Introducing Your New President

Lieutenant Colonel Damon N. Cluck serves as deputy human resources officer for the Arkansas National Guard. Prior to this assignment, LTC Cluck spent 22 years in the 206th Field Artillery Regiment, Arkansas Army National Guard. He participated in two deployments with the 206th Field Artillery in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Lieutenant Colonel Cluck enlisted in Battery C, 5th Battalion, 206th Field Artillery, at Harrisburg, Arkansas, in 1989 while attending Arkansas State University. He was commissioned second lieutenant in the field artillery branch, from the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at ASU in May 1990. He commanded Battery B, 5th Battalion, 206th Field Artillery, at Forrest City, Arkansas, and Battery B, 1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery, at Paris, Arkansas. He served as battalion operations officer for the 1-206th FA during its 2004-2005 deployment to Camp Taji, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where the unit provided fires in support of the 39th Brigade Combat Team. He then commanded the 1-206th FA during its second deployment to Camp Taji, Iraq, in 2008, where the battalion conducted convoy escort duty in the Baghdad area. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, the Field Artillery Target Acquisition and Survey Officer Course, the Field Artillery Advance Course, the Field Artillery Pre-Command Course, and the Command and General Staff College. He is currently enrolled in the United States Army War College.

Lieutenant Colonel Cluck graduated from Arkansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in history in December 1990. He graduated from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis with a Juris Doctorate degree in 1996. He is licensed to practice law in the states of Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas. He has worked full time for the Arkansas National Guard in the Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) program since September 2000.

Lieutenant Colonel Cluck’s awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Action Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

A native of Piggott, Arkansas, Lieutenant Colonel Cluck resides in North Little Rock with his wife, Lieutenant Colonel Brenda McCaslin Cluck (formerly of Russellville), their five-year old daughter, Annabel Lee Cluck, and their twin three-year old boys, Aiden and Hayden.

Lieutenant Colonel Cluck was installed as 2012-2013 NGAA president in April during the association’s annual conference in Springdale.
I am excited and honored to assume the duties of president of this great association! I want to begin by thanking Colonel (P) Mark Berry for the wonderful convention that we all participated in at Springdale this year. Many of you commented that the Springdale convention was one of the best in years. Part of what made this convention so successful was simply YOUR presence. With so few units deployed this year, many more officers had the opportunity to attend. And, another thing that made the convention so successful was the hard work and dedication of our board of directors, committee chairpersons and the wonderful full time staff of our association, and finally Colonel Berry’s calm and capable leadership. Thanks to all for a wonderful experience.

Speaking of your presence, I want to extend my personal invitation to you to join Brenda and me in Reno, Nevada, for the 134th National Guard Association of the United States Conference, September 9th through 13th, at the luxurious Silvery Legacy Hotel. Arkansas won the lottery for hotel selection last year, and we were able to secure the very best in accommodations and hospitality rooms available at a very reasonable cost. With this year’s convention falling in the middle of an election cycle, the list of high profile speakers at the convention is growing; and the event promises to be an exciting time for all in attendance. We will continue our tradition of co-hosting a Southeast Conference themed hospitality night with our SEC partner states at one of the venues in the hotel. This event has become one of the must visit attractions for other states who come to worship at the feet of true athletic greatness! Come join us as we call the Hogs on SEC night!

Your presence and participation in the association are more critical now than they have been for many years. As we shift from a period of virtually constant deployments and fairly unconstrained spending into a very austere budget environment, we are seeing our parent services quickly transition to the budget cutting mode. The competition for limited resources is already getting fierce. Just this spring, the NGAA and NGAUS, working in conjunction with the Adjutants General Association of the United States (AGAUS), fought off and delayed an attempt by Mother Air Force to grab planes and missions from the Air National Guard as a budget cutting measure. And, all the while, big Army was on the sidelines watching the fight, preparing for its own round of budget cutting. No other military lobby has the power and influence on Capitol Hill as does NGAUS, and that power is based on one thing -- membership! The best way to preserve your job and your unit’s mission is through active support of the association.

So how can we contribute? Again – membership! The NGAA officers are available any time to attend a unit gathering and help you make the case for your association. Or, you can utilize the membership video that we have produced to help update members and potential members on our association’s legislative accomplishments nationally and here at home in Arkansas (call the NGAA office for a copy of the video). Recent achievements include a chair on the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for military retirees in Arkansas. We will be placing special emphasis this year on our life membership program. The cost of a life membership in NGAA is $1300 and offers a one-year payment plan. Every life membership continues to count towards our annual 100 percent membership goal, even after you retire. For young officers, a life membership is a great investment. NGAA also offers a low cost life membership program for retirees.

Speaking of our retirees, another goal I have is to increase military retirees’ participation in the association. As a young officer, I remember that convention was always an occasion to see past adjutants general and retired officers who returned to support the association and enjoy a homecoming. We need to recapture that tradition. NGAA represents retirees’ interests as well. For example, we are currently gathering
support in the state legislature to increase the current $6,000 exemption from state income tax for retired military pay to the $9,000 exemption currently enjoyed by active members. The state income tax exemption is an excellent benefit that the association worked for in the past, and it is now time to extend that benefit to our retirees. I look forward to working with Colonel (Ret) Bill Stanton, retiree representative on the NGAA board of directors, to help reach out to our military retirees and encourage them to remain active in the association. I want future NGAA conventions to be a real homecoming event for all of our retirees who have served our nation, state and association.

Finally, I want to send a special thanks to our corporate members. We simply cannot do what we do without the support of the many corporations that demonstrate their confidence in the National Guard through their financial support of our association. Our Partners in Patriotism are a key combat multiplier for the association, and we appreciate their continued support.

I am looking forward to working with all of you to make this another great year for the National Guard Association of Arkansas.
Unit representatives on the National Guard Association of Arkansas Board of Directors for 2012-2013 are listed below. Contact your unit representative with issues you wish to present to the board.

Lieutenant Colonel Damon Cluck, President  
Major Michael Culley, First Vice President  
Lieutenant Colonel Erica Ingram, Second Vice President  
Colonel Mark Berry, Past Vice President  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Kenneth Moix, Executive Director

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The trophy for the largest percentage of officers’ attendance at the 2012 conference was awarded to the Army National Guard!
This has been a critical year for the National Guard, and the coming year just might prove to be equally critical. You cannot pick up a defense related publication these days without reading a dismal story relating to the future of the National Guard. That said, pick up the June 2012 issue of the official publication of the National Guard Association of the United States, turn to page 14 and read what NGAUS, on Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, D.C., is doing for every Guardsman, past, present and future. When I see what NGAA, NGAUS, AGAUS, the governor’s council and others are doing each and every day to fight legislative reductions affecting the future of the National Guard, I am genuinely inspired. Stay informed on all the NGAUS issues that affect you. If you have not registered to receive online NGAUS legislative updates, I encourage you to do that at the NGAUS website (www.ngaus.org). Those updates deliver critical information that affects all of us directly to your desktop.

My sincere appreciation goes to the many committee chairs for orchestrating an exceptional state conference in Springdale. From start to finish, a first class conference and the result of hard work by many dedicated association members. Granted, it could have been a little warmer for the sold out Partners in Patriotism golf tournament, but it was worth seeing our general officers wearing skirts at one point on the course! I am looking forward to the 60th General NGAA Conference next year in Fort Smith. By the way, if you haven’t made arrangements to attend the 134th NGAUS General Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada, in September, I recommend you do so. The folks in Reno say, “If you haven’t experienced a NGAUS conference, this is the year you should.” It’s a lot of fun, and I invite you to join us for a professionally rewarding experience.

I congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Damon Cluck as he fills the president’s chair at NGAA. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Damon over the past few years on the association’s executive board. NGAA is fortunate to have a highly professional, dedicated officer like Damon to lead us through the challenging days ahead. The past year was tremendously rewarding, and I truly appreciate the opportunity to have served as president of NGAA and look forward to serving on your board of directors as past president. The support from the association at all levels was incredible. If I have said it once, I have said it a hundred times….we have one of the most respected associations in the United States, due in large part to the dedicated members of our staff at the NGAA office at Camp Robinson.

One final note … For all of us who try, try, try and try again to get non-member officers to join NGAA and NGAUS, don’t give up! Grab that same NGAUS publication referred to earlier and read the article on page 48 by Major General (Retired) Robert Gruber, current legal consultant to NGAUS. If you don’t read anything else in that article, read the last three paragraphs. That is probably the most eloquent expression on why officers should belong. Read it, rip the page out, and keep it handy! Thanks again for your support!
Minutes – NGAA Board of Directors Meeting
June 5, 2012

Absentees
CPT Noyal Brasfield (39 BSB) (TDY)
CPT Thomas Edwards (2-153 Inf)
CPT Justin Ferguson (1-151 Cav)
MAJ James Hall (233 RTI)
MAJ Charles Hartwick (1-206 FA) (TDY)
CPT Nicholas Hoyt (875 Engr Bn)
CPT Brian Lawrenz (1-142 FA) (TDY)
LTC Clement Papineau (JFHQ)
2LT Scotty Parker (77 TAB)
WO1 Antonio Pouncy (217 BSB)
CPT Charles Prewitt (2-142 FA)
MAJ Edward Terry (25 ROC)

Guests/NGAA Staff
Col Tamhra Hutchins-Frye, Director, Air Staff
COL James Treece, DCSEN, OTAG
LTC Tommie Brasfield, 233 RTI
MAJ David Hastings, 77 TAB
1LT J.B. Duncan, 2-153 Inf
1LT Jason Montgomery, 1-206 FA
James Lamb, NGAA staff
Wanda Thomen, NGAA staff
Bob Morgan, NGAA staff
Judy Shere, NGAA staff

Proper notice of this meeting was given prior to the meeting.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m., and a quorum was verified. Guests were recognized and welcomed. LTC Moix thanked NGAA corporate member Nabholz Construction Corporation for providing the evening’s dinner. He introduced Nabholz Construction Corporation president Brad Hegeman and the Nabholz personnel that prepared the meal, David Nabholz, Tracy Chambers, Jim Strack and Danny Mahan. Mr. Hegeman expressed his and his company’s appreciation for the opportunity to say thanks to everybody in attendance for their service. President Cluck noted that Nabholz is a large organization that helps the association tremendously and is deeply committed to supporting the Guard.

President’s Vision and Goals
President Cluck spoke of the new member training session held during the April state conference and said that NGAA would forward the orientation slides presented to board members during that session for further review. Some things he wants to accomplish during the next twelve months are working on corporate member structure and long range planning for the association. He said the board representatives’ involvement is critical, and NGAA needs a plan for the future. Membership is a big factor as it gives us a voice in the legislative process. If we have a large membership, Congress has to consider us a credible source. Life membership in NGAA is something he wants to push. He said NGAA has been at 100 percent membership in national association for the last seven years. This has been possible thanks to our life members, because not all active Guard officers are members of our association. He is excited to have Colonel (Retired) Bill Stanton back on board as retiree representative and is counting on his help in getting retirees more involved.

Old Business
The minutes of the 10 January 2012 board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as written.

New Business
Representatives were asked to review the board of directors’ member roster included in their meeting packets and provide updated contact information as necessary to the NGAA office. In addition, NGAA needs to be informed of officer changes within the units on a continuing basis.
The proposed 2013 budget was presented for approval. It was noted that NGAA no longer offers Aflac insurance, thus the Aflac commissions reduction. The Aflac policies still in force will be maintained. The association has been paying $1800 per year in credit card fees and is now using PayPal which passes the fees to the individual, so that is not in the budget this year. The $1800 budgeted for credit card fees in 2012 have been moved to the general conference golf tournament line item on the 2013 proposed budget. LTC Cluck added that the Pay Pal initiative came from requests made by the board of directors.

Other general discussion during the budget presentation: Life memberships can now be done through bank draft over a year’s time period. LTC Cluck said the NGAA insurance staff will be happy to visit the units any time to review SSLI insurance with the soldiers and airmen. Just let them know when you want them. He noted that many state associations do not have a large enough staff to administer their insurance program and must hire outside people to do that, adding that very few states have the number of employees and excellent facility that we have. Asked about the sizable discrepancy under General Conference Expense, the response was the larger figure shown under the 2012 projected column erroneously includes golf tournament expenses.

LTC Cluck asked for a motion to approve the 2013 budget as presented. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2013 budget.

Finance Report, James Lamb
The finance report as of 30 April 2012 was presented for approval. There were no questions, and a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report as presented.

Bank Resolutions and Transfer of Taxable Funds, James Lamb
The board was asked to consider approval of bank resolutions for the upcoming year. LTC Cluck explained that this will allow the association staff to coordinate any necessary bank signature card changes generated by changes of staff members and/or elected officers. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the action.

NGAA requested authority to transfer taxable monies into the association set aside non-taxable account if such funds are identified by the auditor. LTC Cluck explained that this authority will allow the association staff to move those funds into the non-taxable account; however, any money that needs to be taken out of the non-taxable account would have to be approved by the board of directors. This action has never been necessary but there is a set aside account in place to receive such funds in the event it is needed. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve this action.

Insurance Report, Wanda Thomen
There are 5796 policies in force at this time, and death claims in the amount of $170,000 have been paid during the 2012-2013 insurance year. Wanda reiterated that NGAA will come to the units during drill or any time to review insurance with unit personnel. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the insurance report as presented.

NGAUS Conference, LTC Cluck
The NGAUS Conference is scheduled 9-13 September 2012 in Reno, Nevada. Round trip air fare is about $500. The Arkansas delegation will be housed in the Silver Legacy Hotel where the room rate is $94 plus taxes and fees for a total of approximately $120 per day. Speakers at the conference historically include the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; SOUTHCOM commander; Chiefs of Staff, Air Force and Army; and the Chief, National Guard Bureau. And, it is not uncommon during an election year for the major candidates to be present and speak. NGAA will provide all members of the Arkansas delegation with matching shirts to wear during the conference and a supply of trading pins that are a lot of fun. Last year, CW2 Lucien McConnell received the Eagle Rising Award, a NGAUS award that was one of only two awarded in the nation. You will have an opportunity to vote on resolutions that are presented, and Major Mike Culley will represent Arkansas on the NGAUS resolutions committee. LTC Cluck said registration information is available on the NGAA website (www.ngaa.org) and forms are available here this evening as well. Registration fee is $165. Colonel Berry added that NGAUS has the biggest defense industry trade show anywhere.

2012 NGAUS Conference, Col Berry
The Springdale conference was great. Colonel Berry expressed his appreciation for the committees’ and everybody’s efforts. The hospitality rooms and golf tournament were huge successes. Looking forward to next year in Fort Smith.

2014 NGAUS Conference, Maj Culley
Attention was directed to a printout provided in the member packets showing time and place proposals for the 2014 state conference. Board representatives were asked to take that information to their unit officers and ask them to make their wishes known as to where they want to meet in 2014. He cautioned that costs should be taken into consideration as some of the proposals offer us a lot more than others for our money. Major Culley asked that feedback be brought back to the August board meeting so that a location can be decided.
Other Discussion
LTC Cluck said NGAA has been asked by the Adjutant General’s legislative action committee to establish an award for members of the Arkansas General Assembly that have provided extraordinary support to the Arkansas National Guard. He said NGAUS has several awards in place for states’ Congressional delegates or members of the legislative bodies. He asked Colonel James Treece to speak to the subject. Colonel Treece described several accomplishments involving state legislators that have benefitted the Guard and initiatives that are now on the table as well. LTC Cluck said our goal is to create some kind of memorable award for legislators that have done something extraordinary for the Guard. He will appoint a committee to accomplish this task and will ask Major Matt Snead, Major Mike Culley, and Colonel James Treece to join him in this effort. They will consider proposals for the name and design of the award; i.e., coin, statue, plaque, etc., report back on their progress at the August board meeting, and ask for funding approval for the award.

LTC Cluck is working on a Facebook page for NGAA and hopes to have that available within the next week or so. It will be somewhat restricted in order to ensure that what is put on there is always appropriate. He said anybody that wants something posted should contact him and he will let them know who can do that.

Next Meeting
The next scheduled board of directors meeting is Tuesday, 7 August 2012, in the NGAA conference room. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., and the meeting will start at 5:45 p.m. A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting date.

Adjournment
There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned.

In Appreciation ………

The association recognizes one of its young officers who has been a vital part of the organization in recent years. Captain Anthony B. Goins served on the NGAA board of directors (2010-2011) and as NGAA conference VIP escort committee chairperson for the past six years. He is a strong supporter who promotes the goals and benefits of the association to fellow Guard members and their families at every opportunity.

Captain Goins’ military experience includes over twenty years’ service in the Arkansas Army National Guard. He served twelve years enlisted time in the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and with the Recruiting and Retention Command. His officer service has been eight years with 77th Aviation Brigade, Recruiting and Retention Command, 87th Troop Command and 61st Civil Support Team (WMD). He currently serves in the full time position as operations officer for the 61st Civil Support Team (WMD).

He received his Associate of Arts degree in law enforcement in 1994 and his Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice in 1996 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. While serving as recruiting and retention NCO he was awarded the top enlisted recruiting honor (Chief’s 54) three times … 1998, 2001, and 2001. He was also recognized as top RRNCO for Recruiting and Retention Area Command V in 2002. He is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Anthony enjoys fishing and motorcycle riding and is an avid fan of the Atlanta Braves and Dallas Cowboys. He lives in Little Rock and has a 13-year old daughter, Ayanna A. Goins.
PLAN TO ATTEND
National Guard Association of the United States
134th General Conference and Exhibition
Sparks Convention Center, Reno, Nevada
September 9-13, 2012

Program: www.ngaus.org

Hosted by the Nevada National Guard

National Guard: Hometown Force, Global Reach

Full details and registration information are available at the HOME page of this website …. click on NGAUS Conference

Website Update

The NGAA website was recently updated to include:
  o Current roster of NGAA board of directors
  o April 2012 NGAA Conference review (business meeting report, golf tournament results and photo gallery)
  o Partners in Patriotism corporate member information
  o Auxiliary to the NGAA (ANGAA) update (current officers/meeting dates)
  o Click on Scholarships to see the list of 2012-2013 NGAA/EAANG scholarship recipients
  o 134th National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) General Conference information to include downloadable registration form and online registration.

NGAA welcomes your ideas/input for items to add to the website … call or e-mail the NGAA office with your suggestions. Phone No. 501-758-6422/e-mail kmoix@ngaa.org or jshere@ngaa.org.
New Partners in Patriotism ....

We are pleased to welcome these new Partners in Patriotism to the NGAA corporate family:

**Arkansas Federal Credit Union (AFCU)**
AFCU strives to provide products and services that make it easier for its members to do business with them while improving their financial lives. Their primary mission is to improve each member’s financial posture by offering a wide variety of products and services and enable them to accomplish their financial goals. The AFCU website is [www.afcu.org](http://www.afcu.org).

**BAE Systems, Land & Armaments**
Employing more than 15,000 people, the BAE Systems Land and Armaments Sector is a global leader in the design, development, production and service support of armored combat and tactical vehicles; major and minor caliber naval guns; and missile launchers, canisters, artillery systems and intelligence munitions. For more information, go to [www.baesystems.com](http://www.baesystems.com).

**Ben E. Keith Company of North Little Rock, Arkansas**
Delivering quality since 1906, Ben E. Keith celebrates 106 years of excellence as a distributor of food service products and Anheuser-Busch products. The company goal is to earn the loyalty of its customers by handling only products of the highest quality and value and providing excellent service and responsiveness to customers’ needs. Visit their website at [www.benekeith.com](http://www.benekeith.com).

**Fort Smith Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB)**
The Fort Smith Convention & Visitors Bureau is the destination marketing organization for the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas. The CVB markets Fort Smith’s unique attractions and heritage as a tourist destination and convention city to both group and individual travelers and provides superior customer service to the city’s visitors. Their website is [www.fortsmith.org](http://www.fortsmith.org).

**GE Aviation**
GE Aviation is the world’s leading producer of large and small jet engines for commercial and military aircraft. It also supplies aircraft-derived engines for marine applications and provides aviation services. GE Aviation’s technological excellence, supported by continuing substantial investments in research and development, has been the foundation of growth and helps ensure quality products for customers. More information is available at [www.geaviation.org](http://www.geaviation.org).

**Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center, Northwest Arkansas**
Located in Springdale, Arkansas, this newly renovated property offers every comfort and an opportunity to sit back and relax. The more than 50,000 square foot convention center can be used for events ranging from a retreat for ten to a convention for 3,200. The 2012 NGAA Conference was held here. Visit [www.holidayinn.com](http://www.holidayinn.com).

**Northrop Grumman Laser Systems**
As the leading developer of high energy laser defense systems, Northrop Grumman has demonstrated the revolutionary capability of this versatile technology. From tactical to strategic missions and from threat degradation to destruction, lasers deliver defense at the speed of light with precision and low cost. Much more at [www.northropgrumman.com](http://www.northropgrumman.com).

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Company Grade Officer Awards ....

The NGAA Company Grade Officers for the Year 2011 received special recognition during the NGAA Conference business session on Saturday, April 21, 2012. Selected for the award were:

- **CAPTAIN THOMAS L. EDWARDS**
  - HQ, 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry
  - Arkansas Army National Guard

- **CAPTAIN KENNETH SIMON**
  - 189th Airlift Wing
  - Arkansas Air National Guard

- **CW2 CHRISTOPHER J. RED**
  - 777th Aviation Support Battalion
  - Arkansas Army National Guard
NGAA Corporate Members

**Headline Corporate Member**
HDR Environmental, Operations & Construction, Inc.
Coca Cola Enterprises of Arkansas
Pepsi Beverages Company

**Platinum Corporate Member**
Aflac Insurance
Nabholz Construction Corporation

**Gold Corporate Member**
Arkansas National Guard MWR
Ben E. Keith
DRS Technologies
Humana Military Healthcare Services
W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.

**Corporate Member**
ADS, Inc.
Amtech, LLC
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The Boeing Company
DHS Technologies LLC (Drash)
EADS North America
Fort Smith Convention & Visitors Bureau
GE Aviation
Hot Wild Wines and Spirits, Inc.
Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center, NW Arkansas
Northrop Grumman Laser Systems
Tyson Foods, Inc.
University of Phoenix
Verizon Wireless

NGAA Goals

- Serve those serving
- Achieve 100 percent annual dues paying membership
- Increase corporate membership by 10 percent
- Foster working relationships with state legislators and members of Congress to achieve goals of command and association interest
- Sustain a minimum of 70 percent participation level in the group term life insurance program

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Coming Events
NGAA Trusts Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
NGAA Board of Directors Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
7 August 2012
NGAA Office, Building 8100, Camp Robinson

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Reno, Nevada
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