



# NGAAZ NEWS

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## From the NGAAZ President ~ LTC Moscarello

The NGAAZ Board sent 13 delegates and a total of 25 people to the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) 128th General Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The conference opened with a local cultural celebration, Roll Call of States, and speeches by Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum, chief, National Guard Bureau, and Air Force Gen. Ronald E. Keyes, commander, Air Combat Command. Some of the other key speakers during the three day conference were Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey and Air Force Gen. Duncan McNabb, commander, Air Mobility Command, Lt. Gen. Clyde Vaughn, director, Army National Guard; Army Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honore, commander, First U.S. Army; Army Lt. Gen.

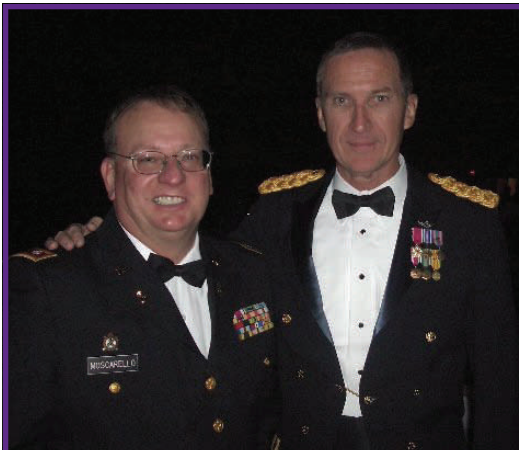
Jack C. Stultz, chief, Army Reserve; Air Force Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander, Air Materiel Command; and Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, director, Air National Guard. Most speakers addressed the conference theme, *National Guard: Pathway to America's Defense*, or military issues affecting the Guard. These issues included current overseas operations, the Guard response to Hurricane Katrina, the implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure decisions, military transformation, current military budget battles, the new Southwest border mission and future roles and missions. There were also presentations by recent returning veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan war. It was an honor to be part of this delegation that represented the state of Arizona at

the national level. NGAUS is continually doing dynamic work in support of the National Guard. I feel this conference has been helpful in developing some new ideas for improving our state organization. Every Arizona National Guard Officer that is looking for a great officer development program should plan on attaining next year's conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

We start our membership drive on 1 October

2006 for the early-bird drawing. Anyone that pays before our membership due date, 1 January 2007 will be in the drawing. Our membership drive goal for 2007 is 70 percent. The key to achieving this goal rests in our ability to communicate the value of our association to potential members. My expectation for this year is that we can continue to achieve several goals. The first goal is to continue to educate all Arizona National Guard Officers about the benefits of our Association

so that each of you know and understand how valuable and important your membership is to this organization. The second goal is to increase Junior Officer and retired membership in the Association. As an Officer and a professional you should be very concerned about the issues and initiatives that confront the National Guard. The Association is your strongest ally to ensure we continue to be a relevant part of the Total Force. This can only happen if each and every Officer becomes a member and is active in the Association. Our membership base is the best means to provide the National Guard with a truly effective voice in Washington.



**MG Rataczak and LTC Moscarello at the NGAUS National Convention.**

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



## TRICARE

Expanded eligibility of selected reserve members under the TRICARE program in the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act provides coverage under the TRICARE Standard program to all members of the Selected Reserves and their families while in a non-active duty status. Participants would be required to pay a premium that would be 28 percent of the total amount determined by the Secretary of Defense as being reasonable for the TRICARE coverage. This section does not extend TRICARE eligibility to reservists who were also federal employees entitled to Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan coverage under title 5, United States Code. Further, this section repeals the three tiered cost share TRICARE program for reserves established by the fiscal year 2006 National Defense Authorization Act.

New TRICARE coverage for all members of the National Guard was available on October 1, 2006. Please see the following link for more information: [www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/index.cfm](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/index.cfm).



## NATIONAL GUARD EMPOWERMENT ACT

On April 26, 2006, the National Defense Enhancement and National Guard Empowerment Act of 2006 was introduced in both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. This legislation proposes significant changes to the role of the chief of the National Guard Bureau and other Guard relationships.

It is completely logical that the policies and procedures that have guided the effective use of the National Guard be considered for revision in light of the sweeping changes to the missions and employment of our armed forces. NGAUS will monitor this legislation in the weeks ahead. You are encouraged to share your thoughts on this bold initiative.

For more information about the National Defense Enhancement and National Guard Empowerment Act of 2006, review the National Guard Empowerment Act Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions sections at [nga.us.org](http://nga.us.org).

Source: NGAUS.org

## WANTED

### Members for the NGA AZ Legislative BN.

Volunteer to support our National Guard bills!

Add your name to a list of people that we can contact via email who would volunteer their time to make an appearance at upcoming bill committee hearings to represent the National Guard. Other participation can include putting in a call, email or fax to your senators and representatives about your legislative priorities. To join the BN or for more information please call Mike Krouse @ (602) 275-8305 or email [NGAofAZ@aol.com](mailto:NGAofAZ@aol.com).

## “GANG” Corner

The GANG (Graduates of the AZ National Guard) is the group of retired Arizona National Guard Officers that stays committed to the well being and future of the soldiers in the AZ National Guard by continued participation in the National Guard Association. Members of the GANG participate in State and National Association activities and are encouraged, like all officers, to become lifetime members of the NGA of AZ. Besides being able to keep in better touch with Guard friends, their involvement also provides a great mentoring opportunity for junior officers in the association. If you are interested in ensuring your seat on the GANG as you approach retirement, or know of a retired officer who would like to get involved please contact MAJ (R) Clayton Marlowe at [ckmarlowe@cox.net](mailto:ckmarlowe@cox.net).

## National Guard Association History



With the help of NGAUS, the National Defense Act of 1933 made the National Guard an Army component at all times, not just during war. The act established that each member belonged simultaneously

to his state Guard and the Federal Reserve force. NGAUS worked long and hard to maintain the strength and readiness of the Guard in its dual role, but the United States withdrew into isolationism, and funding was cut as the nation slipped into the Great Depression. However, the looming onset of war in Europe would lead to the rebuilding of the nation's military.

Source: NGAUS Notes

## Professional Development for Company Grade Officers

The NGAUS Conference in Albuquerque was a professional development opportunity of a lifetime. Four junior officers from Arizona CPT Tim Woods, ILT Heidi Halverson, ILT Herbert Gladwell and ILT Celeste Snyder, were able to attend the annual conference in duty status to participate in NGAUS coordinated professional development sessions with some of the Guard's highest ranking officials. Activities included question and answer luncheons with LTG H. Steven Blum, Chief National Guard Bureau and LTG Clyde Vaughn, Director ARNG. After the Generals passed on



1LTs Gladwell, Snyder and Halverson relish an opportunity to speak with MG Rataczak, TAG for Arizona.



1LT Halverson and LTG (Ret.) Edward Baca pose with the original flag waved over Cabanatuan POW Camp in WWII.

words of thanks and encouragement to the company grade officers, they spent most of their time answering questions from the crowd. To be afforded the opportunity to ask pressing questions to the Chief of the

National Guard Bureau and get an honest and immediate answer was a valuable experience for all in attendance. Other development sessions included Mentorship and Leadership presentations by LTG (Ret.) Edward Baca, former Chief of the National Guard Bureau and Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Don Sheppard, CNN military analyst, as well as a comical and enlightening presentation "Generations Apart" from Dr. Leonard Wong, instructor at the U.S. Army War College. These opportunities made a lasting impression on four AZ junior officers this year, and hopefully AZ participation will grow in the year's to come.

## A Moment in Guard History ~ October 1st, 1961



Left: 32nd Infantry Div "Red Arrow"  
Right: 49th Armored Patch

Nationwide — In response to Soviet threats against West Berlin, President John F. Kennedy mobilized two Army Guard divisions, the 32nd Infantry (WI) and 49th Armored (TX) along with 264 non-divisional Army Guard units on this date. In addition a total of 163 Air Guard units were also mobilized. They consisted of both flying units, including 43 fighter squadrons, and non-flying units such as hospitals and weather forecasting flights. Eleven of the Air Guard's fighter squadrons were soon deployed

to NATO bases in France and West Germany, as well as to Spain, a non-NATO ally. No Army Guard units were deployed overseas. This mobilization marked several "firsts" in Guard history. It marked the first time Guard women were mobilized and deployed overseas. Women were only permitted to join the Guard as of 1956, too late for the Korean War mobilization. And it marked the first time Guard jet aircraft flew to duty stations in Europe. By making refueling stops in Labrador, Greenland and Iceland, more the 200 F-84s and F-86s fighters arrived on station without any mishaps. As tensions eased in the spring of 1962 some Guard units started being released from active duty. The last units returned home in August.

Source: National Guard Bureau Historical Services

## Mark Your Calendar

October 19th ~ NGA AZ Board Meeting

November 7th ~ Election Day

November 16th ~ NGA AZ Board Meeting

December 21st ~ NGA AZ Board Meeting

January 1st ~ Pay NGA AZ 2007 Membership Dues!

# 128th NGAUS General Conference ~ Albuquerque, NM



Col Thomae, CW4 (R) Heard, Debbie and COL (R) Beatty



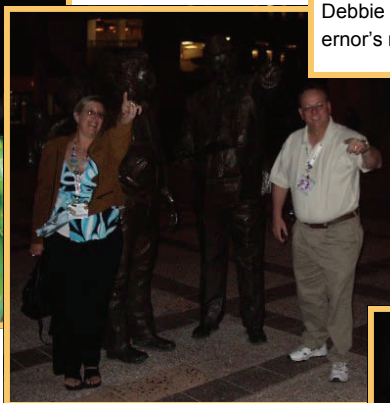
Brig Gen Littleton, MG Rataczak, and Mr. Harry Robertson



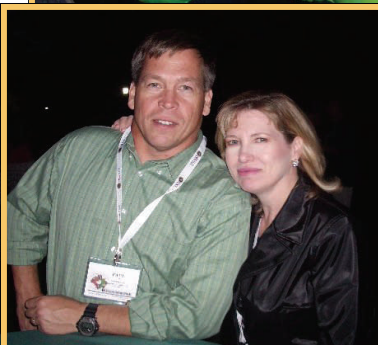
Brig Gen Littleton, COL (R) Germain, COL (R) Beatty, BG Maxon and LTC Moscarello.



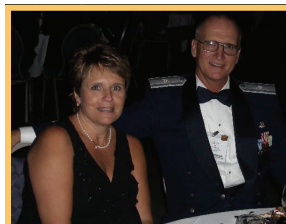
Col Thomae, LTC (R) Krouse, 1LT Gladwell, Kendra Gladwell, Debbie Beatty, COL (R) Beatty and LTC Moscarello enjoy the Governor's reception.



COL Blaes and LTC Moscarello with the famous Albuquerque statues.



Col and Jean Kerwien



1lt Herbert Gladwell, 1lt Snyder, Capt Kellie Adolf and LTC (R) Roger Soden

## Pay your 2007 Dues and Win!

Members that pay their 2007 dues before January 1st are entered into a drawing for the prizes below. Winners will be announced at the 2007 NGA AZ Conference.

1st Place—Bronze Eagle Statue

2nd Place—2007 dues reimbursed and 2008 dues paid

3rd Place—2007 dues reimbursed

\*All members receive the National Guard Magazine

\*Newly commissioned officers and officers new to the National Guard receive the remainder of their first year and second year free

## NGAUS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO  
AUGUST 25-27, 2007



### NGAAZ & NGAUS 2007 Membership Application STATE AND NATIONAL DUES BY GRADE 1 JAN 07—31 DEC

<u>PAY GRADE</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>NGAUS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PAY GRADE</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>NGAUS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
O-1	\$20	\$30	\$50	WO1	\$20	\$26	\$46
O-2	\$20	\$45	\$65	CW2	\$20	\$35	\$55
O-3	\$29	\$59	\$88	CW3	\$20	\$46	\$66
O-4	\$31	\$72	\$103	CW4	\$30	\$59	\$89
O-5	\$35	\$85	\$120	CW5	\$35	\$73	\$108
O-6	\$37	\$108	\$145	Retired Life	\$50	\$125	\$175
O-7	\$40	\$123	\$163	Active Life	NA	\$1000	\$1000
O-8	\$40	\$139	\$179				
O-9	\$50	\$153	\$203				

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***Your Voice in Arizona***

**The Guard Store has moved!! Please come and check out our new location down the street next to the Distance Learning Center (Old Soldier Support area).**

**The NGA of AZ would like to thank all of the volunteers that came in to help the store move to the new location. Your help was invaluable!**

## 2006 NGA AZ Board of Directors

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