

National Guard Association of Massachusetts



Hello to All,

I have the honor of bring President of the Executive Committee of the National Guard Association of Massachusetts. I have several goals for this year to ensure continued success and growth of the Association. I want to extend our lines of communication with the Enlisted Association, start emailing information to our members, get membership up to over 90% for the next President, assist with the publication a National Guard Almanac, reinvigorate the Committees and have a successful April meeting.

I have started to attend meetings held by the Enlisted Association to see where we have common ground and can work together. While NGAMA does represent the state to the National Association it membership is made up of officers. When we combine with the enlisted Association we have a combined voice OVER 6,000 Guardsmen from the Commonwealth. We hope to have some combined events this year.

We have established several email addresses to help facilitate communications between members and the Executive Committee. We hope to start a regular and measured amount of messages from the Association. We will keep our messages to basic information about conferences, request for assistance on NGAMA projects, state legislation, and bills that pertain directly with Massachusetts at the National level.

We survive on funding which comes from several areas. The area that you as an individual can assist with the most is paying your dues. Also if we can exceed 90% for CY2009 we will get a large reimbursement back from NGAUS. If you have paid your dues, thank you, if you haven't please make the effort. We also receive funding from the SSLI insurance program proceeds. Please visit the website on NGSSLI.com for more detail and information available on the many insurance programs available to you.

There are several committees that need to have personnel involved to ensure we have the best Association that we can. If you ever wondered where the list of things NGAUS pushes to Congress comes from, it is the Resolutions Committee. While many items start at the National level, the states can submit resolutions as well. Resolutions are one of the most important ways we communicate our needs to Congress. The Membership committee fights to get as many eligible personnel signed on as possible and keep them as a paying member. This is one of the most visible committees and can easily measure its success. The Finance Committee is charged with managing the finances of the association. We will establish several committees to manage the events during the year. We will send out request for assistance for these events, if you can give us the time please join a committee. The standing Committees all have Points of Contact listed on our webpage.

We will have the NGAMA Conference on the final weekend in April 2010. Location and format have yet to be determined. Please look for the Call to Conference for details.

Thank you for your support.
MAJ James P Hoye, President, NGAMA