



THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Officers Present: COL (ret) Damon Cluck (Exec Dir), LTC Sharetta Glover (President), Lt Col Ryan Workman (1st Vice President), MAJ Trey Marable (2nd Vice President), COL Joel Lynch, 1LT Hunter Sadler, LTC Matt Leimberg, CPT Dalton Shannon, CPT Daniel Patterson, SSgt Melody Daniel, Maj Steve Arnold, Maj Jonathan Ferricher, Maj Jason Kulaga, COL (ret) Don Brooks, CPT Brian Gabbard, 1LT Zachary Plumlee, Capt Phil Stevens, MAJ Chris Purchase, CPT Cibeles Ramirez-Rodriguez, MAJ Goenner (proxy for 1-153rd), MAJ Warford (proxy for 2-153rd), CPT Sherman (proxy for 1-206th), CPT Spence (proxy for 239th BEB), CPT Blake Mattison, LTC Noyal Brasfield (pending), WO1 Julia Robertson (pending), MAJ Chris Purchase,

Others Present: Maj (ret) James Lamb (Staff), Mrs. Elizabeth Jara (Staff), Ms. Barbara Scott (Staff), LTC Bryan Shipman (resolutions co-chair), MAJ Clara Moser

Guests: MG Kendall Penn, TAG; Col Paul Jara, ANG DOS; COL Michael Henderson, ARNG COS

Note: Several officers attended via Zoom call and the others attended in person and distanced themselves following to Covid-19 guidelines.

SUBJECT: Minutes from the April 27, 2021 NGAA Board of Directors Meeting

1. The National Guard Association of Arkansas (NGAA) Board of Directors convened a quarterly meeting 27 April 2021 after a quorum was confirmed to be in attendance, LTC Glover called the meeting to order.
2. Board Members were given copies of the following before the meeting. These documents are also attached to the minutes.
 - a. April Meeting Agenda
 - b. January meeting minutes (not attached to these minutes, accessible on NGAA website or in person at NGAA)
 - c. March Executive Committee meeting minutes
 - d. Insurance slides from NGAA weekly staff sync meeting
 - e. NGAA Statements of Financial Position from Priddy Holifield & Ables
 - f. Membership data as of 4/27
 - g. Draft ARNG resolution to modernize aeromedical equipment
3. 1LT Sadler made a motion to invoke Article 13 of the NGAA Bylaws, the War, State, or National Emergency Clause; allowing this meeting of the Board of Directors to proceed with doing the business of the Association since the full membership has been unable to meet due to Covid-19 restrictions.

- a. Maj Eason offered a second; there was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. MG Penn offered some remarks thanking the Board of Directors for continuing to support the Association and why it is important to keep the mission of the Association moving forward.

Old Business

5. The **Insurance Report** was presented by Maj (ret) Lamb with additional comments by COL (ret) Cluck
 - a. The insurance program is steadily moving towards recovery
 - b. 4519 active policies are held in the SSLI Program as of April 2021
6. **Finance Report:** COL (ret) Cluck then briefed the Board on the Statements of Financial Position as provided by Priddy, Holifield, & Ables, the CPA firm that does the annual audit of the Association
7. LTC Leimberg made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented
 - a. COL Lynch offered a second, there was no further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Scholarship Committee Report:** Maj Kulaga presented that there were 107 applications for the ANGF scholarship for 2021-2022
 - a. The committee chaired by Maj Jason Kulaga and CPT Dalton Shannon met March 10th to evaluate packets
 - b. SPC Cade Hixson was the highest scoring Guardsman as well as highest scoring applicant overall and was awarded an additional scholarship by EAANG for this achievement
 - c. There has been a decline in Guardsmen applying for the scholarship; Maj Kulaga asked that the Board work on sharing the information more and trying to get more applications from Guardsmen.
9. **Membership update:** Barbara presented that there are 18 units at 100% NGAUS/NGAA membership for the year
 - a. Only one Brigade (the 142nd) has completely reached 100%
 - b. As of April 27th, the state was at 94% NGAUS membership and needing at least 68 members to renew their membership for NGAA to be a 100% NGAUS state
10. **Corporate Membership update:** Elizabeth presented the Board with the status of the Partners in Patriotism program as well as the information on the needs for the Golf Tournament scheduled for 15 May

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Expiring terms and new representatives

- i. 1LT (P) Clint Hays, 2-153rd; CPT Garrett Miller, 39th IBCT; WO1 Julia Robertson, R&R Bn; LTC Noyal Brasfield, NGMTC; CPT Daniel Patterson, 77th TAB; Maj Steve Arnold, 188th Wing; 1LT Hunter Sadler, 39th BSB; MAJ Chase Battle-Smith, 142nd FAB; CPT Blake Mattison, 217th BSB; CPT John Graves, 233rd Reg RTI; 1LT Zachary Plumlee, 1-144th AS; Maj Johnathon Ferricher, 189th OG
- b. Maj Eason made a motion to accept the nomination of the slate of officers presented.
- c. Maj Kulaga offered a second. There was no further discussion and the election of the representatives passed unanimously.

12. Resolutions

- a. LTC Bryan Shipman the ARNG Resolutions co-chair presented a proposed draft resolution from aviation about the modernization of aeromedical equipment
- b. CPT Shannon motioned to table the draft resolution for the Resolutions committee and Executive Committee to review, discuss with aviation, and vote on later
- c. 1LT Sadler offered a second. No further discussion was held and it passed unanimously.

13. LTC Glover recognized the following officers for their work and commitment during the membership drive:

- a. MAJ Brian Lawrenz, 142nd, MAJ Chase Battle-Smith, 142nd, CPT Derek Abshier, 1-142nd, CPT Alex Miller, 1-142nd, CPT Brian Gabbard, 2-142nd, and Maj Jason Kulaga, 189th AW

14. Nominations

- a. Maj Eason presented the nominations committee report and the committee's nominee for 2nd Vice President
 - i. The Committee after reviewing submissions from the membership, nominates Captain Shalin Gieson (189th AW) for the position of 2nd Vice President for the upcoming year
 - ii. Lt Col Ryan Workman was nominated by the committee for the position of President and MAJ Trey Marable was nominated for the position of 1st Vice President
- b. LTC Glover opened the floor up for any additional nominations from the ANG for the 2nd Vice President position.
- c. Hearing none, the Board held a vote and unanimously elected the above slate of officers for the 2021-2022 Executive Committee.

15. LTC Glover ended her tenure as the NGAA President and passed the gavel to Lt Col Workman to begin his term. LTC Glover remains on the Executive Committee as the Immediate Past President as Maj Eason steps down from that role.

16. Awards

- a. Maj Eason presented the awards committee report and the committee's selections for state awards
- b. For ANG Company Grade Officer of the Year: Captain Shalin Gieson, 189th AW
- c. For ARNG Company Grade Officer of the Year: CPT Darryl Napolitano, 142nd FAB

- d. For ARNG Warrant Officer of the Year: CW2 Gib Richardson, 233rd Reg RTI
 - e. AR is also nominating Maj Richard Sugg for the NGAUS Meritorious Service Award
17. Next meeting
- a. Proposed meeting date is 17 August 2021*
 - i. *Since scheduling this date the Board has decided to adjust the meeting to a different date since the NGAUS conference date was moved up
18. Lt Col Workman thanked everyone for attending and asked if there were any other alibis
19. 1LT Sadler made a motion to adjourn.
- a. SSgt Daniel offered a second. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Added in during June Executive Committee meeting

Next meeting date for the full Board of Directors will be 10 August 2021

- Dinner at 1700
- Meeting at 1800

These minutes were approved by the Executive Committee June 2, 2021