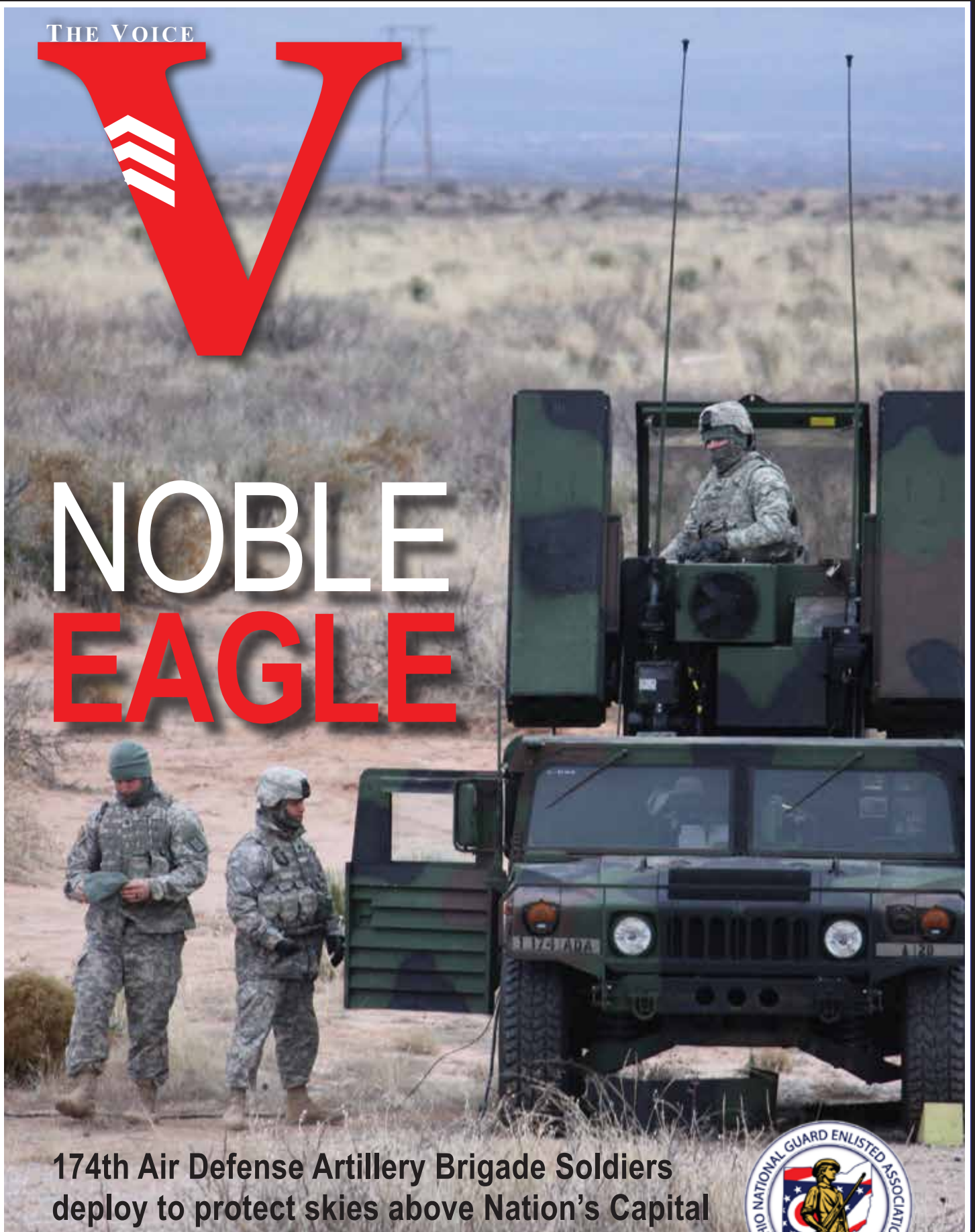


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
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What has the Association done for you lately?

It's a fair question. If I was a relatively new member of the National Guard and my frame of reference was a recruiter explaining all of the benefits of the National Guard, I would naturally assume that Guardsmen have always enjoyed things like educational benefits, life and health insurance options, and good equipment.

But many benefits that we enjoy today didn't exist a few decades ago:

- ▶ We had no BX/PX/Commissary access.
- ▶ SGLI covered you only during drill status or Annual Training.
- ▶ We had no tuition assistance from federal or state.
- ▶ No housing during UTA regardless of your commuting distance.
- ▶ No tax deductions for travel or uniform expenses
- ▶ No healthcare options before or after a deployment (only while deployed).

These are all "Old School" issues resolved at the national level over the years. To take it even further, the National Guard had always been a generation behind in weapons systems until after Desert Storm (1990/91 for younger crowd). A good friend of mine in the Air Guard used to say in order to see what their new airplanes looked like, they had to go to the Air Force museum and look at what was already on the

cement pedestal; the museum got the plane before the National Guard did. Our facilities were out-dated and not consistent with active duty requirements, the equipment was generally hand-me-downs from the Active Duty, and the opportunity to attend military schools was rare and usually consisted of getting an unused slot at the last minute that was not filled by Active Duty.

Now, I'm not complaining about how the National Guard was back then. I didn't know what I was missing because we didn't have it to begin with. But over the years, I saw things change and improve; but those improvements did not come easily. If they did, we would not have had to wait until 2007 before Tricare Reserve Select was available. If benefits came easy, the Air Guard would already receive Federal Tuition Assistance

funds like the Army Guard does. If receiving benefits as a National Guardsman came easy, we would not have to discuss why a Guardsman wounded in combat does not receive credit towards Post 9/11 GI Bill while in recovery, like a wounded Active Duty Soldier or Airman does....

Soldiers just lost \$500 in annual Federal Tuition Assistance funding effective Jan. 1, 2014. FTA cap used to be \$4,500, but now it's \$4,000 per year. This is not a Guard-specific cut, but if history is any guide, when mother DoD starts to feel the pinch, the first page in their book of available cuts is titled "The National Guard."

The truth is that improvements in the National Guard come through pressure. Pressure on the Department of Defense, pressure on Congress, and pressure on our State lawmakers. And that is where the Associations come in. In uniform, you cannot enter the political arena. But as a member of an Association, you can be a powerful voice for the National Guard. Join ONGEA and EANGUS. Let the Associations keep you informed on what is going on with your benefits; let the Associations draft the letters to your elected officials; and let the Associations keep an eye on the horizon while you are deployed or responding to tornadoes, fires, hurricanes and snow storms.

The Associations are only as strong and effective as their membership, and if you think things are going to get easier going forward, think again. Ultimately, retaining current and gaining new benefits is a constant battle, and we need membership in order for politicians to take notice and listen. Join or renew today, and let your Associations be your advocate in regard to National Guard equipment upgrades, educational benefits, healthcare insurance, drill pay and early retirement. Also, be sure to take advantage of the free \$1,000 life insurance policy available to all members of the Ohio National Guard, as well as the free year of \$10,000 in life insurance, available to all new recruits and members coming off of active duty into the Ohio National Guard.



Tony McGraw
President, ONGEA

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ON THE COVER: SSG Jeremy Neal, SSG Samuel Stapp and CPL Brent Boroff, of 1-174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, perform final maintenance checks on their Avenger Missile System during the unit's live-fire exercise in Orogrande, N.M. Soldiers of the 1-174th were preparing for their upcoming mission in the National Capital Region in Washington, D.C., in support of Operation Noble Eagle. *Master Sgt. Donald Keith / First Army Division West*

ONGEA, and our national organization, the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), are non-profit, independent, professional military associations promoting the understanding of the enlisted National Guard member and the pivotal role they play in the security of our nation.

As the professional Association of all enlisted members in the National Guard, EANGUS/ONGEA membership provides situational awareness of our National Guard through the "New Patriot" magazine, "The Voice" state newsletter, Facebook updates, and emails from both our national and state organizations.

Membership also plays a pivotal role in the professional development of our Soldiers and Airmen as you interact with leadership from across the National Guard. Continue to "tell our story" to your fellow Airmen and Soldiers on the importance of membership so that we can carry on the mission of advocating for them and the rest of the National Guard!

MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

ONG ENLISTED MEMBERS: 14,082

ONGEA MEMBERS: 819

OHARNG: 360

OHANG: 459

EANGUS Resolutions make progress

A few good news stories coming out of the efforts EANGUS had from last year's resolutions. The 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), signed by President Obama Dec. 19, saw a few of our efforts become law.

NR 14-04 (Increasing the Unspecified Minor Military Construction threshold), NR 14-05 (Establishment of an Independent Commission on the Structure of the Army), and NR 14-08 (Elevate the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to same status as other Senior Enlisted Advisors on the Joint Chiefs of Staff) all were accomplished with the President signing the bill into law.

NR 14-06 (Allow the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to Nominate Directors and Deputy Directors of Army and Air National Guard) also saw progress with the NDAA 2015, but didn't go as far as we asked. While the Chief still cannot pick his own Directors, the law now directs the Service Branch Secretary to consult the CNGB on the decision.

Also, NR 14-02 9 (Assistant to the EANGUS Director of Government Affairs) has seen some progress as the National Office will work to make that happen in the coming year, once a few of the other positions that are currently vacant are filled.

NR 14-07 (Implementing Space-A for National Guardsmen, Reservists, "Gray Area" Retirees and their Dependents, and Eligible Surviving Spouses and their Dependents) also got a direct response from the Secretary of Defense after several congressmen penned a letter asking him to answer for why they have yet to implement the law that was part of the NDAA 2013. Unfortunately, the DoD has still not fixed the issue, but there are lots of eyes on it.

To read the NGB Legislative Liaison's analysis of the FY15 NDAA, Defense Appropriations Act, or the MILCON Act, go to this website: <http://www.nationalguard.mil/Leadership/JointStaff/PersonalStaff/LegislativeLiaison.aspx>.

Please pass the word about the victories that EANGUS has helped accomplish. We make it a priority to provide legislative service to our members.

Final Report for MCRMC Released

The Final Report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission report was submitted to Congress on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015.

The Commission made 15 formal recommendations. Topics addressed in the recommendations include: Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) participation; update the retirement system; continuation payment (think bonus); Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP); duty status reform; medical cross-training; health insurance; Basic Allowance for Health Care (BAHC); defense resale system; educational benefits; unemployment insurance; and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The complete final report can be found here: <http://www.mcrmc.gov/index.php/reports>.

Congress now has the onus to accept each of the recommendations, accept some of the recommendations, or reject the recommendations. With new Republican control of the House of Representatives and Senate, and the influence of Military and Veterans Service Organizations, it's hard to predict what Congress will do with these recommendations and the Fiscal 2016 DoD budget.

1st-timer at Legislative Workshop

During the last weekend of January, EANGUS members from all over the United States traveled to Washington D.C. to talk to their State Representatives and Senators about several pressing issues concerning our Guardsmen. This was my first time attending the Legislative Workshop, and the experiences I shared will not soon be forgotten.

The first day I listened to our EANGUS leaders as they discussed our current legislative goals, and mapped out our plan of discourse for Capitol Hill. This would be a legislative barrage; EANGUS members from every state would get face-to-face time with staffers from every Representative and Senator. The hard-working members of our association would have the chance to discuss some important concerns with the men and women who have the power to solve those issues.

Some of our legislative talking points were: Title 32 orders counting towards Veteran's status, the cancellation of the Active Duty Army's Aviation Restructuring Initiative (ARI), increased awareness of Tuition Assistance barriers, as well as several issues local to Ohio.

Before going on our legislative offensive, our senior enlisted leaders briefed us on the importance of our efforts. Command Chief Master Sgt. Mitchell Brush, Command Chief Master Sgt. James Hotaling, and Command Sgt. Major Brunk Conley challenged members of EANGUS to get results from Congress. Their message was unified and clear: E-4s and below make up the vast majority of our National Guard population, and those are the folks we should be working for.

Once the pep-talk was over, it was time to take the Hill. Our group from ONGEA met with staffers for Pat Tiberi, Joyce Beatty, Sherrod Brown, and Rob Portman, and had a personal meeting with Congressman Steve Stivers. We battled for EANGUS legislation, hoping to get the D.C. elite to see things from the point of view of the Citizen-Soldier. Although we will not know the outcome of our efforts until some of these issues are formed into bills and voted on, there is immense satisfaction in being part of a passionate group of people willing to go to bat for the enlisted men and women of the Ohio National Guard.

Ryan Wollenberg / 121st Air Refueling Wing





ONG Spring Events Weekend

April 23 - 25, 2015 • Columbus Ohio

Registration Deadline: **March 31, 2015**



SPRING WEEKEND AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

ONGA Golf Tournament 8:30am (Registration)
 Kinsale Golf & Fitness Center 10:00am (Shotgun Start)
 3737 Village Club Dr., Powell, OH 43065

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Columbus Clippers 5:30pm (Mixer)
 Huntington Park 7:15pm (Game Begins)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Hyatt Regency Meeting Rooms

CGO Breakout Session	9:00-11:30am
ONGA/ONGEA Retiree Luncheon	11:00-12:30pm
CGO Luncheon	12:00-1:00pm
Spouse/Guest Activities	12:30-4:30pm
Conference Registration	12:30-1:00pm
ONGEA/ONGEA General Session	1:00-2:00pm
ONGA/ONGEA Breakouts	2:00-4:00pm
Social Hour	6:00-7:00pm
ONG Dinner Dance	7:00pm

ACCOMMODATIONS: Hotel rooms are booked at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street. All Ohio Army & Air National Guard Soldiers and Airmen (active & retired) may reserve a hotel room during the nights of 23-25 April 2015 for the group rate of \$99. Your reservation must be made with the hotel NLT 31 March 2015 to secure the group rate. For online registration, go to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ohioguard2015> or you may contact the hotel at (614) 463-1234.

Enlisted Registration - ONG Spring Events Weekend

 Last Name First Name MI Rank/Grade

 Mailing Address

 City State Zip Code Phone

 E-mail Address ARNG/ANG/Retired Unit or Affiliation



ONGA GOLF OUTING * APRIL 23 * KINSALE GOLF & FITNESS CLUB, POWELL

COST

4-Player Scramble Team Members Include: _____

\$90/Person
 x _____

Golf Outing Committee will assign you a team, if not noted on form

Entrance fee includes 18 holes of golf & cart; dinner; Kinsale bag tag; valet bag service; on-course contests; and two tickets good for non-alcoholic beverages, domestic beer or hot dog. Questions? Call Doug Green at 740-815-0065 or Mike McHenry at 614-486-4186 x3.



COLUMBUS CLIPPERS GAME * APRIL 24 * HUNTINGTON PARK

COST

ONGEA Member YES NO **Guest(s)** NO YES (# _____)

\$25/Person
 x _____

Entrance fee includes 1 game ticket and 2 drink tickets. Game at 7:15, vs. Louisville Bats.

ONG GUEST ACTIVITIES * APRIL 25 * HYATT REGENCY, DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS



Guest Name _____

\$0.00

- * Spouses & Guests enjoy a social event from 1230 – 1630 at the Hyatt
- * Hair and nail stylists available in the hotel (Costs dependant on service ordered)
- * Wine, beverages, and appetizers provided at no cost

MEMBER ACTIVITIES * APRIL 25 * HYATT REGENCY, DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS

COST

ONG Retiree Lunch (\$10 refundable deposit) YES NO **Guest(s)** NO YES (# _____)

ONGEA Conference (\$5/Person) YES NO **Guest(s)** NO YES (# _____)

ONG Spring Dinner Dance (select Entree below)
COST: E8 and above (\$50/Person) E7 and below (\$45/Person)

Entree Choices:	Member	Guest(s)
Sliced Roasted Sirloin	_____	_____
Herb Marinated Chicken Breast	_____	_____
Maple Glazed Faroe Islands Salmon	_____	_____
Eggplant Parmesan	_____	_____

Guest Name _____ **Attire:** Mess or Service Dress/Formal

TOTAL COST

Registration and Payment options:

CHECK: Make payable to ONGA; mail registration form & check to ONGEA State Conference, 1299 Virginia Ave., Columbus, OH 43212, ATTN: David Swisher

ON-LINE: Register and pay on-line at <https://eventgrid.com/Events/14576/>

Registration Deadline: March 31, 2015

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION AND OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The ONGEA and ONGEA Auxiliary will be awarding \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year. There will be a minimum of five and maximum of 10 scholarships awarded.

All scholarship applications must be sent to: **ONGEA, ATTN: Scholarship Chairperson, 1299 Virginia Ave., Columbus, OH 43212**. Applications must include all required information to be considered. Additional application forms may be obtained going on-line at www.ongea.org, or by calling 1-800-642-6642. Applications must be post-marked **April 1, 2015**, or earlier.

An impartial panel of judges will rank the scholarship applications. Awards will be given on a one-year basis. Previous winners are not eligible to apply. Please read the scholarship material and complete the application in full.

Sponsor must be an enlisted member of ONGEA, and the spouse of Sponsor must be a member of the ONGEA Auxiliary in order for an applicant to be eligible; in other words, ***both the Sponsor and the Sponsor's spouse must be members of respective organizations for the applicant to be eligible***. If the Sponsor is a single parent of the student applying, please state so and the application will be considered. The ONGEA member must be a serving or retired enlisted member of the Ohio National Guard.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association (ONGEA), ONGEA Auxiliary, United States Automobile Association (USAA) and the First Cleveland Cavalry-Norton Memorial Fund have established funds for scholarship awards. The following persons are eligible:

- ▶ Children of enlisted ONGEA and ONGEA Auxiliary members (Spouse of Sponsor/ONGEA member must be a member of the ONGEA Auxiliary in order for an applicant to be eligible).
- ▶ Unmarried dependent sons and daughters of deceased enlisted ONGEA and ONGEA Auxiliary members who were in good standing at the time of their death.
- ▶ Enlisted ONGEA members who are currently serving or retired from the Ohio National Guard (if married, spouses of ONGEA members must be a member of the ONGEA Auxiliary in order to be eligible).

The Scholarship Committee will award scholarship grants as approved by the ONGEA Executive Board. Applicants must be enrolled at a college, university, trade or business school in order to receive funds. Alternates will also be designated to cover the possibility that the primary recipient does not actually enroll and matriculate for the school term. Graduate students are not eligible for scholarship awards.

Grants will be presented to scholarship recipients at the annual ONGEA Awards Banquet. There shall be no consideration whatsoever given because of rank or grade of applicant or applicant's parents. Grants will be awarded on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and need. All application packets must include:

- ▶ Completed application form
- ▶ Letter from applicant with facts as to his/her desire to continue their education, comments about their individual future goals and objectives, and comments as to the value that this financial aid will afford.
- ▶ Three letters of recommendation verifying the application and giving general personal traits (high school principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer, etc.)
- ▶ Transcript of high school credits (and college credits if applicable).
- ▶ Photograph suitable for publication (2½x3½ photo preferred, can be larger; request return if needed).
- ▶ Copy of Sponsor's ONGEA membership card and spouse's Auxiliary membership card, if married.

Former recipients of an ONGEA scholarship are not eligible to apply. Those persons who have applied for a scholarship and were not awarded a scholarship may reapply. If the school term is not completed due to causes other than illness or physical injury, the student will refund the scholarship award.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association
Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary

NAME _____ **DATE** _____

Full Name

HOME ADDRESS _____

Number

Street

P.O. Box

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____ **PHONE** () _____

CELL PHONE _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS** _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **SEX** _____ **MARITAL STATUS (S/M)** _____

SPONSOR *(Parent or Self - Must be an ONGEA member)* _____

Rank

Full Name

_____ () _____

Home Address / City / State / Zip

Phone Number

Unit / Location

ONGEA Expiration Date

SPONSOR'S SPOUSE _____

Full Name

Auxiliary Expiration Date

APPLICANT'S STATUS *(Check one)* **High School** () **Business / Trade School** () **College** ()

Current School / Grade / Term _____

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____

List Brothers & Sisters *(Include ages)* _____

Applicant's Occupation _____

Spouse's Occupation _____

Children *(Include ages & year in school)* _____

Family Income: Under \$25,000 () \$25-\$39,999 () \$40-\$49,999 () Over \$50,000 ()

Have you received any other scholarships? *(If so, specify)*

List activities *(School, Community, Church)* _____

List offices which you have held in any organization _____

List honors which you have been awarded (School, Athletic, Citizenship, etc.) _____

List College / Trade / Business School you plan to attend (Include address) _____

What career are you planning to pursue and why? _____

Do you plan to work while attending college? (part-time or summer?) _____

Do you own a car? _____ Will you have a car on campus? _____

Sponsor must be a member of ONGEA; Sponsor's spouse must be an Auxiliary member:

a. Sponsor's ONGEA Membership Number _____

b. Sponsor's Spouse Auxiliary Membership Number _____

Attach a copy of current membership card for all parties concerned. **Example:** If applicant is a dependant child and not a member of the ONGEA, include a copy of parents' membership card(s).

**IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE TO ANSWER,
PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE TO THIS FORM.**

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant / Date

Signature of Sponsor / Date

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school term for reasons other than illness and injury, I agree to return any scholarship money to the ONGEA and the ONGEA Auxiliary.

Signature of Applicant / Date

A color 2½ x 3½ (minimum size) photograph is required for the application to be eligible.

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ONGEA introduces new website

Did you know that the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association has a new website? Our new site allows members to stay informed, pay annual dues, and see who ONGEA members are in each unit.

Your association has adopted a “one-price” for all memberships. Whether you are an E-1, E-9, or an officer, \$25/year is all it takes to be a member of our organization. Simply go online to www.ONGEA.org, click on the membership link, and you can join or renew at the site.

If you have a smart phone, our website is also optimized for mobile phones and you can easily take care of business with any hand-held device.

Want to see who is a member? Log in and go to the membership directory. You can see the entire listing or you can look at the “Unit Goals Page” and see how your unit stacks up to the rest of the state. How did we come to the goal number? We basically took half of your unit’s assigned enlisted strength and used that as the goal number. So, if you are meeting your goal as a unit, that means you have over 50% of your enlisted force as members in the enlisted association. We are always making tweaks and are currently correcting some of our members’ unit designations.

If you come upon things that need corrected, please send an email to Mike Schaefer at membership@ongea.org. We thank you for your membership with ONGEA and EANGUS, and hope the new website is another tool to help keep you informed on issues affecting the enlisted Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard!

Resolutions, Nominations due

Is there legislation that impacts members of the Ohio National Guard that you would like to change? Do you have an idea for a program or benefit that you would like to see implemented at state-level? If so, submit a resolution to be considered at the ONGEA State Conference.

Another avenue that allows you to be a change agent is serving as a board or committee member for your enlisted association. Fill out a nomination form to be considered.

Both Resolution and Nomination forms can be found on the ONGEA website at www.ONGEA.org. Fill them out and send them in; you can make a difference!

National Guard Almanac published

EANGUS is pleased to introduce the 2nd Edition of the National Guard Almanac & Education Guide. The University of Phoenix once again sponsored the full production of publication for the benefit of EANGUS membership. The Almanac is filled with information sorted by State, Benefits & Entitlements, and an Education Guide. The Almanac can serve as a quick reference guide for everything related to the National Guard. Check out the publication on-line at www.eangus.org/resource/resmgr/New_Patriot/EANGUS_Almanac_2014-15_Inter.pdf.

EANGUS hosts new ‘Career Center’

EANGUS announced the launch of its new National Guard Career Center at www.eangus.org/page/careercenter, powered by Military.com. Whether you’re getting ready to transition into a civilian career or already have, the Employment Center has the tools and information to help. How can the Career Center for enlisted or transitioning National Guard service members help you?

- ▶ **Military Skills Translator:** Translate your skills into a civilian career
- ▶ **Transition Center:** Enter your separation date and get ready for your transition
- ▶ **National Guard Benefits:** Put your hard earned military benefits to use
- ▶ **Education:** Learn how you can continue your education

Retirees, Families lose access to AKO

As of Dec. 31, 2014, retirees and Family members no longer have access to AKO and email accounts. Any email forwarding will be shut off, to include commercial email accounts. Retirees and Family members will no longer have access to the AKO Portal. The replacement for AKO for retirees is “Soldier For Life” Portal <http://soldierforlife.army.mil>. Forwarding will still be performed for all other categories of AKO users until sometime in 4th quarter FY15. Questions can be addressed by calling 866-335-2769.

Membership efforts need support

ONGEA is looking for representatives to canvass the state to encourage units to increase ONGEA membership. ONGEA will compensate mileage and incurred expenses for your help. Support needed is comprised primarily of 20-30 minute talks to explain ONGEA and its purpose, as well as to pass out and collect completed membership forms at Air or Army National Guard units.

Retired Sgt. Neal Powers is one such Representative in the Akron-Canton area. To find out how to get started, email Neal at neal421@zoominternet.net or our membership chair at membership@ongea.org. ONGEA representatives are needed in the in all areas of the state.



On Jan. 9, Gov. John R. Kasich swore in MajGen Mark E. Bartman as Ohio’s interim adjutant general. MG Deborah A. Ashenhurst left the position of adjutant general to serve as special assistant to the vice chief at the National Guard Bureau.

2015 ONGEA/EANGUS Membership Form

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name *(first, middle initial, last)* _____ Rank _____

Air or Army? _____ Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Guard Status *(Traditional, AGR, Technician, Retired)* _____ Unit _____

SPONSORED MEMBER (OPTIONAL - membership fees apply)

Name *(first, middle initial, last)* _____ Rank _____

Guard Status *(Traditional, AGR, Technician, Retired)* _____ Unit _____

Home Address _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

___ Annual\$25

___ Associate & Retired\$25

___ Life\$250

MEMBERSHIP COST: \$ _____

Make checks payable to "ONGEA"

PAYMENT TYPE:

___ Cash ___ Check (payable to ONGEA)

___ VISA/Mastercard*

* Card # _____

* Expires _____

* 3-digit Card Security Code+ _____

* Billing Address Zip Code _____

ONGEA Auxiliary Membership

Auxiliary Member _____ Spouse _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

***** DUES: \$15 *****

___ Renewal

___ New

___ Associate

Join or re-new your membership on-line at www.ongea.org, "Membership" tab, or complete and mail in paper membership form above (*on-line membership processes immediately, while mail-in processing takes a minimum of 30 days*). Mail applications and payment to ONGEA, 1299 Virginia Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43212; email applications with credit card information to membership@ongea.org; or fax applications with credit card information to 419-520-6469.

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ONGEA EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 26-March 1, 2015	Area II Winter Conference	Cincinnati
March 19, 2015	ONGEA Board Meeting	ONGEA Office
April 24-25, 2015	State Conference	Columbus
May 21, 2015	ONGEA Board Meeting	ONGEA Office
July 9, 2015	ONGEA Board Meeting	TBD
July 18, 2015	ONGEA Awards Banquet	TBD
Aug. 9-13, 2015	EANGUS Conference	Indianapolis, Ind.
Sept. 10, 2015	ONGEA Board Meeting	ONGEA Office
Nov. 12, 2015	ONGEA Board Meeting	ONGEA Office

Event dates/locations are subject to change. ONGEA meetings take place bi-monthly to encourage major command representation and involvement, and to reinstitutionalize the Association into the Ohio National Guard. We do the business of the Guard...we need to be in the line of communication with the command structure. Ensure your MACOM representative attends.

ONGEA Board Meetings are conducted at 1299 Virginia Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43212, unless noted otherwise. A light meal is served at 5:30 p.m. and the meetings begin at approximately 6:00 p.m., adjourning at or before 8:00 p.m. We hope that you will join us to help with the enlisted business of Ohio and our great nation. All members are welcome.

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