3)
  - State Dues: \$20
  - National Dues: \$40
- Field Grade (O-4 - O-6; CW4 - CW5)
  - State Dues: \$40
  - National Dues: \$80
- Flag Officer (O-7 - O-10)
  - State Dues: \$70
  - National Dues: \$130
- State Life Membership: \$350
- National Life Membership: \$1000
- NGAUS Digital Life Membership: \$500



# ED Membership Report

- Membership based on...
  - Annual National Membership
  - National Active Life Membership (Retired & Current Members; includes Digital Life)
  - Complimentary Membership (New Member / Newly Commissioned in NDNG)

Membership Trends				CAO: 18 Mar
Year	Assigned	NGAUS	NGAND	Comments
2018		88%		
2019		92%		
2020	550	93%	51.5%	11 New State Life
2021	545	101.1%	59.4%	6 New State Life
2022	552	105.1%	69.7%	19 New State Life
2023	560	101.3%	62.1%	29 New State Life
2024	562	104.4%	65.5%	14 New State Life



# ED Membership Report

## ➤ 2024 Membership Totals

### ➤ ANG & ARNG

- 562 Total Officers Assigned
- 35 Active Annual Memberships Paid YTD
  - 47 in 2023
- 87 New/Complimentary Members
  - 63 in 2023
- 362 Active Life Memberships (Includes Retirees)
- 103 Digital Life Memberships (\$250 Rebate)
  - 96 total on record as of 1 Jan 2024 (+7)
- **587 Members / 562 = 104% (101% in 2023)**

### ➤ 14 New State Life Memberships (29 in 2023)

\*Current as of 18 March 2024



# Membership Incentives 2024

## ➤ NGAUS Early Bird Rebate

- NGAND receives 5% back for all memberships paid by 31 March

## ➤ NGAUS Rebate to State Associations

- NGAND receives 25% back for all memberships paid by 30 June

## ➤ NGAND Rebates to Life Members

- New NGAUS Digital Life & Life Members receive a \$250 rebate
- New State Life Members receive a \$100 rebate (if NGAUS Life or Digital Life member)





# 2024 Sponsorship Update

- ~\$37,000 (\$33k in '23) in Corporate Sponsorship
  - Revenues split evenly between NGAND & NDNGEA

Bobcat Company	Diamond
General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc.	Diamond
North Dakota Masonic Foundation	Diamond
Airbus US Space & Defense	Platinum
American Military University	Bronze
Wiley X	Bronze
Packet Digital / Botlink	Bronze
LiteFighter Tactical, LLC	Bronze
Eye Safety Systems	Bronze
USAA	Copper
PTS Expeditionary Communications	Copper
Military Benefit Association	Copper
New York Life	Copper
Minnesota State University Moorhead	Copper
Humana (Simmers Agency)	Copper
Envision Xpress	Copper





# 2024 NGAUS Conference Update

- NGAUS National Conference Registration Rates Reduced
  - **\$0** - Company Grade
  - **\$50** - Field Grade Officers
  - **180** – General Officers
- Savings from Reduced Rates
  - **\$2330** from 2023
  - **\$3030** from 2022

## 146th General Conference & Exhibition

August 23 - 26, 2024 Detroit, Michigan





**Friday, Aug 23 | Caribbean Carnival  
CGO, WO, FGO Mixer on Belle Isle**

**Saturday, Aug 24 | Governor's Reception  
Henry Ford Museum of America**

## Sunday, Aug 25 | Hospitality Night



In Detroit, the free People Mover will take you around the downtown area from Huntington Place all through Greektown, Bricktown and the nearby hotels. Get to a station and just miss the People Mover? Stick around. It will only be a five-minute wait for the next one.

## Monday, Aug 26 | State's Dinner Huntington Place's Grand River Ballroom



# Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center

RENAISSANCE CENTER, 400 RENAISSANCE DRIVE , DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48243

- Most States hosting in the Marriot Ren Cen
- Total Hotel Rooms: 1100
- **Room Rate: \$201 / night** (includes taxes)
- **Hospitality: Junior Suite – ND & SD**  
Combined [ND 20 Rms / SD 26 Rms]
- Registration Details to Follow



# Transportation Information

- Discount Code: NM3JH
- Valid 9 Aug – 2 Sept
- 2% - 10% depending on Seat Choice



## Flights

Attendees should use the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW). It provides easy access to the city, only a few minutes away.

## Transportation

A shuttle will be provided to and from the airport on the main travel days, Aug. 21, 22 and 27.

# Quarterly Board Discussion Items

- **Redirect NGAUS Conference Registration Funds?**
  - Partial Hotel / Airfare; Criteria?
- **Vendor Bingo National Conference Giveaway**
  - What to include and how many?
- **Membership Incentive at 2024 RR Conference**
  - Special Discount?
- **Naming Scholarships & OOH Awards**
  - Members who have passed away while serving or significantly contributed to the Association
  - Air: 2d Lt Fink, 2d Lt Brewer, Lt Col Ehrichs





# Quarterly Board Discussion Items

- **Purchase Director's Challenge Awards for 2023**
  - Re-open clothing store?
  - Roughrider store on NGAND website? Minion options
  
- **Future of Roughrider Conference**
  - Thursday Night / Friday Day Option?
  
- **Merging Officer & Enlisted Association**
  
- **RR Conference AAR Meeting**
  - 1600 – 1800 on Saturday in Dogwood 6 Room



# Time and Place Report

## ➤ 2024 Membership Drive

➤ 1 Jan – 30 Jun 2024

## ➤ Militia Insurance Trust Meeting (ED & ID Attending)

➤ 12-13 April 2024 | Las Vegas, NV

## ➤ Governor's Military Ball

➤ 4 May 2024 | Fargo Air Museum

## ➤ 146<sup>th</sup> NGAUS Conference

➤ 23-26 Aug 2024 | Detroit, MI

## ➤ Legislative Reception

➤ November 2024 | NGAUS Building – Washington, DC

## ➤ Future Roughrider Conferences

➤ 21-22 Mar 2025 - Bismarck Radisson

➤ 20-21 Mar 2026 - DoubleTree WF







# Committee Updates



# Committee Reports

- Membership Committee
  - Hoikkala, Klettke, Danduran, Carlson, Nelson
- Resolutions Committee
  - Nelson, Teigen (Air), Brown (Army)
- Legislative Committee
  - Domitrovich, Hanson, Sheldon, Hoikkala
- Planning Committee
  - Nelson, Hanson, Hoikkala, Jacobs
- Audit Committee
  - Brown, Stein, Goodman
- Finance Committee
  - Voeller, Hoikkala



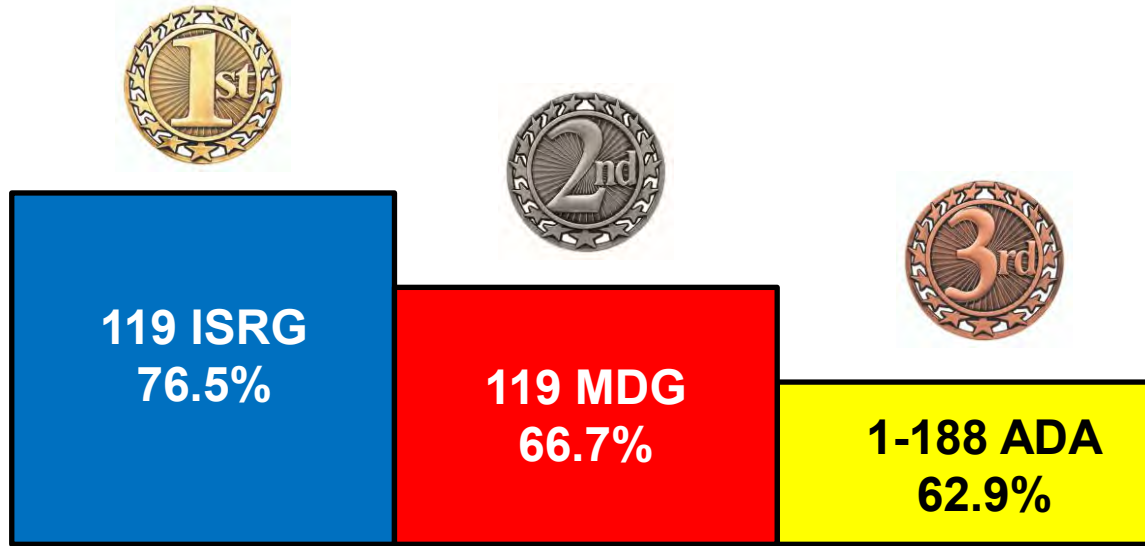


# Membership



# Director's Membership Challenge

Rankings as of 19MAR24



1<sup>st</sup> – Hotel Covered for National Conference, Personalized Qtr. Zip, Bottle Breacher

2<sup>nd</sup> – Personalized Qtr. Zip, Bottle Breacher

3<sup>rd</sup> – Bottle Breacher

**Challenge is from 1JAN24 – 30JUN24**

## “In The Hunt”

Rank	Unit	FY23 %
#4	I42 EN	61.1%
#5	I64 EN	58.1%
#6	I41 MEB	56.1%
#7	I19 MSG	55.9%
#8	HQ ANG	50.0%
#9	MED DET	50.0%
#10	JFHQ	46.6%
#11	68 TC	45.8%
#12	I3I MP BN	40.9%
#13	I19 OG	40.8%
#14	CGTC RTI	33.3%
#15	I-112 AVN BN	22.1%

# Director's Membership "MVP" Challenge

Rankings as of 19MAR24



141 MEB  
10.4%

The "MVP" is awarded for the largest increase in membership percentage from the previous year to the current membership year through the period of 1JAN24-30JUN24.

Rank	Unit	FY24 %
#2	1-112 AV	9.8%
#3	119 MSG	8.8%
#4	164 EN	8.1%
#5	131 MP	7.6%
#6	119 ISRG	7.1%
#7	68 TC	4.5%
#8	JFHQ	4.1%
#9	119 MDG	1.1%
#10	CGTC/RTI	-0.8%
#11	MED DET	-1.7%
#12	142 EN	-1.8%
#13	119 OG	-1.8%
#14	HQ ANG	-4.0%
#15	1-188 ADA	-9.0%



# Approval

- Discussion
- Motion
- Second
- In Favor
- Opposed





# Resolutions



# Air Resolutions

- RESOLUTION-ANG #17
- RELATING TO AIR NATIONAL GUARD MQ-9 REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT (RPA), GROUND CONTROL EQUIPMENT, and SQUADRON OPERATIONS CENTERS
- **Recommendation**
- To ensure readiness of the Air National Guard MQ-9 Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) fleet, the National Guard Association of the United States supports:
- A. Improved Joint Airborne Network Extension (ANE) – (Skytower II Pod) Joint Airborne Network Extension for Cross-Banding, Translation, And Correlation (2024)
- B. Funding efforts to ensure the ANG MQ-9 fleet matches the active duty MQ-9 Multi-Doman Operations (M2DO) configuration of Block 5 aircraft and Block 30 Ground Control Stations (GCS). (2021)
- C. Angry Kitten ALQ-167 Electronic Warfare Countermeasure Pod- Long Endurance, Stand-In Electronic Warfare For Joint Force Survivability. (2024)
- D. Upgrading the Multi-Spectral Targeting System to increase processing power and incorporate Sensor Open System Architecture. (2023)
- E. Procuring/developing software/hardware solutions to provide MQ-9 full motion video (FMV) and data from both classified and unclassified Ground Control Stations (GCSs) to public internet to improve support of DOMOPS missions and other agencies. (2021)
- F. Procuring aircraft and GCS access to commercial space internet services to enable increased flexibility for MQ-9 employment and data dissemination. (2021)
- G. Fund the secure tactical chat communication software solution to assist with





# Air National Guard MQ-9



◀ An MQ-9 from the 174<sup>th</sup> ATKW, New York Air National Guard, readies for a training mission over a practice range in New York State





## Air National Guard MQ-9 States & Units

- AR: Ft. Smith, 188th Wing
- AZ: Tucson, 162nd Wing
- CA: March, 163d Attack Wing
- IA: Des Moines, 132d Wing
- MI: Battle Creek, 110th Attack Wing
- ND: Fargo, 119th Wing
- NY: Niagara, 107th Attack Wing
- NY: Syracuse, 174th Attack Wing
- OH: Springfield, 178th Wing
- PA: Horsham, 111th Attack Wing
- TN: Nashville, 118th Wing
- TX: Houston, 147th Attack Wing



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## Air National Guard MQ-9



The MQ-9 Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) comprises the largest Major Weapons System community in the Air Force. The MQ-9 Reaper is a medium-to-high altitude, long-endurance, remotely piloted system making it the ideal platform to host many different types of signals intelligence, networking, and computing capabilities that maximize intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance and integration of other platforms. It is ideally suited to maintain a persistent presence in any peer-adversary theatre. Should the need arise, the platform is also able to employ a variety of munitions, including AGM-114s and GBU-12/38/49/54s.

ANG units fly combat missions 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in every major combat theater. The ANG also manages flight training operations at two locations and supports test and evaluation at two locations. Five launch and recovery element sites can support continuation training and support to Domestic Operations over the continental United States. The MQ-9 fleet is an asset to the nation. With timely upgrades, the ANG can lead the way for the MQ-9 to continue to be the workhorse of the Air Force in today's operations - contingency and domestic, and enable and excel in the peer-adversary fight.

### Modernization Requirements

- Improved Joint Airborne Network Extension (ANE) – Skytower II Pod**
  - Enables tactically relevant waveform communications and datalink relay to 4th and 5th generation air and ground assets at the tactical edge in the JADC2 construct
  - Enhances battlespace awareness and information sharing capabilities amongst the integrated Joint Force, connecting disparate networks, and enabling the execution of mission-critical information exchange requirements
  - Complements a collection of onboard sensors and off-board systems, and facilitates the retransmission, cross-banding, and translation of data across gateway-connected networks
  - Joint procurement between a USAF/USMC partnership (USMC Program of Record) enables risk reduction, accelerated MQ-9A pod integration, and interoperability
  - \$50M (\$5M/10 units) Procurement, 3010 funds
- Multi-Domain Operation (M2DO)/Block 5 (-25) Baseline**
  - Hardware enhancements and hardening to allow operations in contested environments and future joint payloads
  - Includes P-LEO C2, Intelligent Electronics Unit (IEU 2.1), Anti-Jam GPS, Enhanced power distribution to Wing stations, Open Mission Computing, Link 16 RF
  - Matches USMC MUX MALE and Reg Air Force M2DO advanced configuration and ensures interoperability
  - \$16M (\$1.6M/10 units minimum) Procurement, 3010 funds
- Angry Kitten ALQ-167 Electronic Warfare Countermeasure Pod**
  - MQ-9 EW hardware solutions enhance friendly force survivability and complicates adversary planning efforts due to MQ-9 proliferation and persistence across the battlespace
  - Elevates MQ-9 Electronic Attack (EA) capability against relevant ground and airborne threats, augmenting blue force asset task prioritization against complex target sets
  - MQ-9 communications infrastructure enables unique agile EW capabilities leveraged by 4th and 5th generation air assets
  - \$20M (\$2M/10 units): Procurement, 3010 funds

### NGAUS Recommendation

Continue funding for Skytower II Pod Improved Joint Airborne Network Extension, Baseline M2DO Block 5, -25 upgrades, and Angry Kitten ALQ-167 Electronic Warfare Countermeasure upgrades

# Approval

- Discussion
- Motion
- Second
- In Favor
- Opposed





# Legislative

# Approval

- Discussion
- Motion
- Second
- In Favor
- Opposed





# Planning

# Approval

- Discussion
- Motion
- Second
- In Favor
- Opposed





# Audit







# Finance



# Approval Of Minutes

- Discussion
- Motion
- Second
- In Favor
- Opposed





# Old Business



# Old Business

- 2024 Golf Tournament Update
  - Discussion
  - Motion \_\_\_\_\_
  - Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - In Favor  Opposed





# New Business



# Old Business

- 2024 Executive Director Contract Approval
- NGAUS / AUSA Partnership
  - NGAUS + AUSA Form – <https://ngaus.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=51bba2b6e0b9a27196aa0d00a&id=4af0608e65&e=b2dd1164a6>
  - NGAUS + AUSA QR Code <https://ngaus.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=51bba2b6e0b9a27196aa0d00a&id=d279849a87&e=b2dd1164a6>
- RR & NGAUS Scholarships
- RR – Key Note Speaker
- BoD Update / Vacancy?
- Membership Incentives
- Legislative Support (Jay Sheldon)





# Final Thoughts

- Discussion: Vendor Bingo
- Motion - Brown
- Second - Roller
- In Favor Unanimous approved.
- Opposed



## Adjournment