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# MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION

## Queen City of the Ozarks



### **62nd Annual Conference Missouri National Guard Association (MoNGA)**

*Membership in MoNGA is encouraged  
but not required.*

**April 16 -18, 2009  
Springfield, MO**

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### Important Dates

16-18 APR 2009 - MONGA -  
Springfield MO

9-13 AUG 2009 - EANGUS -  
Rochester, MN

11-13 SEP 2009 - NGAUS -  
Nashville, TN

15-17 APR 2010 - MONGA -  
St. Louis MO

7-12 AUG 2010 - EANGUS -  
St. Louis, MO

21-23 AUG 2010 - NGAUS -  
Austin, TX

14-16 APR 2011 – MONGA-  
St Louis MO

19-21 APR 2012 – MONGA-  
Springfield MO

18-20 APR 2013 – MONGA-  
Springfield MO

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WEBSITE UP-  
DATES: Go to our “membership” page  
to register for your annual or  
life membership.  
Update your information in  
our database by going to our  
“Update My Info” page.

Check our event calendar at  
[www.mongaonline.com/  
calendar.htm](http://www.mongaonline.com/calendar.htm)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Thanks very much for your membership and support of our Missouri National Guard Association.** Our current 2009 Membership Drive is crucial for continued and improved success in helping our Soldiers and Airmen. An important change to note is that members paying annual dues and new members will not only be joining MoNGA, but also will join their respective national association (EANGUS or NGAUS) as well. We made this change in the membership area because contributions to our national associations greatly enhances our ability to take care of our members through increased benefits that both EANGUS and NGAUS provide along with enhanced ability to push for reform through resolutions started at state levels.

Our 2009 membership recruiting drive has already started and I ask all members to help support this drive by spreading the word as to how we help all members of the Missouri National Guard; working with members and legislators to improve the status of the Missouri National Guard with governmental agencies of this state and improve the Missouri National Guard and the Army and Air National Guard of the United States as components of the Armed Forces. We need to take care of and retain our current members and do all possible to get more than 1,000 new members before our conference in Springfield this coming April. Per what is known as "The Long War" against terrorism and NATO-related deployments to places such as Kosovo it remains vital there is improved resourcing of the National Guard, a strong effective voice critically depends on the strength of our association. Increased growth is what we need to ensure success. We need to all talk to our fellow Guard members and get them to join. Our associations help them, our units, our families, employers and communities. It is a positive vibe to be involved. In order to help speak of membership and benefits we have an excellent slide presentation Executive Director James helped put together that can be downloaded from the MoNGA website. Also it is important we encourage members and new members to attend not only our soon-coming 2009 conference but also the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual EANGUS Conference taking place in Rochester, Minnesota, August 9-12, 2009 and the NGAUS [131st General Conference](#) in Nashville, Tennessee, September 11-13, 2009. I am very pleased to mention that the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual EANGUS Conference will be held in St

Louis, Missouri in August 2010. All these conferences not only decide what our important Guard issues are but are great for professional development opportunities to learn and a ton of fun to attend with Guard members from all states and territories.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual MONGA Conference will be in Springfield, "Queen City of the Ozarks" – dates are: 16-18 April at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield. Our Conference Committee and Colonel Thomas have put a lot of great work and effort into this special event; mark your calendars !

Lets Succeed Through the Following:

- Grow membership through information exchange. Our 2009 Membership Drive is very important for success and all of us as members are recruiters.
- Speak out about our "Guard" story; strengths, capabilities, and needs.
- Bring together our most critical issues with a unified voice.
- Continue coordination of our efforts with NGAUS & EANGUS along with federal and state legislators.
- Energize and show our members how to participate in the political process by writing and contacting federal and state representatives. There is a handy way to do this with template letters on the NGAUS website. It cannot be emphasized enough that elected officials get with their staff right before voting on an issue and ask: "What are our constituents telling us?" "How many calls and letters have we received?" and "What are they saying?" Officials need to hear from our association members on important Guard issues.

**Let's Work Together and Succeed!**

Thanks very much to every association member volunteering their time and service to our association's business. See you in Springfield and wish everyone a fine 2009 !

W. Jay Banwell, Lieutenant Colonel  
President, Missouri National Guard Association

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 30, 2008: New Law Authorizes Veterans' Salutes during National Anthem

WASHINGTON -- Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect this month.

"The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag."

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year's provision also applied to members of the armed forces while not in uniform.

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14.

The earlier provision authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect Jan. 28, 2008.

**RIDING THE WAVE – by SGM Max Miller, EANGUS Area IV Director**

For the last few years the organization has been fortunate in getting some great benefits past through Congress. The Tri-care for traditional guardsmen, pay raises, increases in the Montgomery GI bill and the start of an early retirement program just to name a few. The organization has had very little opposition in getting this accomplished. It's my opinion that 9-11 changed the Country's view of the military. I think it became more evident to the public of the need for the military than it ever had before which has simplified the task of getting benefits for our members.

I am afraid things are going to change. With the Country's economic situation and the apparent change throughout Washington DC, it may become harder to keep current benefits, yet alone, try to gain new ones. It is now, more important than ever, to not only renew your membership, but also, ask a friend to join you in fighting for your benefits. That's right, just by being a member you are fighting for your military benefits. You belong to an organization that its sole purpose is to support you and your fellow soldiers and airmen. Remember the pay raise the organization fights to get for you every year, is more than enough to pay for your annual membership.

We are going to have to work harder than ever to retain the benefits we are currently receiving, even harder to improve some of them (early retirement) and even harder to get new ones. Membership now, more than ever, is critical. The more members we have the bigger voice we have on Capitol Hill as well as our own State Capitols. So please take the time to renew your membership and ask your Battle Buddy or Wing Man to become a member with you.

## **MONGA Life and Retired Life Membership**

The Missouri National Guard Association (MONGA) offers a “Life” membership for active members of the Missouri National Guard. This is a one-time payment of \$180 for enlisted members and \$300 for officer and warrant officer members. As a life member, you owe no further dues to the association. You are not required to purchase a retired life membership when you retire.

The “Retired Life” membership is for those that leave the active Missouri National Guard program under honorable conditions and who are eligible to retired pay and benefits based upon National Guard service. This is a one-time payment of \$30 for all ranks.

Those of you that have been annual members of MONGA, please do not forget to purchase your retired life membership when you retire. This will keep you in touch with the association and the other members and events.

The National Guard Association of the U.S. (NGAUS) also offers a retired life membership to former members of the Association who are retired from the National Guard or eligible for retirement based upon National Guard service. The dues are a one-time payment of \$125.

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S. (EANGUS) offers a “Life” membership and is available to those that are active enlisted members of a state association. The dues for an EANGUS Life Membership are a one-time payment of \$100 plus the annual dues of \$9 for each year the member is under age 50. EANGUS does not offer a retired life membership.

In accordance with the MONGA Bylaws, you must first be a life member of MONGA in order to be a life member of NGAUS or EANGUS.

### **The Missouri National Guard Association Board Of Directors Recommends The Adoption Of The Following Change To The Bylaws:**

The recommended change has been posted on the MoNGA website. The delegates to the annual conference will be asked to vote on this change at the Business Session.

Proposal To Amend the MONGA Bylaws To Include A New Membership Category

#### **Associate Life Membership**

Article III, Section 1 – Membership, D. Associate Member.

Add new paragraph 2. as follows:

Any person who is not otherwise qualified for life membership as set forth above, who is interested in and dedicated to the purpose of the Association, upon application and payment of the prescribed dues, and approval of the Board of Directors, may be issued an Associate Life membership. Associate Life Members are not entitled to vote or hold office.

## 62nd Annual MoNGA Conference

### Registration

Please register before 1 April 2009

Rank/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Senior Command (Check One).

\_\_\_ 20th CAB \_\_\_ 70th TRP CMD \_\_\_ JFHQ

\_\_\_ 35th ENG BGDE \_\_\_ 110th MEB

\_\_\_ 139th AW \_\_\_ 131st FW \_\_\_ 157th AOG

### Registration Fees (Per Person)

(Includes Business Session, Mixer and Banquet)

**\$76.00**

Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet meal: Annotate # of meals below.

\_\_\_ Beef tenderloin medallion and chicken roulade (stuffed) with spinach, pancetta pork and Fontina Cheese Vegetable and Chef special with Rolls and butter.

Followed By: Dessert chocolate and cheese cake.

Wine Toasts \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Vegetarian

**Call 417-874-8480, Lonnie Brandon, if**

**you have special dietary needs.**

### 2009 Conference Committee Points of Contact

#### Conference Chairman

COL William J. (BJ) Thomas

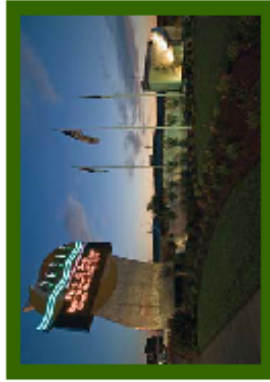
Phone: 417-874-8403

#### Registration

CPT Shawn McCroskey

Phone: 417-874-8478

### HOTEL INFORMATION



### Ramada Oasis and Convention Center

2550 North Glenstone

Springfield, Missouri 65803

Toll Free | 1.888.532.4338

Local | 417.866.5253

**You are responsible for making**

**your own reservations!!!!**

**\$ 76.00 per night plus tax**

**Make reservation no later than**

**1 April 09**

Return this form to:

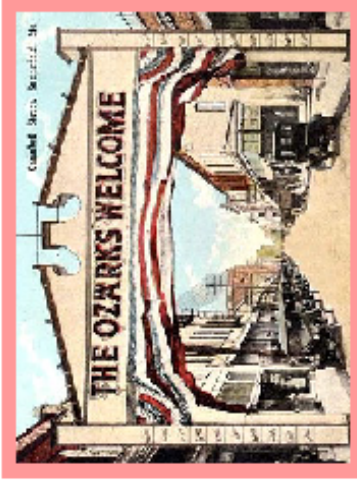
62nd MoNGA Conference

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Springfield, MO 65803

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<http://www.deerlakegolf.com/>

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Springfield, MO 65802  
(417) 865-8888

**DATE:** 16 April 09 (In case of inclement weather, a go/no go decision will be made by 1000 that morning. Make up date TBD.)

**TIME Registration** 0700, **TEE/Shotgun Start:** 0800  
**PRICE \$50.00 per person**

**DIRECTIONS** Will be posted on MoNGA web site and available upon request. Call Aaron L. Harrison at 417-868-8077.

**PLAYERS** Player 1 please include contact number for inclement weather cancellation notification.

Player 1 (Capt) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is team payment of \$180

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my payment (\$50)

\_\_\_\_\_ I don't have a team, pair me up!

**Register Early; Deadline is 1 Apr 09**

**Limit 30 teams, first come, first serve**

## AGENDA

16 April 09

### Golf Tournament

Registration 0700-0800  
Tournament 0800-UTC

17 April 09

Conference Registration 0800-2200  
Hospitality Rooms 1300-UTC

Caucus Meetings 1200-1300  
Command 1300-1400  
Enlisted 1400-1500  
Retiree 1500-1600  
Committee Meetings 1800-UTC  
Mixer and Auction

18 April 09

Business Session \* 0800-1230  
Auxiliary Brunch/Meeting 0900-1200  
Hospitality Rooms\*\* 1300-UTC  
Social Hour 1800-1900  
Banquet\*\*\* 1900-UTC

\*Uniform for Business Session is Class B uniform.

\*\*Hospitality Rooms will be closed from 1800—2100

\*\*\*Uniform for Banquet is mess dress/dress blues or Class A with white shirt and bow tie (enlisted)

To pay dues online go to:  
[www.mongaonline.com](http://www.mongaonline.com)

## Registration Information Continued

Conference Registration fee: \$76.00 x \_\_\_\_\_=\$

Auxiliary Brunch fee: \$12.00 x \_\_\_\_\_=\$

Golf Tournament fees: \$50.00 x \_\_\_\_\_=\$

Teams: \$180.00 x \_\_\_\_\_=\$

Total payment enclosed (CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_) or

Authorized to Charge Credit Card \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ VISA or MasterCard (Circle)

Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Five Star Banquet Entertainment

First "Nick and Ruell", now "Nick and Ruell and Ned the Band", have been entertaining people in the Ozarks, as well as across the country, for the past 28 years..... that's right, 28 years. Formed from the Primordial Ooze that was Springfield's early music community, Nick and Ruell and Ned the Band exhibit off-beat humor, superior musical talent, and themselves. In keeping with everything they hold dear..... Nick and Ruell and Ned the Band are known for never, never, ever lying..... unless they absolutely have to. Nick Sibley (jingle mogul, ex Skelaton, land baron, and multi-linguist) plays guitar, harmonica, and sings. Ruell Chappell (former Ozark Mountain Daredevil, multi-media provocator, award recipient and abstainer) plays piano and sings. Ned (The Band) Wilkison (amoriously bedecked with musical talent yet devoid of form, schooled in the ways of the fathers, sear of all....sayer of nothing) plays everything else and sings. Together they are Nick and Ruell and Ned the Band! Now and forever. Three yot one, One yot three!



## **2009 NGAUS & EANGUS CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

The **131st NGAUS General Conference** will be held 11-13 September 2009 in Nashville, TN. All of the delegations and events will be at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. This is a large hotel complex that is enclosed by an atrium. Please check <http://www.mongaonline.com> for additional details as information will be added to the website as it become available.

The **38th EANGUS Annual Conference** will be held 9-12 August 2009 in Rochester, MN. The Missouri delegation will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn. Please check <http://www.mongaonline.com> for additional details as information will be added to the website as it become available.

## **DOES MONGA HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION?**

We want to thank all of you that renew your membership using our online dues payment webpage. We do need you to complete the information that includes your address and unit of assignment. Many of you pay online and do not provide this information and we then need to email you requesting the information. We track membership down to the Flight level for the Air National Guard and down the Company level for the Army National Guard. In some cases where there is an ARNG unit lower than Company that is not part of a company, we even track down to the Detachment level.

If you want your membership to count toward your unit's membership percentage, please take the time to complete the form. If you change units or get promoted, please fill out the Update My Profile link on the website at [http://www.mongaonline.com/Update\\_my\\_information.htm](http://www.mongaonline.com/Update_my_information.htm) so we can update your record.

## **MONGA CONFERENCE INFORMATION—DELEGATES**

The right to be a delegate at an Annual Conference or Special Conference shall be limited to Annual, Life and Retired Life Members. Each of the Senior Command Representatives shall contact the units in their command regarding the selection of voting delegates at Conferences; the Enlisted Senior Command Representative will contact the senior NCO of each unit and the Officer Senior Command Representative will contact the senior officer of each unit. Conference delegates shall be selected on the basis of two delegates (one officer/warrant officer and one enlisted) per federally recognized unit as designated by NGB, which has a unit identification code. Split units are considered as one unit. The Senior Command Representatives (Enlisted and Officer) shall submit names of voting delegates to the Secretary and/or the Chairman of the Credentials Committee at least twenty (20) days prior to the opening of the Business Session of the Conference. Only those representatives present who are accredited delegates as verified by the Credentials Committee shall be entitled to vote. If the number of accredited delegates present does not equal the number to which a command is entitled, then the accredited enlisted and officer delegates present shall, by majority vote, cast their respective enlisted or officer ballot for the difference between the number cast individually and the total number to which the Command is entitled. If only one accredited delegate represents the Command, he or she shall cast the entire enlisted or officer ballot to which the Command is entitled, but not both. If the command is represented by only two accredited delegates, one officer and one enlisted, they shall cast their command's total enlisted ballot and officer ballot respectively. Each officially designated Retired Chapter shall be authorized two (2) delegates (one officer/warrant officer and one enlisted) at the Annual or Special Conference. The Chapter is responsible for submitting the name of the voting delegate to the Credentials Committee at least twenty (20) days prior to the opening of the Business Session of the Conference.

## **TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan**

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, or TRDP, has been the premier dental benefits plan since it was created by Congress and made available to Uniformed Services retirees and their family members on February 1, 1998. In 2000, Congress authorized enhancements to the TRDP to provide an unprecedented comprehensive scope of benefits that included major services like crowns, bridges, dentures and orthodontics. Additional services were added in fall of 2008, and eligibility for this expanded scope of benefits was extended to Uniformed Services retirees worldwide.

You are eligible to enroll in the TRDP if you are:

- A member of the Uniformed Services who is entitled to Uniformed Services retired pay, even if you are 65 or older.
- A member of the retired National Guard/Reserve, including those in the “gray-area” who are entitled to retired pay but will not begin receiving it until age 60.
- A current spouse of an enrolled member.
- A child of an enrolled member, up to age 21 or to age 23 if a full-time student (proof of full-time student status required), or older if disabled before losing eligibility.
- An unremarried surviving spouse or eligible child of a deceased member who died while in retired status or while on active duty.
- A Medal of Honor recipient and eligible family members, or an unremarried surviving spouse/eligible family members of a deceased recipient.

A current spouse and/or eligible child of a non-enrolled member with documented proof the non-enrolled member is: (a) eligible to receive ongoing comprehensive dental care from the Department of Veterans Affairs; (b) enrolled in a dental plan through employment and the plan is not available to family members; or (c) unable to obtain benefits through the TRDP due to a current and enduring medical or dental condition. Written documentation supporting any of these three situations must be submitted with your enrollment application.

For additional information, go to the TRDP website at <http://www.trdp.org/> or call Customer Service at 1-888-838-8737

## **St. Joseph Retired Chapter-MONGA News**

The St. Joseph Retired Chapter of the Missouri National Guard Association has experienced a dramatic increase in interest this past year. Col (Ret) Bob Agee and SMSgt (Ret) Tom Morris, chapter officers, attribute a large part of the increase to moving the quarterly dinners/meetings back to the American Legion Post 359. Paid membership in the chapter is up 400% from a year ago and attendance at the dinners has shown an increase of three to four times the previous year. Due to the cooperation of the Legion, dues were able to be kept at \$15 for the year and dinners usually only cost \$10 each. Social hour, dinner, a short presentation or entertainment and a short business session make up the meeting agenda. Fellowship and seeing old friends is the highlight. Many addresses and points of contact have been lost over time and the current leadership knows there are still many retired members in the northwest four-state area that they haven't made contact with. If you are one of them, or know someone, and would like to be a part of the chapter, write or E-Mail either Bob Agee or Tom Morris and they will get you the information you need to join. The next meeting/dinner is scheduled for April 22, 2009, and will be the last meeting this membership year. The next dues year begins July 1, 2009.

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(L to R: Gen Craig R. McKinley, NGB Chief; MG Sidwell, TAGMO; Ms. Conaton; Maj Gen Emmett R. Titshaw, Acting Director ANG)

### **NGAUS Patrick Henry Award Presented To Erin C. Conaton**

The Missouri National Guard Association nominated Erin C. Conaton for the NGAUS Patrick Henry award and her nomination was approved by the NGAUS awards committee. Ms. Conaton is the Majority Staff Director of the House Armed Services Committee and oversees a staff of more that 70 people. She was presented her award on December 10, 2008 by MG King Sidwell, TAG-MO, and other dignitaries in a ceremony on Capitol Hill.

### **NGAUS Complimentary Membership Information**

The National Guard Association of the U.S. (NGAUS) complimentary membership will be offered to all commissioned officers and warrant officers for a period of one full year and any portion of the year in which appointed. Appointed means newly commissioned members of the Missouri National Guard and those officers that are newly appointed in the Missouri National Guard from the active duty or another military branch of service. It does not include officers that have transferred to the Missouri National Guard from the National Guard of another state. Membership begins upon initial state appointment and ends 31 December of the following year.

Under the NGAUS Bylaws, you must join through your state association. The Missouri National Guard Association (MONGA) Bylaws state that you must first be a member of the state association before you can join the national associations. Newly commissioned and appointed officers must join MONGA so that we can process their complimentary NGAUS membership. There is no charge for the complimentary NGAUS membership but they will owe state association dues.

We need your help in recruiting these newly appointed officers as members of the Missouri National Guard Association and identifying them as eligible for NGAUS complimentary membership by providing their commissioning or appointment date.

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## ANNOUNCING A RENEWED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN RIVER REGION CREDIT UNION & MONGA

Founded in 1954 by members of the Missouri National Guard, River Region Credit Union (RRCU) continues to provide excellent benefits to Guard members and their families today.

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Eligibility  
Required

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