



**THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS**

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NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72115

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**Officers Present:** MG (Ret) Kendall Penn, Lt Col Tammy Culley, LTC Anthony Sanders (Phone-In), Maj Seana Warner, MAJ Sharetta Glover, MAJ Steve Thompson (Phone-In), CPT Amanda Conderly, 2LT Mark Staples, CPT Brandon Renfro (Phone-In), MAJ Harold Marable, 1LT Alex Miller (Phone-In), CPT Michael C. Battle-Smith, CPT Dalton Shannon, MAJ Byron Glass (Phone-In), MAJ Kevin Mansfield, CPT Clara Gumm, CPT Beth Simpson, Lt Col Paul Needham (Phone-In), Capt Bradley Kremers (Phone-In), Lt Col Ryan Workman, Capt Jason Kulaga

**Others Present:** LTC Chuck Vereen, James Lamb (Operations Mgr), Christel Combs (Insurance Sales), Barbara Scott (Graduate Assistant)

**Attachments:** Proposed Resolution for NGAUS,

**SUBJECT:** Minutes from the July 24, 2018 NGAA Board of Directors Meeting

1. The National Guard Association of Arkansas (NGAA) Board of Directors met on 24 July 2018.
2. The Board passed a motion to accept the minutes from the last board meeting as written.
3. The first order of new business was to discuss updates to the NGAUS 2018 General Conference schedule and events.
  - a. Barbara Scott briefed most up to date member registration numbers as well as the number of rooms out of the AR delegation's designated block were left.
  - b. Poker chips for members attending NGAUS to get breakfast at the Ruby Slipper Café on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday mornings have been ordered. They are clay chips, black edges with 8 points of white, featuring the NGAA logo in the middle on both sides. The chips will allow members to cover up to \$15 of their bill each morning.
  - c. It was announced the updated Conference MOI is on the NGAA website featuring the new breakfast instructions as well as parking fees for the Hilton.
  - d. Parking fees were updated to \$26.40 per night for self-parking in the garage while the valet option is still \$49 per night.
4. NGAUS Resolutions: MG (Ret) Kendall Penn briefed on a last-minute resolution for approval. The resolution had already been submitted to NGAUS due to deadline restrictions but it was announced that if the board did not approve its submission the resolution could be pulled back from committee.
  - a. The resolution, from Brig Gen Sicard, was presented for review and LTC Workman explained what the proposal is for.
  - b. C-130 fleet-wide upgrade
  - c. Took it to a vote and the motion passed to set the proposal forward as a resolution for Arkansas

- d. LTC Chuck Vereen shared the results of the survey that was given to people at the conference earlier this year. 136 conference attendees responded. Survey respondents were asked to rank their level of interest in a number of activities for next year's conference and their likelihood of attending each activity. Here are activities to consider for next year based off of what people are interested in:
        - i. Golf tournament
        - ii. A couple's bible study seminar had
        - iii. Shooting marksmanship type of activity
        - iv. Some type of lake or boating activity
5. The Board passed a motion to add a bible study and hike to the 2019 conference agenda.
6. In the next order of new business, MG (Ret) Kendall Penn gave the Board an update on the proposed 2019 state legislative programs. After reviewing all current statutes having to do with the military, he discovered that there are few protections in place for state active duty. There are four proposed 2019 state legislative programs MG (Ret) Kendall Penn is working on:
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    - a. There is a Soldier and Airmen Civil Relief Act that pertains to state active duty. However, this law does not kick in until they are 180 days into their order. MG (Ret) Kendall Penn's proposed amendment for this statute is to change this so that it will go into effect as soon as an order starts.
    - b. Two business meetings ago, the Board voted to establish an endowment within the ANGF for an Army Emergency Relief fund. General Berry has already appropriated an amount to be spent on a similar purpose. Last week, the Bureau of Legislative Research determined that General Berry currently does not have the authority necessary to give those appropriations to the ANGF in the form of a grant. We will need to submit a bill that adds that language into the current statute that gives him the authority to write a grant. This process will take the next two legislative sessions to finalize, but there has been little pushback.
    - c. MG (Ret) Kendall Penn has also been working on increasing the appropriations made to support the AR Youth Challenge Program as well as upgrade the staff's positions from state level GS-3 to state level GS-5.
    - d. All federal level employees have a \$100,000 life insurance policy. Want to propose that the state enact a provision that if a state level employee dies while on active duty, the state will pay out the \$100,000 in life insurance.
8. New Business: Camp Alliance health and career expo at Ft. Chaffee where service members can go out and meet employers looking to hire veterans. Jodie Bergstrom (ED of Camp Alliance) has written a grant to do a similar program state-wide. Legislative liaison is currently helping them look for other funding sources.
9. Discussion about the budget will be postponed until the next quarterly meeting.
10. Future Business: Submit themes for next year's conference