



NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE NGAI BOARD MEETING

22 April 2006

A meeting of the National Guard Association of Illinois, a Not-For-Profit Corporation of the State of Illinois, was held pursuant to notice at 0800, April 22, 2006, at the Crown Plaza, Springfield, Illinois.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- The Conference was called to order by President Dannie Stanbery at 0800.
- Roll was called by Secretary Kelley Robards. A quorum was present.
- President recognized and introduced all Executive Board members and Directors.
- President recognized the prominent leaders present at the Conference: MG Randal Thomas, BG Harold Keistler, BG Dennis Celletti, BG Stewart Reeve, BG Anthony Stanich, BG Craig Nafsiger, Colonel Promotable William Enyart, Col William Robertson, Col James Smith, Col Robert Pratt, Col John Prickett, Col Steve Huber, Col Peter Nezamis, Col Michael Meyer, Lt Col Iris Foster, Denewee, Command Sergeant Major Bingse Young, and CCMSgt Kent Sunderland.
- President introduced Colonel John Prickett, 65th Troop Command Brigade, and Host unit for this year's Conference.

NOMINATIONS AND VOTING

- Rick Nyalka informed all of the voting instructions and open offices:
 - ◇ Vice President Air
 - ◇ Vice President NGAUS
 - ◇ Treasurer
 - ◇ Director Joint Forces Headquarters
 - ◇ Director 33rd Brigade Combat Team
 - ◇ Director 108th Sustainment Brigade
 - ◇ Director 404th Chemical Brigade
 - ◇ Director 126th Air Refueling Wing
 - ◇ Director Springfield Air National Guard

SGT AT ARMS PRESENTED THE TAG, BG RANDAL THOMAS

- BG Thomas played a video presentation. The song that accompanied the video was sung by Toby Keith, of which he has given the Army rights to the song.
- BG Thomas discussed the following:
 - Family Support Group
 - Army is currently going through a reorganization period.
 - The Army has supplied 50% of personnel at the beginning of the war while Active Duty was reorganizing.
 - Homeland Security, Exercised in Seneca Illinois

- Challenges:
 - ◇ Personnel Strength/Readiness
 - ◇ Stay behind Family/Training
 - ◇ Tour lengths/Families
 - ◇ BRAC
 - ◇ Ops temp/Quality of life
 - ◇ The Future:
 - ◇ Joint Force HQ
 - ◇ Title 10/Title 32/State AD
 - ◇ BRAC/QDR/Future missions
 - ◇ Near & Future funding
 - ◇ Transformation
 - ◇ Force Structure/End Strength Balance
 - ◇ Facilities and Military Construction
 - ◇ Naval Militia/State issues
 - ◇ Commission in the Guard and Reserve

Special Guest

- President Stanberry introduced Illinois' own, Final Four participant in Survivor Amazon, Mr. Butch Lockley, School Principal in Onley Illinois.
 - ◇ Mr. Lockley made a motivating presentation about his participation in "Survivor Amazon", in which he was a final 4 contestant.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Very busy this past year with legislation.
- Looking for ways to increase membership, offer more services for members
- Working with an extremely tight budget
 - ◇ Need new ways to increase revenue
 - ◇ Donations had to be cut back
 - ◇ Having teleconferences

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Strategic Planning

- Neal presented power point presentation that outlined the following:
 - ◇ The Objectives are as follows:
 - Enhance and expand leadership role of the Association
 - Provide Enhanced quality for life for members
 - Develop Membership strategy
 - Enhance Communications
 - Legislative
 - Improve Financial Stability (new one)
- There was a motion to pass the Strategic plan as presented. Second. Motion passed.

NGAUS

- Tom Burhorn stated that the Resolutions for NGAUS are on line and can be viewed by everybody. There is also a way to contact local representatives on the website. He encouraged all members and non-members to visit the website.
- Joint Resolutions include Tricare and Retirement age from 60 to 55
- Emergency Resolutions can be submitted NLT 30 Jun.
- There was a motion to pass the NGAUS Resolutions report as presented. Second. Motion Passed
- NGAUS Conference will be in Albuquerque NM 16-18 Sep 2006
- Army membership is at 27.4%, Air 41%
- 31 May is the deadline for submitting a bid for the Conferences in 2009 and 2010
- There was motion to accept the report as presented. Second. Motion passed

EANGUS

- We care for America Program gave out \$293,000 in the past year.
- Units need to help get the word out about EANGUS to improve membership in the state.
- Motion to accept the report as presented. Second. Motion passed.

Constitution And By-Laws

- Joe Schweikert presented the new Constitution and By-Laws for approval. Copies of the changes were inserted into the Conference package which was handed out at registration. The main change to the By-Laws was changing the way Directors may be removed and temporarily replace by a simple majority if unable to fulfill the duties of the office due to mobilization or deployment.
- There was a motion and a second to pass the By-Laws and Constitution changes as presented. Motion passed

Legislative

- Dave Seaman addressed the conference attendees.
 - ◇ The committee report is attached.
- Motion to accept report as presented. Second. Motion passed.

Time And Place

- Mike Pedersen reported that the 2007 Conference will be held April 21 & 22 in Collinsville, hosted by the 126th Air Refueling Wing.
- The 2008 Conference will be held April 26 and 27th. A Sponsor is being sought for this conference. Any interested unit should contact NGAI.
- Motion to accept the report as presented. Second. Motion passed.

Insurance

- Bill Goddard presented President Stanbery with a check in the amount of \$7765.57 from the experience fund.
- There were 10 deaths in the state, 2 in combat. Approximately \$723,000 given out in death gratuities.
- There are very competitive insurance programs. NGAI still gives all new enlistees a free \$10,000 insurance policy for one year.

- There will be a new program starting where all members will receive \$1,000 insurance free.
- By the end of next year there will be a new legal avenue so that the briefings may once again be given to units during drill. Jill Petrisinski is a new addition to the staff and will be covering the Southern part of the State.

Scholarship

- Chuck presented the Scholarships to all of the winners.

Winners:

- John Baron Hoff, \$1,000 Prairie Minuteman Scholarship
- Jared Andrew Braun, \$500 USAA Scholarship
- Adam Wayne Fager, \$1,000 Prairie Minuteman Scholarship

Awards

- The awards were presented by Edie O'Brien:
 - ◇ Outstanding Unit Award
 - Foxtrot Battery/202 Air Defense Artillery
 - 126 Logistics Readiness Squadron
 - ◇ NGAJ Citation:
 - Reconnaissance and Aerial Interdiction Detachment (RAID)
 - 33rd Area Support Group (108th Sustainment Brigade
 - TSgt Harry Marshall, 126th Logistics Readiness Squadron
 - SrA George Crouch, 126th Logistics Readiness Squadron
 - TSgt Matthew Luebeck, 126th Logistics Readiness Squadron
 - United States Services Organization of Illinois (USO)
 - 126th Mission Support Flight

Nomination Results:

- Vice President Air: John Chojnacki
- Vice President NGAUS: Joe Schweickert
- Treasurer: Ollie Capra
- Director Joint Forces Headquarters: Lt Col Tim Franklin
- Director 108th Sustainment Brigade: Lorenzo Fiorentino, Alt Melissa Askew-Simpson
- Director 404th Chemical Brigade:
- MSG Philip Czajkowski
- Director Scott Air National Guard: Maj Chris Mauk
- Director Springfield Air National Guard: Col Steve Baggerly
- Director 33rd Brigade Combat Team: Chaplain (Lt Col) Robert Guy, Alt: SMG James Wall

VENDOR RAFFLES

ARMY AND AIR BREAKOUTS

The Army and Air Breakouts will be convened directly after the close of the business session.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1240. Motion second, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

KELLEY D. ROBARDS
Secretary