

# THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

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## NGANJ EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – 5 January 2010

The National Guard Association of New Jersey (NGANJ) held its meeting on 5 January 2010 in the 108<sup>th</sup> 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. Copies of the Agenda, Meeting dates bulletin, Company Grade Flyer and revised scholarship application have been provided for your review and distribution.

- Minutes from previous executive council meeting was e-mailed and a copy is provided here if someone needs to review.
- Requested all look at Executive Council representative roster and annotate any corrections or updates.
- Thanks to the 108<sup>th</sup> for hosting this meeting, specifically Lt Dragon for making the meal arrangements.
- Next meeting host is the 50<sup>th</sup> IBCT and meeting is scheduled to be held at the Lawrenceville Armory. Host is responsible to arrange Meals and Meeting space.
- Any suggested/recommended changes to the by-laws must be in to the president no later than 60 days prior to Annual Business meeting. We are now at that 60 day mark, therefore any changes should be sent to the president now.

Appointments/Resignations – Received notification that CPT Karcher will no longer be a rep for the 50<sup>th</sup> BCT 1-114<sup>th</sup>. CPT Jenkins and MAJ Metcalf are no longer reps for the 42<sup>nd</sup> RSG. Maj Stewart has been assigned to NGB and will no longer represent the 108<sup>th</sup>.

Roll Call - MAJ Maldonado conducted the Roll Call – 14 Executive Council reps were present out of the 27 filled seats. MAJ Maldonado reported to the president that **we had 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.

### Standing committees

Nominating committee – No report required. Lt Col reported that the next president has to be an Army Guard since we had two terms of Air Guard and the by-laws only allow this once. Therefore the next term we must have an Army President, Air 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and an Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice. We are

anticipating openings in the elected officer position for both 1<sup>st</sup> Vice (Air) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice (Army) for the elections being held in 2011. Please canvas your unit members for interested candidates.

Membership – See attached copy of letters provided by COL (Ret) Watson with 2010 dues structure. COL Watson requested that unit representative distribute these letters to unit members. Copy of letter will also be on the web site. COL Watson also distributed unit dues rosters to unit representatives present. Rosters are current however if there are any changes please contact COL Watson. If there are any questions on whether some has paid dues contact COL Watson.

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 for 2010. Legislative committee will be hosting a congressional staffer dinner during the state's staffer visit. Normally we have a close working relationship with the state legislative liaison but we did not have that in 2009. There is a Legislative training workshop being held in March and Lt Col Reitberger plans to attend.

Resolutions – No report provided. Lt Col stated that we are still looking for Army and Air resolution committee members. There has been resolution activity of which a couple came down from NGAUS and we had inquiries from JFHQ Air on a group of resolutions. The resolution committee starts getting active in the Feb March time frame. Anyone interested in the resolutions committee is encouraged to get in contact with us. The resolutions committee is a big part of what this association is all about. If you want to read the current resolutions you can view them in the NGAUS web site broken down by Army, Air and Joint. CPT Tirri volunteered to be the Resolutions Rep for Army.

Publicity & Public Relations – No report provided.

State Conference arrangements – Lt Reitberger announced that we do not want to commit on a State conference until the new Governor appoints a TAG. We have been receiving correspondence from Vendors interested in participating in our State conference.

We will have the business meeting. The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for 24 April 2010 at Timmerman Theater.

Lt Col Reitberger also announced that the NGAUS conference for 2010 will be held in Austin Texas, 20-23 August 2010. We will most likely partner up with Kansas again since it was a success last year. Lt Col Reitberger will be attending the NGEDA conference at the end of January in Austin and will bring back all the information for the NGAUS conference.

Investments – No report provided. Lt Col Reitberger announced that investments are back up after being down for a while. We are currently around \$60,000.

Finance – Lt Col Reitberger mentioned that we have copies of the proposed 2010 Budget for your review. Budget has been developed using last year's expenditures. Last year we had a bus trip to NGAUS and we will try to do it again. This year we will try to come up with some funds to conduct the NGAUS bus trip since it is not currently in the budget. Lt Col Reitberger asked if anyone had any question on the budget. CPT Blachowski made motion to accept this year's budget. Motioned was seconded by LTC Peace. There was no discussion, a vote was taken and motion was carried.

Lt Col Reitberger mentioned that the two major ways this association earns income is dues and the insurance program.

Awards – MAJ Maldonado read e-mail (see attached) on behalf of MAJ McGehee chairman of the Awards committee. Lt Col Reitberger announced that the Awards program has been revised to eliminate the Enlisted/NCO awards from our program due to the fact that it duplicated the Enlisted Association awards. COL Watson stated that the revised awards program is posted on our new web site.

Treasurer Report – CPT Blachowski provided copies of the Association's financial statement, which shows our expenditures for 2009, our assets and liabilities. The insurance program and investment financial report will be updated once new statements are received. If anyone is interested in more information about the report call CPT Blachowski. Lt Col Reitberger requested the Treasurer give the Auditor a no later than date of March 1, 2010 to have audit completed.

### **Special Committees**

Scholarship – (No report provided) – Lt Col Reitberger stated that the scholarship program and application has been revised to state that to be eligible for this benefit you have to be an active paying member of our Association, or a dependent. The number of scholarships is determined by the funds raised during the Golf outing. Lt Col Reitberger made a motion to accept the mentioned changes to the Scholarship program. Motioned was seconded by COL Watson. There was no discussion and motion was carried. Revised Scholarship program will be posted on the web site.

Constitution – COL Watson reported that he has been asked to be the Chairman of the Constitution committee. We are looking to make a few changes to be proposed at the annual meeting. Based on the constitution and by-laws any changes proposed must be in to the president 60 days prior to the annual business meeting and we must get the changes out to the membership at least 30 days prior to the annual business meeting. We will notify the membership to go to our website and see the proposed changes. To date, we are looking to modify some of the wording on the insurance program and also proposing to eliminate the Spouse group from the executive council. If there is any other suggested changes please get it in to the president. Proposed changes can be sent to [nganj@aol.com](mailto:nganj@aol.com) .

Corporate Membership – Lt Col Reitberger reported that we are getting interest from companies to become sponsors and we hope to develop this program in the future. We have already received sponsorship from a few companies.

Insurance – Lt Col Reitberger reported that we are working to increase our insurance program and we will be meeting with the TAG to assist us in that because the insurance program is actually the TAGs program. This program provides a great benefit to our soldiers and airmen as it augment the SGLI.

Ways and Means – Lt Col Reitberger reported we do not currently have a ways and means committee but that goes right along with the Yearbook/Ad book.

Yearbook/Ad Book – Lt Col Reitberger stated that we need to kick this off in order to have the yearbook ready to be provided at the Annual business meeting. Therefore we are looking for volunteers to join this committee and work on our annual yearbook.

Golf tournament – Mr. Petrosilli reported that as it stands right now we are looking for a chairman to take over the golf tournament. Mr. Petrosilli and previous chairmen would assist in providing guidance. If we are looking at having the tournament in June we need have a place locked in by end of March early April. We have been averaging 100+ players. Last year 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. Lt Col Reitberger will be requesting volunteers at the Company Grade Mixer being held on 13 Feb.

Service Awards – COL (Ret) Watson reported that to date we have presented 44 and will be presenting 8 service awards at this year's annual business meeting. COL Watson stated that the Award is provided to Executive Council Reps and Committee Chairs that provide 3 consecutive years of service to the Association.

Long Range Planning - Lt Col Reitberger stated that Lt Col (Ret) Rosenthal has volunteered to chair this committee. This is a 5 year plan that will be reviewed annually.

**Group Reps:**

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

Old Business – MAJ Maldonado requested that all Executive Council members survey unit members to see if there is anyone interested in assisting the membership by participating on any of the committees.

New Business – MAJ Maldonado made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from executive council meeting held 1 Oct 09. Motion was seconded by CPT Blachowski, there was no discussion and motion was carried.

Lt Col Reitberger asked 1Lt Dragon to provide a summary of the Company Grade Mixer committee meeting he attended. 1Lt Dragon stated that the committee needed stamps to mail out the flyers. Lt Col Reitberger said we have the stamps he will provide to Lt Dragon tonight. Lt Dragon also stated the committee is asking if the association will cover the cost of the roses in the amount of \$230, to be provided at the mixer. Lt Col Reitberger stated that he will see about getting someone to sponsor it since the budget for the mixer is very limited.

Closing – Executive council representative should be providing the information from these meetings to your commanders and unit members. Lt Col Reitberger stated that he has advised commanders to contact you, the unit executive council representative to get information on the association and meetings.

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

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

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

Enclosures:

Attendance roster  
Membership report  
Retiree Rep report

Attendance Roster

		27 Seats filled	14 present
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b><u>OFFICERS</u></b>			
PRESIDENT	Lt Col	<b>RICHARD REITBERGER</b>	<b>Present</b>
1ST VICE PRES.	LTC	<b>WILLIAM PEACE</b>	<b>Present</b>
2ND VICE PRES.	Lt Col	<b>RANDALPH SLAUGHTER</b>	<b>Present</b>
PAST PRES.	COL	<b>ROBERT WATSON</b>	<b>Present</b>
TREASURER	CPT	<b>MICHELLE BLACHOWSKI</b>	<b>Present</b>
SECRETARY	CPT	<b>JOSE D. MALDONADO</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b><u>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS</u></b>			
JFHQ-NJ (A)	LTC	<b>DAN MAHON</b>	
JFHQ-NJ (B)	CW2	<b>JOHN SIMMS</b>	<b>Present</b>
JTTDC	CPT	<b>PAUL MAGISTRO</b>	<b>Present</b>
254TH RTI, RTSM	CPT	<b>CHRIS DUNN</b>	<b>Present</b>
57TH TROOP CMD Hqs, MP, En	MAJ	<b>JEFFREY EGET</b>	
57TH TROOP CMD Aviation	MAJ	<b>CARMEN TUCKER</b>	
119TH CSB, 253RD TC		<b>vacant</b>	
42nd RSG REP - HQ, 444th PAD, FINANCE		<b>Vacant</b>	
42ND RSG 50TH PSB, AG Dets		<b>Vacant</b>	
42ND RSG 117 CSSB, 508 MP, 154 QM		<b>Vacant</b>	
50TH BCT HQ	1LT	<b>ANTHONY SALVANI</b>	
50TH BCT 2-113 IN	CPT	<b>NICHOLAS CALENICOFF</b>	
50TH BCT 1-114TH IN		<b>Vacant</b>	
50TH BCT 102ND RSTA	CPT	<b>VINCENT TERRI</b>	<b>Present</b>
50TH BCT 112TH FIRES BN	LTC	<b>BRIAN SCULLY</b>	<b>Present</b>
50TH BCT 50TH BSTB	1LT	<b>FRANK BROGNA</b>	
50TH BCT 250TH BSB	CPT	<b>JUAN ABREU</b>	
HQ NJANG	CPT	<b>DEVON HANSON</b>	<b>Present</b>
108th ARW	1Lt	<b>WALTER DRAGON</b>	<b>Present</b>
108th ARW	Maj	<b>JASON MILLER</b>	
108th ARW	Capt	<b>APRIL KELLY</b>	
108th ARW		<b>Vacant</b>	
177th FW		<b>Vacant</b>	
177th FW	Maj	<b>EDWARD DAGNEY</b>	
177th FW	Maj	<b>JAMES LAYTON</b>	
SPOUSES		<b>Vacant</b>	
RETIREES	COL(RET)	<b>FRANK CAPRARIO</b>	
RETIREES	CW5(RET)	<b>JACK PETROSILLI</b>	<b>Present</b>
RETIREES (AIR)	LtCol (RET)	<b>JOHN ROSENTHAL</b>	

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3 January 2010

The National Guard Association of New Jersey (NGANJ) supports the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) in providing states and our members in a unified representation before Congress. The NGAUS legislative department is the lobbying branch of the association. It seeks modern equipment, training, missions and personnel benefits for the Army and Air National Guard by lobbying Congress and the Executive Branch.

We need your help in ensuring New Jersey's voice is heard. We need you to remain an active member of the NGANJ and NGAUS by paying your 2010 dues. State membership symbolizes the mandate for NGAUS to represent all of the National Guard officers and warrant officers. Maintaining a 100% membership sends a loud message to Washington.

Did you know that NGAUS Insurance Trust provides every dues paying member under the age of 80 with a no-cost \$1,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy? All you need to do to receive is be an active dues paying member. As an active member, you are eligible for NGANJ awards and scholarships.

Please take the time and reference the chart below that shows the dues for your appropriate rank.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>NGANJ</u>	<u>NGAUS</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>NGANJ</u>	<u>NGAUS</u>
O-8	\$64.00	\$139.00	CW-5	\$37.00	\$73.00
O-7	\$57.00	\$123.00	CW-4	\$30.00	\$59.00
O-6	\$50.00	\$108.00	CW-3	\$23.00	\$46.00
O-5	\$40.00	\$ 85.00	CW-2	\$17.00	\$35.00
O-4	\$34.00	\$ 72.00	WO-1	\$13.00	\$26.00
O-3	\$28.00	\$ 59.00			
O-2	\$21.00	\$ 45.00			
O-1	\$14.00	\$ 30.00			

We ask that you send two checks in the appropriate amounts; one for NGANJ and the other for NGAUS. Please mail them to: COL (Ret) Bob Watson, 6 Ford Drive, Hamilton Sq, NJ, 08690. With your support, we will continue to ensure our Army and Air officers receive the equipment, training, personnel and benefits they deserve. If you have any questions, please e-mail them to the address listed above. Thank you!

COL (Ret) Robert E. Watson  
Membership Chair  
National Guard Association of New Jersey

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5 January 2010

**TO:** National Guard Association of the United States

**SUBJECT:** 2010 Membership Year Data Call (New Jersey)

1. The following is the officers breakdown for membership year 2010 for the National Guard Association of New Jersey (NGANJ):

<u>RANK STRUCTURE</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>AIR</u>
MG	1	0
BG	2	2
COL	18	13
LTC/Lt Col	60	79
MAJ/Major	95	53
CPT/Captain	159	72
1LT	145	12
2LT	81	23
CW5	6	-
CW4	22	-
CW3	14	-
CW2	40	-
WO1	<u>18</u>	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>254</b>

Total strength for 100% membership = 915

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert E. Watson*

COL (Ret) Robert E. Watson  
Chair  
Membership Committee

## **Maldonado, Jose D MAJ MIL NG NJARNG**

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**From:** McGehee, Robert O MAJ NGNJ  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 05, 2010 8:34 AM  
**To:** Maldonado, Jose D MAJ NGNJ  
**Subject:** FW: NJ National Guard Association Awards nomination requests for 2009 (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Attachments:** Awards Bulletin 2009.doc; NGANJ - Awards Program.doc  
**Signed By:** ROBERT.MCGEHEE@US.ARMY.MIL

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

Jose,

Can you please pass this along at the meeting tonight. I didn't know we were having one and I won't be able to attend, but here is my report:

I sent the attached email to all the Full time support supervisors of each Army MSC and MAJ Yvonne Mays for the air side. The email is reminder that awards nominations and the names of board members are due to me NLT 15 January 2010. The original notice went out in Oct so I just wanted to remind them as many units are drilling this weekend. The awards board will be held on 6 March 2010 at the JT2DC.

Hopefully we will get some good nominations as a result of the deployments, etc. Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns. Thanks.

Also: Can you give me LTC Rietberger's email? I seemed to have misplaced it. Thanks.

MAJ Robert McGehee  
Internal Review Auditor  
USPFO-IR  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** McGehee, Robert O MAJ NGNJ  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 11:11 AM  
**To:** Majury, David B LTC NGNJ; Scully, Brian K LTC NGNJ; Dreher, Daniel J LTC NGNJ; Langston, John E LTC NGNJ; PETERSKI, Mark A LTC NGNJ; Kripinski, Thomas P MAJ NGNJ; Tucker, Carmen M MAJ NGNJ; Richter, Patricia A MAJ NGNJ; Mays, Yvonne Maj NJDMAVA; Richardson, Robert J CW5 NGNJ  
**Cc:** Ferrari, Steven COL NGNJ; Switlik, Roch, COL; Schechter, Kenneth S COL NGNJ; Gagnon, Gerard R LTC NGNJ; Alvarado, Walter L COL NGNJ; Thomas, Loretta S COL NGNJ; Perron, Christopher L LTC NGNJ; Jenkins, Jerome CSM NGNJ; Brennan, Joseph K. CSM NGNJ; Marshall, James H CSM NJ-ARNG; Maskery, Timothy P CSM NGNJ; Marvian, Timothy D CSM NGNJ; Kenna, David P CSM NGNJ  
**Subject:** FW: NJ National Guard Association Awards nomination requests for 2009 (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is just a reminder email that your selections for Board Members and Award Nominees for the 2009 NJ National Guard Association Awards are due NLT 15 Jan 2010. The original request and attachments are included. Please forward to your subordinate units as appropriate and let me know if there are any questions. Thanks for your support.

MAJ Robert McGehee  
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-----Original Message-----

From: McGehee, Robert O MAJ NGNJ  
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 11:06 AM  
To: Majury, David B LTC NGNJ; Scully, Brian K LTC NGNJ; Dreher, Daniel J LTC NGNJ; Langston, John E LTC NGNJ; Piferski, Mark A LTC NGNJ; Kripinski, Thomas P MAJ NGNJ; Tucker, Carmen M MAJ NGNJ; Richter, Patricia A MAJ NGNJ; Mays, Yvonne Maj NJDMAVA; Richardson, Robert J CW5 NGNJ  
Cc: Devery, Dennis W COL NGNJ; Switlik, Roch, COL; Ferrari, Steven COL NGNJ; Gagnon, Gerard R LTC NGNJ; Alvarado, Walter L COL NGNJ; Thomas, Loretta S COL NGNJ; Mahon, Daniel T LTC NGNJ; Perron, Christopher L LTC NGNJ; Jenkins, Jerome CSM NGNJ; Brennan, Joseph K. CSM NGNJ; Kenna, David P CSM (AKONJ); Marshall, James H CSM NJ-ARNG; Maskery, Timothy P CSM NGNJ; Marvian, Timothy D CSM NGNJ  
Subject: NJ National Guard Association Awards nomination requests for 2009 (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The New Jersey National Guard Association is nominees from each NJ MSC for the following awards for 2009:

Outstanding Company Grade Officer (Army and Air) Outstanding Airman (Army and Air) MG Francis Gerard Trophy (Army and Air) Outstanding Army Senior Warrant Officer Award (Non Aviation-Army only) LT Thomas E. Williams Leadership Award

We are also requesting commissioned officers, Non Commissioned Officers, and Warrant Officers to serve as board members for each award board.

Requesting nominees names of board members NLT 15 Jan 2010.  
Awards board will be held Saturday, 6 March 2010 at the JT2DC

The attached bulletin and program gives details on each award and procedures for submission.

Please forward to your subordinate units and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your support of the National Guard Awards program.

MAJ Robert McGehee

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION  
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Retiree report January 5<sup>th</sup> 2010

Mr. President; Executive council members.

As reported at the October meeting an election was held to elect an Army and Air retiree representative, the election was conducted by Lt Col Ritenberger.

Three Army retirees were nominated and one Air retiree.

The army nominees were Col (Ret) Carinale, LTC (Ret) Bucco and Cw5 (Ret) Petrosilli. The Air nominee was Lt Col (Ret) Rosenthal.

Lt Col Rosenthal Air and Cw5 Petrosilli Army were elected to 3 year terms.

This year Col (Ret) Frank Caprario, Army retiree rep, term will end in March. A nomination and election should be conducted in the next two months.

Respectfully Submitted

Retiree Representatives