



THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

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NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72115

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**Officers Present:** COL (ret) Damon Cluck (Exec Dir), LTC Sharetta Glover (President), Lt Col Ryan Workman (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), MAJ Trey Marable (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), COL Joel Lynch, LT Hunter Sadler, LTC Matt Leimberg, CPT Dalton Shannon, MAJ John Chase, CPT Daniel Patterson, SSgt Melody Daniel, Maj Steve Arnold, Maj Jonathan Ferricher, Maj Jason Kulaga, COL (ret) Don Brooks, MAJ Byron Glass, CPT Brian Gabbard (pending), 1LT Zachary Plumlee, Capt Phil Stevens, MAJ Chris Purchase (pending), CPT Cibeles Ramirez-Rodriguez, CPT John Graves

**Others Present:** LTC Brad Massey, Maj (ret) James Lamb (Staff), Mrs. Elizabeth Jara (Staff), Ms. Barbara Scott (Staff)

**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 January 26, 2021 NGAA Board of Directors Meeting

1. The National Guard Association of Arkansas (NGAA) Board of Directors convened a quarterly meeting 26 January 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. January Meeting Agenda
  - b. October meeting minutes (not attached to these minutes, accessible on NGAA website or in person at NGAA)
  - c. NGAA Staff sync meeting slide deck for 01.26.21 (available at NGAA)
  - d. Association Fiscal Health for January; Monthly Burn Rate as of January; NGAA Budget v. Actual FY 21

**Old Business**

3. LTC Glover asked if there were any questions or concerns with the October meeting minutes and referenced, they had previously been approved by the Executive Committee
4. Several units have nominated new representatives and they are:
  - a. CPT Garrett Miller (39<sup>th</sup> IBCT)
  - b. 1LT Robert David (1-153<sup>rd</sup>)
  - c. MAJ Chase Battle-Smith (142<sup>nd</sup> FAB)
  - d. CPT Brian Gabbard (2-142<sup>nd</sup>)
  - e. CPT Blake Mattison (217<sup>th</sup> BSB)
  - f. CPT Dalton Shannon (87<sup>th</sup> TC)

- g. MAJ Chris Purchase (MEDCOM)
  - h. CPT Chase Henderson (875<sup>th</sup> En Bn)
5. LTC Leimberg made a motion to accept the nominations as new unit representatives and Board Members
- a. CPT Shannon made a second (in his capacity as the exiting 875<sup>th</sup> Rep)
  - b. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously

## **New Business**

6. COL (Ret) Cluck briefed the budget and current fiscal health of the Association
- a. He addressed that with the transition to the new insurance carrier there was no need for the Association to continue to keep such a large amount of money in the Strategic Fund since the new carrier is more prompt on paying for insurance claims
  - b. COL Cluck requested that the Association be able to move \$20,000 from the Strategic account to the Set Aside account
7. LTC Leimberg made a motion to allow the NGAA Executive Director to move \$20,000 from the Strategic Fund to the Set Aside Fund
- a. CPT Shannon made a second
  - b. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously
8. James briefed the Board on the current state of the Insurance program
- a. He spoke on the progress from the last few PHAs and 20-year Retiree briefings
  - b. There were 4573 total SSLI policies in force as of 19 January
  - c. James addressed the number of cancelled policies listed in the report
    - i. They reflect the updates made to the system when transitioning and not just a sudden increase of cancellations
9. MAJ Marable suggested that NGAA may consider becoming part of the ARNG “Remain Your Best” program as another opportunity for insurance sales and policy servicing
- a. MAJ Marable said he will help James connect with COL Sailor and 87<sup>th</sup> TC to ask about involvement
10. Nominations and Awards
- a. LTC Glover briefed that 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Awards nominations info will go out the week before February Drill and the deadline for both is 15 April
  - b. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in the coming year will be from the ANG
11. Resolutions
- a. The period for accepting Resolutions is still open and will close 15 April
  - b. POCs are Lt Col Workman (ANG and Joint) LTC B. Shipman (ARNG)
12. Corporate Partnership Program update
- a. Mrs. Jara briefed that the corporate program is already at the level of what the previous year had been (even with Covid) and that she had more potential sponsors that were interested already

- b. There will be a Golf Tournament (Hosted by Southern Glaziers benefitting NGAA) May 15<sup>th</sup> at The Greens in North Hills
  - c. There will be a Corporate Dinner also on May 15 hosted by NGAA for our Corporate Partners
13. Membership Update
- a. Barbara briefed that as of the meeting only 2 units had made 100% membership for NGAA/NGAUS so far
  - b. The deadline for units to be recognized for 100% is 19 March 2021
  - c. At the January meeting, the 142<sup>nd</sup> Brigade was the closest overall Brigade to meeting their goal and were at 82%
14. LTC Glover asked if there were any other business items to discuss or alibis from any Board Members or guests
15. The Executive Committee will meet later and their minutes will go out to the Board for review after their meeting is held
16. 1LT Sadler made a motion to adjourn the meeting
- a. LTC Leimberg made a second.
  - b. There was no further discussion and it passed unanimously.
17. The next meeting will be announced later.