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From the NGA AZ President

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Dear Fellow Officers,

As your Association President, my expectation for this past year was to achieve several goals. The first goal was 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 was 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 dues paying member and is active in the Association. We need your help. Please talk to your fellow officers and encourage them to be a member of the Association. Take a more active role in the Association

and let us know what we can do to make it a better organization.

The Association's purpose is to contribute to the preservation and enrichment of our heritage of freedom, democracy, and patriotism. The Association shall strive to foster and improve the Arizona National Guard and the National Guard of the United States, promote the national security of the citizens of our State and the nation, as well as promote esprit de corps and fellowship through social functions, benefit programs, and other activities for the members of this Association and their families.

Please contact me any time to discuss any Association issues you may have. Thanks for your help and support.

Best Regards,

Robert E. Moscarello, MAJ
NGAAZ President

"The National Guard is at a very significant crossroads in our history. The future bodes substantial changes for all of us. Your personal involvement in this process, through your membership in Professional Military Associations can make a difference. I remember an old politician saying, "Don't complain, if you didn't vote!" Here is an opportunity to get involved. You can make a difference."



Michael J. Shira, Maj Gen, AZANG
Commander

"Those who went before you worked hard to ensure you had the opportunity to serve in the World Class organization that is our National Guard. We owe it to those who follow us to leave for them an even greater institution. Get involved."



RICHARD G. MAXON
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Listed below are some of the bills that the National Guard Association is supporting. They are pending outcome of the legislative session. To voice your support of these bills join the AZ Legislative BN.

HB2058—Purple Heart Recipient Scholarship

To award Purple Heart winners a tuition waiver that can be transferred to their spouse

HB2057—Uniform Allowance

\$250 for newly commissioned soldiers and \$150 for all officers annually on January 1st

SB1010—National Guard Tax Subtraction

First \$5000 in Guard pay for state income each year to be tax exempt

SB1030—National Guard Pay Differential

To compensate the income of soldiers who are called to active duty and take a significant pay cut by leaving their civilian occupation (Up to 65K)



Join the AZ

Legislative BN

You CAN Make A Difference!

WANTED: Members who are willing to join the NGA AZ LEGISLATIVE BATTALION. 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 discussions to represent the National Guard. Other participation can include putting in a call, email or fax to your senators and representatives about legislative priorities. To join the BN or for more information please call Mike Krouse @ (602) 275-8305 or email NGAofAZ@aol.com.

Association History

In January 1964, the NGAUS Executive Council directed that Gen. Douglas MacArthur receive the NGAUS Distinguished Service Medal, an accompanying citation and honorary membership in the association.

Arrangements were made with General MacArthur for their presentation to him at his New York residence a few weeks later. Unfortunately, his illness and tragic death intervened.

In a simple ceremony at the general's tomb in Norfolk, Va., MAJ. Gen. James F. Cantwell, NGAUS president, pre-

sented the three mementoes to Roy B. Martin Jr., Norfolk mayor, for permanent display in the MacArthur Memorial.



A framed citation lauding the revered general noted "a lifetime of devoted and distinguished service to the nation," and was placed on display near the medal in its black velvet box. An embossed metal plate accorded him in honorary membership.

A delegation of the Virginia Army National Guard Officers headed by Maj. Gen. Paul Booth, Adjutant General, joined General Cantwell.

"No finer fighting force ever deployed for battle"

- General MacArthur referring to the 158th Bushmasters in WWII

Source: NGAUS
Photo: West Point

860th MP Company returns from Iraq



Soldiers of the 860th MP Company remember Arizona while in Iraq. Photo: ILT Jon Cope

Over 150 soldiers of the Arizona Army National Guard's 860th Military Police (MP) Company returned to Phoenix on Sunday, February 25th after serving in Iraq since March, 2005.

While deployed, unit members served at various locations throughout Iraq conducting convoy escorts, Main Supply

Route patrols, and supporting the Iraqi Police through policing operations for three police districts in Western Baghdad.

The 860th performed over 2,500 combat missions and were involved with multiple engagements with the enemy. The unit was awarded 11 Bronze Star Medals, 7 Army Commendation Medals with Valor, 150 Army Commendation Medals, 117 Combat Action Badges, and 31 Purple Hearts.

This Month in Guard History

May 10, 1775: Shouting "Surrender in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress!" Vermonter Ethan Allen takes possession of the strategic Fort Ticonderago, in New York, without firing a shot. In fact, the small British garrison had not heard of the outbreak of war at Lexington and Concord on April 19th. The joint colonial militia force commanded by Allen and Benedict Arnold of Connecticut finds more than 40 pieces of artillery inside the fort. These will be moved in an arduous winter convoy to the American siege lines around Boston, compelling the British to evacuate the city.

Source: NGAUS

New Personnel One-Stop Shop

The Soldiers Support Services and the ARNG Personnel departments are enjoying a new home. The old Class IX warehouse building located on the southeast corner of 52nd Street and McDowell Rd was renovated and remodeled into a two floor office area and termed as the new One-Stop Shop.

The One-Stop Shop includes all of the Soldier Support departments previously located across the street to include ID Cards, Education Office, Family Assistance and Veteran's Services. HRO, Officer and Enlisted Personnel Offices and the Chaplain's Office have also made the One-Stop Shop their new home.

Mark Your Calendar

May 19-20 ~ NGAAZ Conference

May 20 ~ NGAAZ Board Meeting (At Conference)

June 15 ~ NGAAZ Board Meeting

September 16-18 ~ NGAUS Conference

October 1 ~ Pay NGAAZ 2007 Membership Dues



CONFERENCE UPDATES

57th NGA AZ Conference & Golf Tournament

Carefree Resort & Villas
May 19th—20th, 2006

The Arizona National Guard Association Conference will be held at the

Carefree Resort & Villas on May 19th and 20th. This conference is the ultimate opportunity for the soldiers and airmen throughout the Arizona National Guard to join together to catch up on achievements, and make their voice heard on ideas for the success of Arizona.

This year's activities will promise to include as much camaraderie, inspiration and waning golf skills as ever before. Visit the NGA AZ webpage at www.ngaaz.org to answer any questions that you have about the conference and start planning your trip to Carefree. Register now, time is running out!



LODGING INFORMATION—Call Today!

Carefree Resort & Villas

1-888-227-7066

Room Block Release—May 7th, 2006

Rate Code—National Guard Association Conf.

NGAUS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Albuquerque, NM
Sep. 16th—18, 2006

Hear our military leaders discuss vital issues of importance to the

Guard and the nation. Professional development will be available to our young leaders, especially those in the company grade ranks. Captains of industry who provide the goods and services that make it possible for our Soldiers and Airmen to decisively and safely complete their mission will be exhibiting and available for discussion. Conference activities include a

golf tournament at one of America's premier golf courses, a Governor's Reception unlike any other, a Fun Run along some breath-taking vistas, and Hospitality Night. No effort will be spared to make your visit a memorable one. Visit the links of interest at

www.ngaus.org for

more conference information. Source: NGAUS



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The objectives of the National Guard Association of Arizona are to engage in any and all lawful activities, incidental to the foregoing purpose including the following:

1. To represent the Arizona National Guard to all appropriate federal and state legislative bodies and agencies to bolster and enhance readiness in support of our State and National mission.
2. To educate the public on the role of the Army and Air National Guard of Arizona in the national security and missions of our State and Nation.
3. To bolster the public image of the Arizona National Guard, encourage membership in the Army and Air National Guard, and promote the rights and benefits of present, former, and retired members of the National Guard.
4. To partnership with organizations and businesses within our community and to foster and improve the Arizona National Guard.

Newly commissioned officers and officers new to the National Guard get a free membership for their remaining 1st year and their entire 2nd!



NGAAZ & NGAUS 2006 Membership Application
STATE AND NATIONAL DUES BY GRADE 1 JAN 06—31 DEC

<u>PAY GRADE</u>	<u>STAT</u>	<u>NGAUS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PAY GRADE</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>NGA</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				

Mail, fax or email payment information to:

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Rank / Name _____

Address _____

Unit _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

New Officer: Date of Commission _____

New to the Guard: Date joined _____

Check # Amount Date _____

Credit Card Number _____

Amount Exp. Date _____

Signature _____



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Your Voice in Arizona

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 280 ARIZONA Army and Air National Guard men and women are still serving on federal active duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and within the continental U.S.

Join the National Guard Association of Arizona today and start taking care of your soldiers at home and abroad.

Army
Membership
Percentage

37.2%

Air
Membership
Percentage

51.4%

2006 NGA AZ Board of Directors

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Member - 981st TC ~ 2LT Michael Potter

Member - 982nd TC ~ MAJ Thomas George

Member - 982nd TC ~ 2LT Heidi Halverson

Member - 1-180th FA/1-158th INF ~ CPT Pete Garver

Member - RTI ~ LTC Steve Smith

Member - 385th AVN ~ VACANT

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