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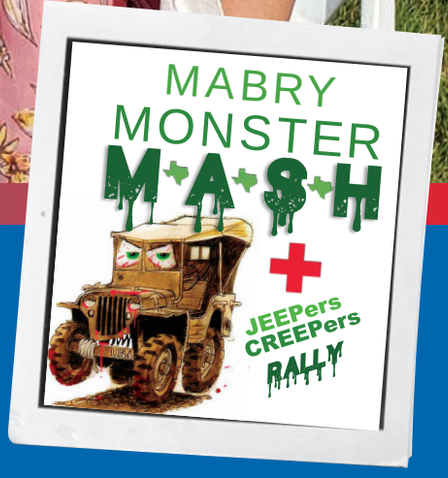

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ON THE COVER: CPT Jolene Hinojosa, right, Commander of the 236th EN CO (VERT), attended the National Capital Summit and poses for a photo with **General Joseph L. Lengyel**, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, during a BBQ held at his house at Fort McNair, D.C.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NGAT MEMBERS,

Summer is finally upon us. Our hot, scorching Texas days have begun. It's also that time when we spend quality time with family and friends. Take advantage of all our national parks and coastlines in Texas. The Big Bend National Park is a great place to go. Fort Davis has the McDonald Observatory, operated by the University of Texas at Austin, the observatory has several large research telescopes and host astronomers from around the world. Remember to always have plenty of water with you, especially when driving. You never know when you may get caught in a traffic jam.

Upcoming Events:

We have a limited number of seats left for our upcoming 3rd Annual Bat Cruise on August 16 at 6:00 pm on Lady Bird Lake in Austin, Texas. We hope you will join us for some fun and camaraderie with fellow NGAT members. Registration is still available on the NGAT website.

EANGUS Conference — Des Moines, Iowa - Aug 4-7.
NGAUS Conference — Denver, Colorado - Aug 30 - Sep 2.
EANGUS Area IV Mid-Winter Conference — Austin, Texas - Jan 17-19, 2020
51st Annual NGAT Conference — Irving, Texas - Mar 27-29, 2020

NGAT will have representation from our board at each of the National Conferences to serve as delegates. Our delegates will get the opportunity to weigh in on important topics at the National Level that will make a difference in our Airmen/Soldiers lives.

Annual Conference preparations are moving along. The staff and I met with personnel in Irving to get the process started. We are all excited to have the 2020 Conference in Irving. The Hotel and Convention Center are within walking distance to shops and restaurants. Be sure to schedule this on your calendar. Don't forget to start looking for items for the "NGAT Silent Auction" and saving your money to attend the Conference. It's going to be a lot of fun.

We continue to look at State and Federal issues to stay synchronized with the Adjutant General's Legislative priorities.

Our Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled for July 28-29 at Camp Mabry. More to come as we complete our processes of planning for the future of NGAT. A big thank you to Col (Ret) Jeanne Arnold for facilitating our workshop.

Our other committees continue to meet at our quarterly Board Meetings to follow up on program processes and commitments. The Bylaws Committee continues to meet and review in-depth our bylaws. As a result, we will be recommending changes to our members to vote on at our 2020 Annual Conference. These changes will allow us to keep current and improve our processes. More to come.

Your Board of Directors and staff continue to make strides in promoting membership and supporting our members. Our staff is deep in the process of converting our membership data to our new Association Management System that will greatly improve our communication with our membership. More to come as we finalize this process.

We appreciate your support and continued encouragement as we move forward. We encourage everyone to stay active and forward any recommendations you may have concerning how we can better serve you our members.

Have a safe and wonderful summer. ★

Priscilla Leger, CCM, Retired
NGAT President

p.s. Don't forget to Email ngatnews@ngat.org with photos and articles about your unit or individuals so we can share it in our magazine!

MR. JAMES K. "RED" BROWN
CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF TEXAS

MG (Ret) James K. "Red" Brown has been selected to serve as the Chief of Staff for the Adjutant General of Texas. Mr. Brown received his Army commission as an officer from Texas A&M University in May 1980 and immediately joined the Texas Army National Guard. He served in a variety of command and staff assignments within Texas, culminating as the Commanding General of the 36th Infantry Division. Following Division Command he served as Deputy Commanding General, Operations for 1st United States Army at Rock Island, Illinois and Deputy Commanding General, Reserve Components, at United States Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Mr Brown recently retired after serving thirty-nine years in uniform. In civilian life, Mr. Brown was the managing partner of Texas Water Systems, a private utility company, in Tyler, Texas. He is also a NGAT Life Member and former NGAT President. ★

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NGAT SEEKING NEW BENEFIT SPECIALISTS

The National Guard Association of Texas is seeking new Benefit Specialists to help the Association with visits to Texas National Guard units in their home area. Benefit Specialists help promote NGAT benefits, membership, scholarships, the legislative program and the life insurance program. Benefit Specialists must be a member of NGAT and have a Texas General Lines Insurance License or be able to obtain one. The job would require visiting with Texas National Guard units as needed in your home area. Please contact Kathy Gallatin at 512-454-7300 for further details or email your resume to: insurance@ngat.org. ★

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES ROB!

NGAT would like to thank Rob Casias for his 24 years of service to the National Guard Association of Texas. Rob started working at NGAT in 1995 as an Administrative Assistant. Over the years Rob worked in membership, obtained his insurance license to sell NGAT Life Insurance and became a certified Meeting Planner. He has worked for 3 NGAT Executive Directors and 20 NGAT Presidents. Over the years he has been the guiding force behind the planning of the NGAT Conference and the primary manager of the NGAT Corporate Program. He also played a big part in our legislative activities and corporate resolution process. His many contributions to NGAT over the years have been exceptional and will be greatly missed. We wish him only the best in his future endeavors. ★

Office Assistant – National Guard Association of Texas (Nonprofit)

Fulltime (Nonexempt Employee)

NGAT is seeking to find a highly motivated, enthusiastic, self-reliant, and professional individual to join our team as we move the Association to the next level. We are looking for an individual who has experience working in an operational environment and preferably with military experience. The plan is for this individual to eventually take over the insurance or membership director position in the future as part of the Association's succession plan.

Responsibilities

- Be the main point of contact for external entities pertaining to the planning and execution of all Association sponsored meetings, conferences, and tradeshows.
- Assist the Insurance Director in the day to day requirements of the insurance program.
- Learn all aspects of how to manage the insurance program.
- Assist in normal routine administrative and operations in the office.
- Provide support as required.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree preferred.
- Dependable, organized, and punctual. Must be a quick learner.
- Must have excellent customer service skills and the ability to communicate effectively with customers.
- Strong computer skills. Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Outlook.
- Effective organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills.
- Must be able to travel for training, conferences, and other Association business as required.
- Must be able to obtain license as a General Lines Agent (Life, Accident, Health and HMO).
- Prior service in the Texas Army or Air National Guard is preferred but not required.
- Must have a valid driver license.

Send resumes to the NGAT Executive Director, LTC (Ret) Marvin Harris at mharris@ngat.org.

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★ Leadership Changes ★

COL Marvin Johnson
USPFO

Col Michael Reid
Director of Staff for the
Texas Air National Guard

COL Amy Cook
Texas Military Department
Human Resource Officer

LTC Frank Simoneaux
Commander
172nd Brigade Engineer Battalion

LTC Anthony E. Alvarez
Commander
101st Information Operations
Battalion

LTC Luis Delgado
Commander
136th Expeditionary Signal Battalion

MAJ (P) Matthew W. Combs
Commander
1-124th Cavalry Regiment

BG Marco Coppola
Commander
Texas State Guard
Medical Component

COL (Ret) Stanley Golaboff
Assistant USPFO for
Logistics and Warehouse Operations

Friends, family and fellow service members gathered at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas on July 13, 2019 for the promotion ceremony for **BG Charles Schoening**. BG Schoening had his rank pinned on by his wife, Kay Schoening (left) and the Adjutant General of Texas, **MG Tracy Norris** (right). BG Schoening will serve as the Assistant Adjutant General — Army. *(Photos by SGT Kyle Burns)*

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NGAT UPDATE

Here is what is happening at NGAT:

- Finalizing the budget for 2019-2020
- Planning for the NGAT Conference 2020
- Preparing data for the conversion to our new Association Management System (AMS)
- Final prep for delegates attending the EANGUS/NGAUS Conference
- Final prep for the 3rd Annual Bat Cruise
- Working with the Texas Military Forces Museum on the Jeepers Creepers "Jeep Show"
- Working with the Texas Military Forces Museum on the "Monster Mash"
- Assisting the Texas Military Department with registration and exhibitors for the Texas Military Department Medical Symposium
- Assisting the 36th Infantry Division with their Golf Tournament Registration
- Conducting unit visit — To schedule your unit visit contact insurance@ngat.org

NGAT MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANT/OFFICER MANAGER, MSgt (Ret) Scott Wade works on the new Association Management Software coming to NGAT Members this fall.

Association Management System

NGAT is getting a new Association Management System (AMS). What does that mean for you as a member? It means if you are an Annual Member you will be able to get your dues renewal electronically and schedule a yearly payment for NGAT, NGAUS or EANGUS dues. It means if you want to become a life member you can make payments on your life membership instead of having to pay it all up front.

The AMS will have a member's only login that will provide secured access to chat groups within your command. It will give you access to job opportunities for members of the Guard and retirees, opportunities for mentorship from currently serving military members and retired members. It will also provide access to special offers and will connect you to current and former members of the Guard. There is still so much more to come. Our new system is scheduled to roll out in early November so watch our website and Facebook for updates. ★

THE NGAT CONFERENCE IS COMING TO THE IRVING CONVENTION CENTER AT LAS COLINAS

Save the Date: March 27-29, 2020

The conference hotel will be the Westin Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, 400 West Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, Texas 75039. Hotel rate is $145 per night. **Reservations can be made on the NGAT website at http://www.ngat.org/conference.**

BEAR CREEK GOLF CLUB

The NGAT Educational Foundation encourages you to get your team together for their Annual Golf Tournament to be held on March 27, 2020 during the NGAT Conference. The tournament will be held at the Bear Creek Golf Club located 15 mins from the conference hotel.

Watch our website for update on the upcoming conference: http://www.ngat.org/conference. ★

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Right to Demand a Court-Martial

Service Member's Right to a Jury Trial

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS CHANGE WHEN YOU GET MOBILIZED AND PLACED IN FEDERAL SERVICE. One important difference involves military justice. Occasionally, commanders believe a subordinate's conduct or performance deserves punishment. Depending if you are serving under the federal Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or the Texas Code of Military Justice (TCMJ), you may not have the right to defend yourself at status and a commander wants to give you Non-Judicial Punishment (Article 15), you have the absolute right to decline the Non-Judicial Punishment and demand a court martial trial. This is all very standard considering the United States Constitution and Texas Constitution guarantee our right to a jury trial.

Under Federal Law, Article 15, UCMJ, 10 U.S.C.S. § 815(a) states "punishment may not be imposed upon any member of the armed forces under this article if the member has... demanded trail by court-martial in lieu of such punishment.

You may however, be surprised to learn that you do not enjoy the same right when serving in state status (Title 32 status). In state status, a commander can issue a Section 15 but you cannot insist on having the case decided by a court martial panel.

Under Texas Law, Texas Gov't Code §432.015 states "any commanding officer may impose disciplinary punishments for minor offenses without the intervention of a court-martial...there is no right to trail by court-martial in lieu of non-judicial punishment imposed under this section."

Up until 2011, Texas law provided the right to a jury trial. Unfortunately, that year Texas lawmakers removed this constitutional right from Texas Guard service members.

Regardless of your mobilization status, if your commander was to issue a punishment under military law, you should speak with an Attorney as soon as possible. Both federal and state JAG officers are assigned to serve as defense attorneys — free of charge to the service member. ★

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Important Updates from the 86th Texas Legislative Session

TX SB1091 – PASSED – VETERANS TOLL DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Vehicles eligible for veteran toll discount programs are now limited to two vehicles per eligible veteran. Effective Immediately.

TX SB 1598 – PASSED – SECURITY OFFICER AT CAMP MABRY

Relating to hazardous duty pay for security officers employed at Camp Mabry. Section 659.301(5), Texas Government Code was amended to add that a "state employee" means an individual who is employed as a security officer employed by the Texas Military Department. Effective 9/1/2019.

TX SB 1597 – PASSED – LONE STAR MEDAL OF VALOR/TEXAS OUTSTANDING SERVICE MEDAL/TEXAS MEDAL OF MERIT

Relating to awarding certain medals for military service performed individually or as part of a crew. Section 437.352/437.355(a), Texas Government Code was amended to add that the act for awarding of the Lone Star Medal of Valor, Texas Outstanding Service Medal or the Texas Medal of Merit can be performed either individually or as a member of a crew. Effective 9/1/2019.

TX HB 2643 – PASSED – COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Infantryman Badge. Section 504.320, Texas Government Code was amended to add the issuance of a specialty license plate for recipients of the Combat Infantryman Badge. The plate will include the Combat Infantryman Badge emblem and the words "Combat Infantryman Badge" at the bottom of the plate. Effective on 9/1/2019.

TX HB 2039 – PASSED – MASTER ARMY AVIATORS BADGE SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to Master Army Aviators. Section 504.325, Texas Government Code was amended to add the issuance of a specialty license plate for recipients of the Master Army Aviator Badge. The plate will include the Master Army Aviator Badge and the words "Master Army Aviator Badge" at the bottom of the plate. Effective on 9/1/2019.

TX HB 1656 – PASSED – 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE

Relating to the issuance of 173rd Airborne Brigade specialty license plates. Section 504.325, Texas Government Code was amended to add the issuance of a specialty license plate for persons who have served in the 173rd Airborne Brigade. The plate will include the 173rd Airborne Brigade patch and the words "173rd Airborne Brigade" at the bottom of the plate. Effective on 9/1/2019.

TX HB 933 – PASSED – MISSING MILITARY ALERT SYSTEM

Relating to the creation of a statewide alert system for missing military members. Chapter 411, Texas Government Code was amended to add the "CAMO ALERT" for missing military members. "Military member" means a person who is a current or former member of the United States Armed Forces, including National Guard or a Reserve or auxiliary unit of any branch of the Armed Forces. Effective on 9/1/2019.

CW2 Lucas Lowe Remembered

TX H.R. 1250, bill to rename the Post Office in Hardin, Texas after Chief Warrant Officer 2 Lucas Lowe has passed the House of Representatives and is now on its way to the U.S. Senate! Lowe tragically lost his life during a Texas National Guard training flight just after Christmas in 2016.

Congressman Brian Babin, 36th District explained on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives that Chief Lucas was a hard-working man who loved being in the service, and especially loved to fly. When the world lost him, we lost more than a dedicated patriot. We lost a man who always went out of his way to help lift others' spirits and encouraged them to reach for higher success in life.

Congressman Babin went on to say it has been an absolute privilege to sponsor this bill that truly honors an American hero and ensures that his legacy lives on. Lowe's courage and dedication made him a natural born leader. He touched the lives of all who knew him, and lived his life with an optimistic spirit, always ready to take on the next big challenge. He will be dearly missed throughout the Texas Guard, the entire Hardin community, and by those family and friends he leaves behind. ★

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AROUND TEXAS

Speed Mentoring

149th Fighter Wing Gunfighter Top III Council hosted a speed mentoring event in June for the wing's junior enlisted. The event is the same concept as speed dating where you rotate from group to group and junior enlisted personnel are able to ask question of senior enlisted personnel covering topics such as readiness, fitness and retention. ★

Best Warrior Competition Winner Named

In May at the Texas Military Forces Museum the Texas Military Department recognized the winners and exemplary performers for the 2019 Best Warrior Competition held earlier this year. **Maj Gen Dawn Ferrell**, left, Deputy Adjutant General — Air and Commander of the Texas Air National Guard and **CCMSgt Michael E. Cornitius**, right, Senior Enlisted Leader, Texas Military Department presented awards. Pictured left to right is: Army and Best Overall Junior Enlisted Winner: **SPC Hunter Haskin**, Army and Best Overall NCO Winner: **SSG Gabriel Garza**, Air Force Best Junior Enlisted Winner: **SrA Johnny Ceja-Alvarez**, Air Force Best NCO Winner: **SSgt Dustin Estepp**. The competition consists of several challenges over a period of four days. Competitors are expected to display proficiency in marksmanship, physical fitness, written tests, land navigation, self-aid buddy care and combat communication. ★

(Photo by SFC Malcolm McClendon)

Lone Star Gunfighters Graduate a New Group of Pilots

In June the 149th Fighter Wing's Lone Star Gunfighters celebrated the graduation of their newest group of Air Force F-16 pilots in downtown San Antonio. The 149th Fighter Wing of the Texas Air National Guard located at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, trains both active duty and Air National Guard F-16 pilots in a variety of courses, from a basic course for new F-16 pilots recently graduated from undergraduate pilot training to a requalification course for experienced pilots. ★

Phalen Promoted by Governor Abbott

CPT Clarissa Phalen recently had the honor of being promoted by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and the First Lady Cecilia at Camp Mabry. CPT Phalen serves as the S1 for Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion 36th Infantry Division and is a police officer with the San Antonio Police Department. Governor Abbott is her uncle and wanted the privilege of pinning on her new rank. ★ *(Photo by SSG Michael Giles)*

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Firefighter/Soldier Receives Life Saving Medal

Corpus Christi Fire Chief Robert Rocha (left) awards firefighter **Gilbert Stamps** with the department's Life Saving Medal during a ceremony at the Corpus Christi Fire Department Headquarters on Friday, May 17, 2019. The medal, which is the second highest award given by the department, was awarded after Stamps came to the aid of a fellow soldier in his National Guard unit who had collapsed and gone into cardiac arrest. Stamps is the First Sergeant for HHC 111th Engr Bn. ★

(Photo by Rachel Denny Clow/Caller-Times)

Military Partnerships

Chilean pilots discuss munitions, common guidelines for air frames, and environmental effects with **LTC Randal Wright** (center right) a member of 1-149th ARB and **MAJ Stacy Rostorfer** a member of the 36th CAB at Biggs Army Airfield as part of the partnership between the Texas Military Forces and Chile's Military. ★

Intel Soldiers Deploy

Family and friends gathered at Freedom Park at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas on May 25, 2019 during a deployment ceremony to bid farewell to a group of approximately 60 Texas Guardsmen of **Task Force Athena**, the largest group on military Intelligence Soldier to deploy to the Middle East since 2009. ★

(Photo by CPT Maria Mengrone)

Virtual Reality Aircraft Maintenance

SSgt James Hughes, a crew chief with the 136th Maintenance Group at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth recently got to try out a virtual reality aircraft maintenance simulator that is being developed for the Texas Air National Guard. Although the software in still in the early design phase this will soon be the next generation of on-the-job training available to aircraft maintenance personnel. ★

(Photo by SSgt Sean Kornegay)

136th LRS Airmen Receives the John L. Levitow Award

On June 14, **SrA Amber Diosdado**, 136th Logistics Readiness Squadron's material management customer service liaison, was awarded the John L. Levitow Award during her Airman Leadership School graduation at Sheppard AFB, Texas. The John L. Levitow Award is the highest award for enlisted Professional Military Education in the Air Force and is presented to the student that demonstrated the most outstanding leadership and scholastic achievement. Only one award is given during each class. SrA Diosdado (center) was joined at the celebration by her supervisor, **TSgt Nathan Legler** (left), and her former Chief, **CMSgt (Ret) Anthony Jimenez** (right). ★

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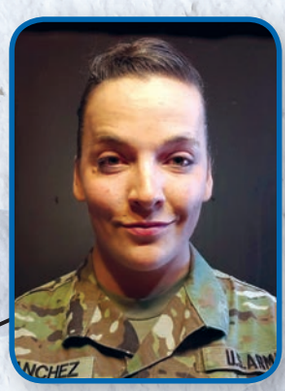
AROUND THE WORL

COL MATTHEW "LOBO" JENSEN, Commander of the 149th Operations Group, reviews his preflight checklist during Coronet Bronco, May 2, 2019, at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. The annual training event deploys members of the Air National Guard's 149th Fighter Wing, headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, to another environment in order to familiarize them with accomplishing mission objectives in an unfamiliar location. *(Photo by SSgt Derek Davis)*



SPC JESSICA SANCHEZ a member of Battery C, 3-133rd Field Artillery Regiment, graduated as the first female Cannon Crewmember (13B) from the Wisconsin Military Academy at Fort McCoy, WI, on May 21, 2019.

TSGT SHASTA PESQUERA, a member of the 149th Force Support Squadron, assembles a small shelter system during Home Station Readiness Training in California at March Air Reserve Base.

WOC ALVIN LONG and **SPC Justin Saiz,** from Co F 2-149th Avn Bn, familiarize **CW5 Douglas Phillips**, a member of the 36th CAB, with the tactical terminal control system at Fort Wolters during Annual Training.

MAJ CHRISTOPHER LOPES and **TSgt John Castillo**, both members, assigned to the 149th Medical Group, apply a splint to an actor during Tactical Combat Casualty Care training at Coast Guard Station Lake Tahoe, Nevada, June 16, 2019. *(Photo by SSgt Agustin G. Salazar)*

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D WITH THE GUARD

CPT JARRED HARRISON, medical planner for the 36th ID, and **MSG Keith Duplessie**, chief healthcare NCO with the 36th ID, review reports during Warfighter 19-05 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, June 8, 2019. Warfighter is a simulation exercise designed to test command staff in decision-making and communication. *(Photo by SSG Michael Giles)*

TSGT ASHLEY DAVIN, 136th Security Forces Squadron defender, conducts a random vehicle search on Ramstein Air Base, Germany just before midnight June, 18, 2019. Davin and 33 other Airmen from the Texas Air National Guard are embedded with the local security forces units and German polizei to gain first-hand experience performing security forces duties while on an active duty installation. *(Photo by SrA Bryan Swink)*

MAJ DERIC MARUQUIN CONGRATULATES 2LT JAKE JACKSON on his graduation from the arduous U.S. Army Ranger School in Fort Benning, Georgia. Both are members of 2-142nd Inf Rgmt.

36TH INFANTRY DIVISION SOLDIERS returned to Ft. Hood in early May after a deployment to Kuwait/Iraq. The 1-108th provided air support to the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade during the 9-month deployment and were welcomed home by 36th Infantry Division leadership and the 36th Infantry Division Band. The Texas contingent was commanded by **CPT Nicholas Adams**, son of former 36th Combat Aviation Brigade commander, **COL (Ret) Rick Adams** who passed away in December of 2018. Pictured left to right is: **CW5 Paul Jenschke, COL Chris Miletello, BG Win Burkett, COL Joanne MacGregor, CPT Nicholas Adams, LTC Chip Brundrett and LTC Scott Nicholas.** *(Photos by LTC Randy Stillinger)*

CO B 2-142ND INF RGMT, 1SG ANTONIO RETANA congratulates **SGT Deyanira Quintana** on her promotion and welcomes here to the unit during their July drill in Grand Prairie, Texas. SGT Quintana became the first female to ever serve in Co B 2-142nd Inf Rgmt. She will serve as the unit's communications sergeant. *(Photo by SSG James Spurlock)*

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MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE JEEPERS CREEPERS RALLY & MONSTER MASH

ATTENTION ALL JEEP DRIVERS & JEEP ENTHUSIASTS!

The Jeepers Creepers Rally is from Noon-5:00 p.m. | October 26, 2019 at Camp Mabry

FREE General Admission to view the Show

Registration for judged entries is $20

Prime parking for those participating in the Jeepers Creepers Rally

Bring your friends and have some fun!

DEALERS + PARTS & ACCESSORIES + DOOR PRIZES

Awards will be given out in the following categories:

Overall Winner – People's Choice – Military – Modified

Rock Crawler – Stock – Vintage/Classic

Discount Tickets to the Monster Mash for those who register for judging!

MABRY MONSTER MASH

Join us for some pre-Halloween fun from 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. | October 26, 2019 at Camp Mabry for the Mabry Monster Mash!

Dress as your favorite MASH character or their zombie equivalent.

$25 Entrance fee includes a collectible Dog Tag Ticket and your first two beers.

Event includes: Beer & Custom Cocktails, Live Music, Food Trucks, Event T-Shirts, Free Parking, Door Prizes and Photo Spot.

Proceeds from these events benefit the Texas Military Forces Museum
For more information visit: www.tmfhf.org/what-we-do/events/monstermash

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE! See the website on how you can get involved.

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JOIN US FOR THE INAUGURAL

MABRY MONSTER M·A·S·H

JEEPers CREEPers RALLY

Supporting your Texas Military Forces Museum

26 October 2019

Jeep Rally: 1300-1700 | Monster Mash Concert & Party: 1800-2200

For more information visit the events page at: TMF**H**F.org/

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IN MEMORIAM

When the National Guard Educational Foundation officials designed the 9/11 Era Gallery in the National Guard Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., one exhibit was a must: *A wall with every Guardsman name killed in the war on terror.*

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall was the inspiration. It would be in a place where people could learn the toll of the Guard's contribution and family and friends would discover their fallen loved ones were not forgotten.

The finished product features each Guardsman's name, rank and age at the time of their death on a brushed-steel plate affixed to a small block of mahogany. The block forms a wall of names grouped by state and territory with those killed on Sept 11 at the end. The wall also includes a slide show of approximately 200 images provided by the families of the fallen.

There were 763 names on the Memorial Wall when it opened in December 2012. Today there are 791 names. The following names appear on the wall from Texas:

DONATE TO THE NGAT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The National Guard Association of Texas Educational Foundation (NGATEF) exists exclusively for furthering the educational opportunities of young people including the granting of educational scholarship to members of NGAT and/or their spouses and children. This past year the Foundation awarded seven scholarships totaling $14,500. Since, the Foundations inception it has awarded $496,500 in scholarship.

We welcome your donations of any size to help us continue these efforts. Our Annual Golf Tournament held during the NGAT Conference is the NGATEF's primary source of donations. You can help by donating to the NGATEF! Scholarship awarded help fund a dream. With spiraling college tuition cost, decreasing financial aid dollars, and increasing loan debt, today's students are faced with higher hurdles in pursuing their studies.

Donations are accepted by mail and on our website at www.ngat.org/education. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. With your help we can continue to provide these scholarships that make our members and their families lives better through higher education.

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NGAUS HOSTS COMPANY GRADES IN NATION'S CAPITAL

NGAUS WASHINGTON REPORT

Nearly 50 company-grade and junior warrant officers participated in a unique experience in Washington, D.C., that provided them with an up-close look at the federal government and how NGAUS supports the National Guard.

The National Capital Summit held in mid-July was the largest yet for the semi-annual event, which is being held three times this year for the first time. Forty-eight officers representing 46 states and territories participated in the three-day workshop that included events at the Pentagon, the U.S. Capitol and the National Guard Memorial, the association's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The summit, hosted by the NGAUS legislative staff, aims to provide a first-hand look at the legislative process and the role the association plays. NGAUS covers all costs for the attendees.

COL (Ret) Mike Hadley, the association's legislative director, said his plan was for attendees to leave Washington with new ideas and ways of thinking that can impact the rest of their military careers.

At this year's Capital Summit attendees heard from current and former Guard leaders, congressional staffers and others. The summit included briefings from leaders of the National Guard Bureau, the Army Guard and the Air Guard.

Brig Gen (Ret) Jeffrey B. Cashman, former director of Air National Guard Manpower, Personnel and Services, helped set the scene for the program. He shared insights from his 11 years at NGB to describe the motivations and techniques used by members of the national security establishment.

Rep. William Timmons, R-S.C., spoke about his roles as a new Guard officer and freshman congressman. He was sworn in as a judge advocate general in the South Carolina Army National Guard last year, amid a successful campaign for a seat in the House of Representatives. Balancing the two roles isn't easy but serving in both capacities has been an incredible experience, he said.

Timmons said he was still learning in both positions. But said his Guard experiences have helped improve his work on Capitol Hill and that he has tried to educate his fellow representatives. "I'm only here because I think I can help change things," he said.

Participants toured the Pentagon and met with officials in Congress during the summit. The next National Capital Summit will be held in late October. NGAUS is still accepting applications for possible attendees. Interested personnel should contact the NGAT Executive Director, **LTC (Ret) Marvin Harris** at mharris@ngat.org. ★

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EANGUS LEGISLATIVE PANEL

During the recent Legislative Workshop, EANGUS hosted a panel that discussed parity issues between the Reserve Component and the National Guard. EANGUS has been active on the hill with NGB to raise awareness of these inequities, such as Tuition Assistance, the accrual of GI Bill benefits for ADT, and the ability to receive a DD Form 214. We believe that everyday in uniform should count, and every member of the National Guard should be afforded the same benefits as their Reserve Component counterparts. ★

ARTIFACTS FOR ARCHIVES

The EANGUS Committee on History has put a call out to any EANGUS members who have items or stories that they think would be of historical significance to EANGUS.

Items would include:

- Issues of the New Patriot prior to 1990
- Other items such as programs, buttons, drinkware, badges or coins
- Photographs of Conferences, legislative efforts or EANGUS leaders at events

Information can be sent to the History Committee Chair/EANGUS Past President, John Harris at john@eangus.org.

Find out more about EANGUS at www.eangus.org. ★

EANGUS PARTNERS WITH AUSA FOR ADDED BENEFITS

As part of our continuous commitment to the strength of EANGUS, we are thrilled of EANGUS's expanded relationship with the Association of the United States Army (AUSA). AUSA will provide us with its considerable expertise in conference management to increase the number of exhibitors at our Annual Conference. This will provide us with the resources needed to support our members and programs. EANGUS, as an Association Member in AUSA, is able to extend this partnership to our members in the form of a 1-year membership in AUSA since December 31, 2017.

This offer gives you additional member benefits, such as a digital subscription to AUSA's professional development publications, like ARMY Magazine and AUSA News. The full range of AUSA member benefits is on their website at www.ausa.org/benefits-services. If you are already a member of AUSA, this membership will be in addition to your current AUSA membership. ★

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Flashback

1966

Membership Record Set, Numbers Exceed 15,000

If there is any truth in the adage, "There's strength in numbers," the National Guard Association of Texas promises strength this year.

Latest report from Membership Chairman Leroy Thompson of San Antonio indicates that all previous NGAT membership records have been shattered, and our Association now exceeds 15,000 members.

Since the last issue, the 147th Fighter Group came in with 100% membership—this for the **fourth** consecutive year. Among its members are 49 new life members.

Not to be outdone, the 273rd GEEIA Squadron reported 100% membership for the **sixth** consecutive year and added 38 new life members.

The 136th TAC Hospital unit also checked in at 100% and these new figures swelled NGAT membership to 15,103 for the year 1966-67—an all-time high.

NGAT President Mickey Francis expressed delight at the membership record. "I am proud of the fine response by our Texas National Guardsmen," he said. "It is a clear indication that they recognize the need for a strong, united voice to speak on their behalf."

The new membership record includes 336 Life Members and 86 associate members, Thompson said.

He also added the 149th Military Police Company of the 49th Division to the list of units boasting 100% membership. It attained the high mark during field training this summer, but has been left off of lists announcing 100% honor units.

For members interested in membership statistics, Thompson provided this yearly report of NGAT membership:

1960-61	4,508
1961-62	7,527
1962-63	14,114
1963-64	11,960
1964-65	11,130
1965-66	12,451
1966-67	15,103

This is what our NGAT membership looked like back in 1966. It's hard to believe that even after 60 years our membership still only hovers around 27,000. NGAT is the professional association for those who serve or have served in the National Guard. Why are you not a NGAT member? If anything why do you not support the organization that supports you. We are only as good as our members. So maybe it's time to get involved. For more information on getting involved with NGAT, email membership@ngat.org.

1975

Man Travels 11,000 Miles For Unit Drill

An unbeatable world record was set last year for distance traveled to attend a weekend drill.

Captain Lewis Bell flew from Tehran, Iran, to San Antonio for the regular meeting of the 149th Tactical Fighter Group of the Texas National Guard.

Capt. Bell is a pilot for Pan American Airways and was based in Tehran at the time. The zealous citizen-soldier left Tehran for London, New York and San Antonio. He returned the same way two days later.

Tehran is almost exactly half-way around the world from San Antonio with a one-way distance of 11,000 miles. To go further for a weekend drill, a person would have to travel away from his destination for the first part of the trip.

In 2019 this does not seem like such a big deal but in 1975 this was a huge deal.

1989

ASTRONAUTS AT NGAT — Astronaut John M. (Mike) Lounge, shown here preparing to practice in the weightless environment training facility at NASA, will be at the 30th annual NGAT conference in Austin. Mike is a lieutenant colonel in the Texas Air National Guard at Ellington ANGB and has flown on several space missions. A display of various pieces of equipment and space information from NASA will be at the NGAT conference. (NASA photo)

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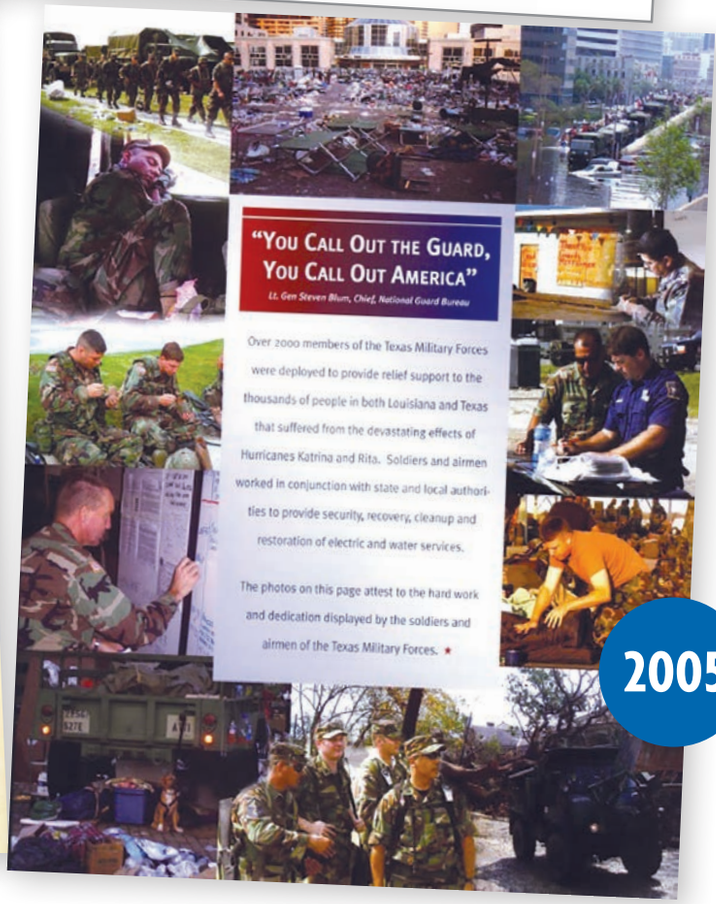

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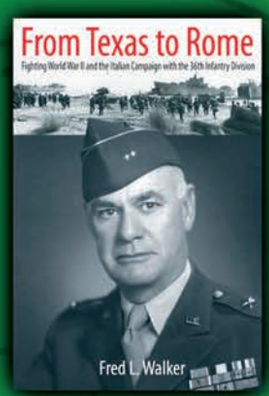

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PLANNING CALENDAR

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4–7	Aug	EANGUS Conference, Des Moines, IA
16	Aug	3rd Annual NGAT Bat Cruise, Austin
18–19	Aug	NGAT Board Meeting, Austin
31 Aug – 2 Sep		NGAUS Conference, Denver, CO
2	Sep	Labor Day (NGAT Office Closed)
11	Sep	Patriot Day
14	Oct	Columbus Day (NGAT Office Closed)
16–20	Oct	AFBA Eagle Group Annual Meeting, Chandler, AZ
26	Oct	TMD Medical Symposium, Camp Mabry
26	Oct	Jeepers Creeper Jeep Rally & Monster Mash, Camp Mabry
11	Nov	Veteran's Day (NGAT Office Closed)
28–29	Nov	Thanksgiving Holiday Observed (NGAT Office Closed)
12	Dec	NGAT Holiday Open House
13	Dec	National Guard's Birthday
24 Dec – 1 Jan		Christmas Holiday Observed (NGAT Office Closed)