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NGANJ EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – 6 October 2009

The National Guard Association of New Jersey (NGANJ) held its meeting on 6 October 2009 in the 108th ARW HQ conference room, McGuire AFB, New Jersey.

OPENING

Association President Lt Col Reitberger called the meeting to order at 19:00 hrs. Lt Col Reitberger led the members in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Admin Announcement – MAJ Maldonado made Administrative announcements. Requested all look at Exec Council rep roster and annotate any corrections or updates.

Appointments/Resignations – Lt Col Reitberger made the following executive council appointments. Maj Joseph Stewart representing the 108th ARW, CPT Juan Abreu representing the 50th BCT 250th BSB, and CW2 John Simms representing JFHQ (Army).

Roll Call - MAJ Maldonado conducted the Roll Call – 14 Executive Council reps were present out of the 31 filled seats. MAJ Maldonado reported to the president that ***we did not have a quorum***. (Attendance Roster is enclosed). Lt Col Reitberger thanked all that attended and notified all reps that it was very important that we get all the reps attending the meetings. It is especially important to attend the January meeting since there are various items requiring the executive council votes and therefore we must reach a quorum.

Standing committees

Nominating committee – No report required. Lt Col reported that the retirees have submitted nominations and will be voting for the next retiree reps.

Membership – See enclosed report below provided by COL (Ret) Watson. Lt Col Reitberger stated that he needs the unit reps to help in finding out what's the problem is with members not paying dues. Lt Col Reitberger also stated that he will contact MSC commanders to discuss membership.

Legislative – No report provided. Lt Col stated that he has met with the Joint Legislative Committee Chair, 1LT Brogna who is currently working on the legislative committee agenda.

Resolutions – Lt Col stated that the resolutions committee is currently vacant and we are looking for volunteers to serve in this very important committee. We are currently looking for a minimum of one Army and one Air rep.

Publicity & Public Relations – No report provided. Lt Col Reitberger announced the association is organizing a Company grade mixer, with the help of a new committee being chaired by Maj Lola Washington. Company grade mixer is scheduled for 13 February 2010 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Hamilton, NJ. Company grade will include dinner, dancing and it will be a St Valentine's theme.

Conference arrangements – Lt Reitberger announced that the Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for 24 April 2010 at Timmerman Theater. He stated that it is important that we have a quorum since there are some by-laws change proposals that need to be voted on. Lt Col Reitberger also announced that the NGAUS conference for 2010 will be held in Austin Texas, 20-23 August 2010. This year we will be sending a flyer requesting those interested in going to the NGAUS conference to provide their room deposits to us No later than 15 Jan 2010 so that we can get a good number of rooms that we need to reserve.

Investments – No report provided. Lt Col Reitberger announced that we need volunteers to run this committee.

Finance – No report provided.

Awards – No report provided. Lt Col Reitberger announced that MAJ McGehee has agreed to stay on as the Awards Committee Chair. The Awards process should be starting in the December, January time frame.

Treasurer Report – No report provided.

Special Committees

Scholarship – (No report provided) – Lt Col Reitberger reported that he has been working with the scholarship committee to revise some of the wording to improve the program. The revised program will be sent to Executive Council for review.

Constitution – Lt Col Reitberger reported that proposed changes will be provided in January. We are currently looking for someone to fill the position of Constitution committee.

Corporate Membership – No report provided.

Insurance – Lt Col Reitberger reported that the number of insurance holders is going down. He stated he has been working with Mr. Carlone on ways to promote this program which benefits both our Service members, the Officer and Enlisted Associations. Applications are currently on the Enlisted Association web site.

Ways and Means – No report submitted.

Yearbook/Ad Book – No report Submitted

Golf tournament – Mr. Petrosilli reported that we had a successful golf tournament in June with about 100 players and were able to provide our members and their families with 7 scholarships. We are looking for volunteers to work the golf tournament committee.

Service Awards – COL (Ret) Watson reported that we are finally caught up with the overdue awards.

Group Reps:

Spouses – No report provided. Need Volunteers to fill this committee.

Non-Active Regular Members/Retirees – (see report below provided by Mr. Petrosilli)

Old Business – Lt Col summarized some of the topics at the NGAUS conference. He notified the executive council that the 108th ARW received an award however we need to do a better job at nominating local individuals for NGAUS awards to include legislators or businesses that support the Guard. NJ partnered with Kansas for the conference hospitality room and it proved to be a success while saving our association money.

New Business – The Association web site has been revised and will be available soon.

Closing – MAJ Maldonado asked that if anyone is interested in any of the committees to contact him.

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and Lt Col Reitberger adjourned the meeting 19:55.

If there are any corrections to the minutes please contact the undersigned.

Jose D. Maldonado
Major, NJ Army National Guard
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:
Membership report
Retiree Rep report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mr. President, current NGAUS membership for 2009 stands at 452 active members and 8 active life members for a total of 460 members or **49.8%** of our targeted number of 924 members.

The following is a breakdown by Major Support Command (MSC) showing number of officers in each command and the number of officers with current membership:

<u>MSC</u>	<u># OF OFF</u>	<u># MEMBERS</u>	<u>%</u>
JT2DC	10	6	60%
254 RTI	12	9	75%
JFHQ	163	41	25%
50 BCT	287	94	33%
42 RSG	76	44	58%
57 TC	116	24	21%
108 ARW	147	140	95%
177 FW	99	19	19%

These numbers reflects our worst membership numbers in the history of the Association. I recommend we continue the concerted effort by the National Guard Association of New Jersey elected officers, Executive Council Representatives, Army and Air Chiefs of Staff, Major Support Commanders and Senior New Jersey National Guard officers to achieve or membership goal.

If any Executive Council Representative or unit membership personnel have any questions concerning their respective membership status, please e-mail me at bobkatw@optonline.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Watson

COL (Ret) Robert E. Watson
 Chair
 Membership Committee

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

TO: MAJ JOSE MALDONADO
FROM: RETIREE REP'S
SUBJECT: RETIREE REPORT
DATE: 10/6/09

Mr. President;

Retiree report for 6 Oct 2009,

Two of the three retiree reps positions have expired, one Army and one Air. Rich Rietberger chaired the nomination procedure, Nomination letters were sent to all life retirees asking anyone interested in these positions submit their names. Three names were nominated for Army Rep and one for Air. Ballots were sent out Oct 26th to be returned 15 Oct 09. Results are pending. Retirees were asked to provide e-mail addresses as this is the most efficient way to get information out. Other retire notes; NGAUS held its annual conference in Nashville, TN 10-13 Sept., eight life retirees and their spouses represented the state association.

Respectfully submitted

Retiree Reps

Col (Ret) Frank Caprario LtCol (Ret) John Rosenthal CW5 (Ret) Jack Petrosilli

Attendance Roster

POSITION	RANK	NAME	Present
<u>OFFICERS</u>			
PRESIDENT	Lt Col	RICHARD REITBERGER	Present
1ST VICE PRES.	LTC	WILLIAM PEACE	Present
2ND VICE PRES.	Lt Col	RANDALPH SLAUGHTER	
PAST PRES.	COL	ROBERT WATSON	Present
TREASURER	CPT	MICHELLE BLACHOWSKI	Present
SECRETARY	CPT	JOSE D. MALDONADO	Present
<u>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>			
JFHQ-NJ (A)	LTC	DAN MAHON	
JFHQ-NJ (B)	CW2	JOHN SIMMS	
JTTDC	CPT	PAUL MAGISTRO	Sent rep
254TH RTI, RTSM	CPT	CHRIS DUNN	Present
57TH TROOP CMD Hqs, MP, En	MAJ	JEFFREY EGET	
57TH TROOP CMD Aviation	MAJ	CARMEN TUCKER	
119TH CSB, 253RD TC			
42nd RSG REP - HQ, 444th PAD, FINANCE			
42ND RSG 50TH PSB, AG Dets	CPT	LONELL JENKINS	
42ND RSG 117 CSSB, 508 MP, 154 QM	MAJ	TIM METCALF	
50TH BCT HQ	1LT	ANTHONY SALVANI	
50TH BCT 2-113 IN	CPT	NICHOLAS CALENICOFF	
50TH BCT 1-114TH IN	CPT	RICHARD KARCHER	
50TH BCT 102ND RSTA	CPT	VINCENT TERRI	Present
50TH BCT 112TH FIRES BN	LTC	BRIAN SCULLY	Present
50TH BCT 50TH BSTB	1LT	FRANK BROGNA	
50TH BCT 250TH BSB	CPT	JUAN ABREU	Late arrival
HQ NJANG	CPT	DEVON HANSON	
108th ARW	1Lt	WALTER DRAGON	Present
108th ARW	Maj	JASON MILLER	Present
108th ARW	Capt	APRIL KELLY	Present
108th ARW	Maj	JOSEPH STEWART	Present
177th FW			
177th FW	Maj	EDWARD DAGNEY	
177th FW	Maj	JAMES LAYTON	
SPOUSES			
RETIREES	COL(RET)	FRANK CAPRARIO	
RETIREES	CW5(RET)	JACK PETROSILLI	Present
RETIREES (AIR)	LtCol (RET)	JOHN ROSENTHAL	Present