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Greetings From The President...

Greetings from hot and humid Nebraska. We have had a very unusual summer this year, above average rainfall, and cooler temps than normal. Then comes August and our rainfall has stopped, and our temps have been above normal almost every day. The only good thing is we have not had many terrible storms. The crops in the fields look pretty good across the state. I hope that you all are safe and enjoying your families during this year.



Your Association is in good hands. The current Board of Directors are fully engaged and working to accomplish all the goals that were set forward at last year's membership meeting. The scholarship program has been completed on schedule. The winners have been notified and the checks are being sent to the winners to assist them with their college expenses. Thank you to the Vice President for accomplishing this process.

The membership meeting planning is mostly completed, and we are finalizing all the details. Your Parliamentarian has been working on this process. Our Ways and Means director has completed the handmade quilt and the drawing tickets are for sale. Our TEC director is in contact with the Commandant and Commander at the TEC. The Treasurer is busy working on the budget for next year and preparing the summary for this past year. Our Membership director continues to do an outstanding job with renewals and new memberships and our membership database is current and correct. Not only is the Graduate director publishing this issue, but she provides us with the Zoom connection for each meeting and is updating our website. Lastly the Secretary provides the board with a meeting agenda every month. She records the meeting minutes and sends them out to the board for approval at the next meeting. Lastly, she updates our website and Facebook page with all the minutes and upcoming activities. It is a team effort entirely and I just keep them all encouraged and supported however I can.

Our General Membership Meeting 53 is on schedule for October 7th starting at 1000 hours. The Board selected Lincoln, Nebraska as the site to accomplish this meeting. Our attorney's office is located near

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downtown, and they have graciously allowed us to use their conference room for the meeting. There is no conference fee for this year. Chapter 76 will be taking care of the noon meal and the hospitality room. Our host hotel is the Cornhusker Marriot located in downtown Lincoln. They have given us a great room rate of \$98 per night plus tax. Everyone should have gotten the postcard that was mailed out early in August reminding everyone that we will be voting on the changes to our Article of Incorporation and Bylaws during this meeting. Those proposed changes were read at last year's meeting, and this will be the second and final reading. If you cannot attend in person, we will have the Zoom up so that you can participate via Zoom.

We will also be selecting the topics for next year's scholarship program. If you have any ideas, and would like them considered, please send them to our secretary or to me. Lastly, we will be conducting the election of officers. The positions that are to be elected are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership director. If you are interested in any of these positions, you can send your nomination to Lang Anderson on AGH form 6-13. His email address is langanderson1@gmail.com.

Our Association needs involvement at the chapter level. There are a few of you that are still busy in your units, and we thank you for your efforts. If I can provide any guidance to you feel free to contact me. You can call or text me at 402-875-1205. If you call and I don't answer leave me a message and I will get back to you. Or you can email me at twins68521@yahoo.com. It is my pleasure to serve you.

Doug Schulz, CMSgt (Ret)
President, NCOAGA Chapter 1
twins68521@yahoo.com

From the 1st Vice.....

Greetings to all. As the 1st Vice President I am in charge of the Scholarship committee. Scholarships are a vital part of our organization and our commitment to furthering the education of young people and members of the NCAGA.

In this issue of The Graduate you will find the winning essays for this year's Scholarships. Thanks to all that took the time to write an essay and send in their applications for the scholarships. Congratulations to the winners. We, the Board of Directors, are looking for suggestions for topics for next year. If you have any suggestions please let me know. You can find my contact information below, in the Graduate, or on our website www.NCOAGA.com

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From the Parliamentarian...

It was forty-two years ago that I walked across the stage at Patriot Hall, McGhee Tyson -- an ANG NCO Academy Graduate at last. It was a proud moment in my military career, and it took some persistence to get there. I had submitted five different applications over three years and each time was told the Academy had no open slot for me.

Then, one sunny Lincoln afternoon as I was sitting on the wing of my aircraft, a messenger from the Base Education Office came running through the hangar and breathlessly asked if I could be in Knoxville in 48 hours. I said “yes!” and before I knew it, had packed my bags, boarded a plane in Lincoln, and was winging my way to Tennessee.

I enjoyed the learning and the challenges, especially with CMS Ed Cherry serving as my Flight Faculty Advisor. Chief Cherry held a PhD in Education from the University of Tennessee and held strong views different from my own. He engaged me in debating a variety of topics, and I happily sparred with him, sometimes for hours on end.

After graduation, even before I boarded the plane home, I realized the Academy experience left its mark on me in two important ways: One, I had fallen in love with the beautiful Smokey Mountains of East Tennessee. Two, I was going to miss the friendships and spirited discussions of the Academy.

So, I couldn’t wait to start attending the national seminars, to reconnect with my classmates and to resume my discussions with Chief Cherry. My very first experience was Seminar 13 in Springfield, IL, and I was hooked.

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the founding of the ANG NCO Academy, first at Hamilton AFB, CA, eventually relocated to McGhee Tyson, TN. The Academy has touched and improved thousands of students and, by extension, the lives of the thousands they have touched in their respective careers. Our Association was formed to perpetuate the values and traditions we learned there.

The General Membership Meeting is fast approaching. We hope to see you here in Lincoln, NE, from 6 through 8 October - but we are also offering Zoom access this year for those members who want to participate remotely. We will discuss important issues and we want and appreciate your input.

See the NCOAGA Facebook page and website for all the details, start times, lodging, Zoom access, etc.

As your National Parliamentarian, I look forward to seeing your smiling faces in October.

Lang W. Anderson, III, SMSgt (Ret)
Parliamentarian NCOAGA, Chapter 1

From the TEC Liaison...

Greetings:

The TEC provides additional training and opportunities for our great ANG, AF and AFRC. I suggest you log on to the website to view educational articles, course descriptions and other pertinent information. (<https://www.angtec.ang.mil>)

Construction continues at the TEC and we are working with the Heritage Committee, 134th CE and TEC to ensure the brick placements are presentable and at an appropriate location on campus. More information will be following in other Graduate Newsletters. I will include photos of campus construction when completed and outlined the changes made on all buildings. Stay tuned!

BRUCE D. DAMROW, CMSgt (Ret)
Liaison to TEC, NCOAGA Chapter 1

From the DAL Ways & Means...

Be Square

We currently have \$12,550 Be Square Pledges up for adoption. If any individual or Chapter would like to adopt-a-state please go to the NCOAGA website under the donation tab, then the Be Square tab and you will find the adoption form to fill out. Please either email or send to me via snail mail. You can use the PayPal link for payment or send a check to my address on the form. When using the PayPal link please use the comment section to state the intention of the Be Square donation. The states of the adoptees are HI, IA, TN (3), IL (2), SC, AR, OH, MD, UT, MI, and Puerto Rico.

Fundraising

For the GMM53 meeting I will have a quilt made for the raffle. Contact me or any board member for tickets. \$1 each or six for \$5.

We also are planning another silent auction; details are on the NCOAGA Facebook and website. All proceeds will go to our scholarship fund.

Sue Turner, CMSgt (Ret)

DAL Ways and Means, NCOAGA Chapter 1

2023 – 2024 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership**



Officer positions are one-year terms. Interested NCOAGA members in good standing (paid dues) must submit an Association Guidance Handbook (AGH) Form 6-13, Nominating Form, to Director at Large (DAL), Parliamentarian, SMSgt (Ret) Lang Anderson at langanderson1@gmail.com or in person at GMM53, 7 October 2023, Lincoln, NE. If you have any questions, please direct them to the DAL Parliamentarian. AGH Form 6-13 can be located at [The Association Guidance handbook \(ncoaga.com\)](http://ncoaga.com)

What is America's Biggest Threat, Russia, or China? Why?

America's biggest threat is China. The 2022 National Defense Strategy identifies both China and Russia as threats to our National Security for different reasons. China to undermine our alliances and security partnerships in that region and Russia's record of aggression. China surpasses Russia as America's biggest threat due to population, technology, and military prowess.

Russia is weak from their war with Ukraine. I think the world expected Russia to attack Ukraine and the conflict to be an easy win for them. This has been far from the case. Ukraine has held their own against Russia. National news estimates Russia has lost around 100,000 men to the conflict. Meanwhile, a simple Google search ranks China number 1 in military strength with about 4 million. As a comparison, the US military strength is about 2.1 million and Russian numbers are around 3.5 million which was estimated before the losses in the conflict. While military strength isn't enough to provide a good assessment, there is something to be said about military experience, raw numbers of people who can fight and superpower status in the world. China's goal is to be the only superpower and is reaching towards that goal in totality which technology is a big factor.

China has spent about 66 billion dollars in research and development in recent years. They are working on new aircraft carriers, 5th and 6th generation fighters (which rely heavily on technology) and they work with private technology firms. They are wiggling their way into American culture by tracking our social media usage via TikTok which will help them to control software and public narratives. We will likely never see conventional warfare such as what we experienced in the Great Wars, Vietnam, Korea or Desert Storm, Afghanistan anymore. Wars will be fought through artificial intelligence, attacking power grids, shutting down the vital networks we rely on to survive. China's continued increase in technological advances will place themselves in a position to be leaps and bounds above the world if we are not careful and do not keep up with their continued progression in these areas. China's military progress is also cause for concern.

As mentioned, they are utilizing their research and development teams for new equipment and technologies. They are looking at Taiwan for a strategic advantage. While they annoyed Europe with the Ukraine War, they are perfectly content with pushing the envelope. China may be in decline as they are the biggest importer of food and things needed to grow food. They are looking for a way to ease their burdens. Through the Ukraine war, Russia was proven they are incompetent in military strategies. Their complete supply system broke down very early in their conflict rendering them hopeless. Meanwhile China is learning from this and testing the limits on advanced weapons systems and response times.

Secretary of Defense, Lloyd Austin in a press brief said, "China has the intent and power to do it." While this differs from what Geopolitician Perter Zeihan feels (Podcast interview with Jack Carr). I feel China's motivation to survive and absolute goal to be the world's only superpower is enough. China does have its downfalls. President Xi Jinping is the sole power in the country. There are no advisors to question his tactics or challenge his thinking which makes the country weaker, they still have strong research and development going on. China is proud of their genocides which alienates the world; however, their population appears to be loyal. Maybe it's loyalty out of fear, but they still have the raw numbers to overwhelm other militaries. China also has depressed birth rates despite the repeal of the One Child Policy. Russia and the United States also have depressed birth rates. While Russia is a bit upside down (an older population vs a balance of young and old) the United States appears to be more balanced. Russia can't sustain a long conflict. They are barely surviving the Ukraine conflict. While this conflict is still Russia's to "win", regardless of the outcome, it's bound to leave them weak and the time it takes them to rebuild far outweighs them being a bigger threat over China.

Should the United States be complacent, China will use their technological advances and sheer strength in numbers to infiltrate the American way of life and next thing we know our technology will be compromised and we will be in a position where we can't defend ourselves. Good thing we have super smart think tanks and senior leaders at the highest levels who are aware of our vulnerability and can mitigate anything China can throw at us.

I believe that China poses a bigger threat to the United States and its citizen's security than Russia. Russia has a history of undermining American elections and has a stronger military, but that military has been exposed heavily throughout the war with Ukraine, and we now know how to combat some of Russia's deviousness. When it comes to China, there are many other reasons why they are threats to the United States. There are several recent accounts of espionage in China. Their economy is also the second biggest in the world, just behind America, with China being where a lot of products sold in the United States come from.

China poses a threat to the individual citizens of the United States with their espionage. For about a week from late January-early February, a Chinese spy balloon flew across the entire span of the United States collecting data. The United States government did not shoot down the balloon due to the threat of it falling on citizens. This scared the citizens of the United States because of the threat of information being stolen and falling into the hands of the Chinese Government, which has a history of data stealing. Over the past few years, news of the Chinese company TikTok stealing people's information from all over the world has been verified, and combined with the "surveillance balloon" flying over the United States, many American citizens reignited concerns about their data security. People are scared their information will get stolen by a country with a deep history of espionage and stealing information. A few states have joined multiple universities across the country that have started to ban the use of TikTok on their WIFI because of the security threat it poses. These states and universities are taking active steps to try and protect their users' data. I hope the government takes additional steps to protect Americans from what the Chinese government might try to do with open access to American citizens' data.

China also has the economic power and leverage to completely undermine our entire country's supply chain. So much of what we stock on our shelves come from China that they could simply just not sell any goods to us, and our entire country would have to find other means for food and products. We saw some of this during COVID when many store shelves were empty, and many electronic devices were unavailable due to not being produced in China or shipped from China as quickly as we needed them. In the last decade, China's economy has more than doubled to make up almost a fifth of the global GDP. While Russia has a GDP similar to that of Italy, China's economy is vastly growing and might soon overtake the United States for the top spot in the world. That is something that I think poses more of a threat to the United States than the military of Russia which gets so much praise yet has struggled mightily to take down Ukraine.

The United States has the military to confidently take on any country in the world, so while a rogue leader with nukes might be scary, in my opinion, an economy that has the power to undermine the United States and overtake them for the top spot scares me more. I definitely believe that China poses a higher threat to the United States than Russia does.

Resources:

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/14/economy/china-party-congress-economy-trouble-xi-intl-hnk>

Dear NCOAGA Chairman of the Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for considering me for the Bennie Frick Scholarship. Three years from now my goal is to have graduated from the University of Alabama with a major in news media with a concentration in sports media, and a double minor in both sports management and digital, public, and professional writing. I plan to use the experience I've gained and the connections I have made at the University of Alabama (UA) to pursue a career in journalism. It doesn't matter where I start because I have seen local Charlotte sports reporters work their way up to the ACC Network and then onto ESPN. If I use what Alabama teaches me, then I do not doubt that I can accomplish my goals.

One of the recent opportunities that UA has to offer that I have taken advantage of is the start-up of the eighth student chapter nationwide of the National Sports Media Association (NSMA). The NSMA holds an awards banquet and convergence summit each year specifically for college students. During the summit, various professionals give workshops and present on topics to help college students learn more about the field of sports media. The awards banquets allow all members to get together and celebrate as well as network with each other. I will be attending the summit and banquet this summer to get connected with and meet various professionals in the sports media industry that will hopefully help my career in the long run. Next school year I plan on applying for the school newspaper, *The Crimson White*, as either a sportswriter or photographer. They also have a program more focused on the behind-the-scenes of sports production at UA, called Crimson Tide Productions, and a sports radio network in the area called Tide 100.9. I plan on applying to one of, if not both, those programs next year as well.

The University of Alabama cost calculator for the 2023-24 school year is just over \$53,000 for out of state students. In addition, my twin sister will be attending Clemson University next year. My stepsister, who is a rising senior in high school, will be applying to colleges next year and finding out how much that will cost her and my family. It means a lot to me that I could earn the Bennie Frick scholarship because of how expensive the University of Alabama's out-of-state rates are, and how helpful it will be to my family who are already helping to pay for 2 children in college, with a 3rd one next year.

This summer I am working 30 hours + each week at Walmart to save money for college. My goal is to continue focusing on my studies while in school without having to feel the pressure to work. My GPA for the year is 3.96. I made the Dean's list in the fall and the President's list in the Spring with a 4.0 GP for that semester. Earning this scholarship would help me towards my goal of continuing to focus on academics by not having to worry about the need to work. Earning this scholarship so I don't have to work during the academic year would also give me the time to participate in the extracurricular activities I am a part of and to pursue internships, trips, or other activities that relate to my future career. I believe these extra opportunities would help me learn more about my field and gain valuable experiences, which will make me a better employee in the future.

I appreciate that you awarded me this scholarship last year, and I would be honored to earn it again this year.

What is America's Biggest Threat: Russia Or China?

Assessing the bigger threat to the United States between Russia and China is a complex and subjective matter. Both countries pose significant challenges, but the nature of their threats differs in several ways. The perception of which country poses a bigger threat can vary based on one's perspective and interests. Some argue that China's economic power and technological advancements could lead to long-term challenges, such as economic competition and potential military conflict. Others believe Russia's aggressive actions and nuclear capabilities make it a more immediate and direct threat. It's important to note that geopolitical dynamics can evolve over time, and new developments can impact the relative threat levels.

It's important to note that U.S. foreign policy considers both Russia and China as strategic competitors, and the U.S. seeks to address their respective challenges through diplomacy, economic measures, military deterrence, and alliances with other countries. Determining which threat is bigger is subjective and depends on various factors, including the context, specific U.S. interests, and policy priorities. It is crucial for the United States to address both challenges and employ a nuanced approach, while also seeking opportunities for cooperation where interests align.

China presents a different set of challenges due to its economic, military, and technological capabilities. China is the world's most populous country and the second-largest economy, rapidly expanding its military, including the development of advanced weaponry and expanding its naval capabilities. China's advancements in technology, such as artificial intelligence and cyber capabilities, raise concerns about intellectual property theft and cyber espionage. China's other advancements in emerging technologies like 5G networks and quantum computing could challenge the United States' technological leadership and have potential implications for national security. Additionally, its human rights record and lack of transparency in areas like trade practices have attracted attention. China's human rights record, including its treatment of Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang and crackdowns on pro-democracy movements in Hong Kong, has drawn international criticism and affected its relations with the United States.

Russia remains a formidable challenge to the United States in several areas. Russia is a nuclear-armed nation and a major geopolitical player. Russia possesses a significant nuclear arsenal, making it one of the few countries capable of causing catastrophic damage. It also possesses a significant military capability. Russia has demonstrated sophisticated cyber capabilities and has been accused of state-sponsored cyberattacks, including interference in foreign elections and infrastructure hacking. Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and its ongoing involvement in the conflict in Ukraine have raised concerns about its intentions in the region. Russia has been accused of conducting disinformation campaigns to sow division and undermine democratic processes in the United States and other Western countries. However, Russia's economy faces challenges, and its global influence may be limited compared to China.

Russia's and China's political interests differ in several key aspects, reflecting their distinct historical, geopolitical, and ideological contexts. It's important to note that while these differences exist, Russia and China also share certain commonalities in their political interests, such as their emphasis on national sovereignty, opposition to Western hegemony, and pursuit of their respective national security priorities.

Both Russia and China are guided by the principles of socialism. Russia's political interests are influenced by its historical legacy as a successor state to the Soviet Union. It often promotes a conservative approach to governance, emphasizing traditional values and state sovereignty. China's political interests blend Marxist-Leninist ideology with market-oriented economic reforms. The Chinese Communist Party maintains a dominant role in the country's political system and seeks to maintain social stability and economic growth.

Russia often challenges the existing international order, viewing it as dominated by Western powers and seeking to assert its own influence. It frequently opposes Western interventions and supports non-interventionist principles in international affairs. China seeks to reform and adjust global governance institutions to accommodate its interests and perspectives, while promoting a multipolar world order and the principle of non-interference.

Russia's political interests often revolve around its regional influence and maintaining a sphere of influence in its neighboring countries. It seeks to safeguard its borders, maintain stability in its periphery, and assert itself as a major player in global affairs. Russia also often forms alliances and partnerships with countries that share its geopolitical concerns or oppose perceived Western dominance. It has developed close ties with countries like Belarus, Syria, and Iran, and maintains strategic partnerships with some emerging powers. Whereas, China's political interests are more global in nature. While it also seeks to protect its territorial integrity, its primary focus is on expanding its influence beyond its immediate neighborhood. China is actively involved in shaping the international order, establishing economic ties, and pursuing strategic partnerships worldwide. China pursues partnerships and alliances based on its economic and strategic interests. It seeks to enhance cooperation with countries that can contribute to its economic development and provide access to resources and markets. China has established the Belt and Road Initiative to promote connectivity and economic integration with partner countries.

Russia's economic interests are closely tied to its energy resources and export-dependent economy. It seeks to protect its energy markets, secure favorable trade agreements, and diversify its economy away from dependence on oil and gas. China's political interests are centered around its economic development and the pursuit of economic prosperity. It focuses on expanding its market access, securing resources and supply chains, and fostering innovation and technological advancement.

In conclusion, while both China and Russia pose significant challenges to the United States, it is important to assess which country presents the greater threat. As the global landscape continues to evolve, it is important for policymakers, diplomats, and analysts to remain vigilant in monitoring both China and Russia, as well as other emerging threats, in order to devise comprehensive strategies that address the complexities of the 21st-century geopolitical landscape. By acknowledging the nuances and interconnections of these challenges, the United States can adapt and respond effectively to safeguard its national security and promote a stable world.

What is America's Biggest Threat: Russia or China?

America's biggest threat is Russia. The reason that I feel Russia is our biggest threat is based on current aggressive military activity, their threat of cyber-attacks, and nuclear arms. In addition to their willingness to challenge National order. Assessing Russia's current military activity in comparison to China, Russia is actively using their power to attack a neighboring country to strip them of their power and take over their territory. China may have a large military presence, but they are not currently using military force. Russia has shown aggressive behavior in their move into Ukraine and threats against other countries who come to the aid of Ukraine. Based on Russia's threats followed by their action and behavior there is an ongoing concern for the security of the neighboring countries as well as those that try to provide support to Ukraine. Russia is using their military power in combination with aggressive action to show dominance, create fear, and increase power. It is evident that they are willing and ready to attack another country that they perceive as a threat.

NATO is a group that defends other countries, this means that if Russia starts attacking any other country, for instance Poland or Finland as they are right next to Russia, this will cause NATO and the US to come to the defense of these countries and pull the US into a war with Russia. Russia's leader, Putin, does not operate by the rules of international order. For instance, in 2014 Vladimir Putin said that he wanted to create a new world order that is "more friendly to Russian interests". As a result, he increased and modernized the Russian military to be able to support his ideals.

Russia also poses threats that are or could be directed at the US like cyber-attacks that attack our political system. Russian cyber-attacks are aimed to spread misinformation in a continual attempt to affect the US democratic system. For example, the US Senate select committee on intelligence determined that Russia had interfered with the 2016 presidential election by manipulating the voting machines and the processing of the polls. They hacked voting machine companies, and slowed disinformation and discord through social media channels. In 2017 American Civilian Agencies were told to remove Kaspersky Lab anti-virus software from networks because of concern that Russian intelligence agencies could use it to spy on the US government. In addition, they had sanctions put in place to interfere with the 2020 presidential election. That same year there was also an incident where the US government suffered multiple data breaches due to Russia hacking of Solar Winds software. It has also been revealed that hackers working for the Russian foreign intelligence service were exploiting 5 vulnerabilities to attack US companies and the defense-industrial base.

Another threat to the US is caused by Russia Nuclear arms since Russia possesses 45% of the international nuclear stockpile and the delivery systems that would allow it to target US soil. They are also developing 2 new nuclear capabilities, 1 being a hypersonic glide missile making it harder to detect, and a nuclear armed undersea torpedo, as well as growing its stockpile of tactical nuclear weapons. There is also a US Nuclear Posture Review that says "Russia considers the US and NATO to be principal threats to its contemporary geopolitical ambitions. Russian Strategy and doctrine emphasize the potential coercive and military uses of nuclear weapons." This shows that a nuclear strike from Russia however unlikely cannot be ruled out.

In conclusion, I feel past actions by Russia, in addition to their leader, aggressive military, continued threats for cyber-attacks and the risk for nuclear war makes Russia our primary threat.

A CHONOLOGICAL LISTING OF THE ANG AGA PRESIDENTS

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MSgt George S. Bones
October 1968 - July 1970

Illinois ANG

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MSgt John T. Van Roo
July 1970 - July 1971

Wisconsin ANG

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CMSgt Donald B. Carrick
July 1971 - September 1972

North Carolina ANG

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Hawaii ANG

CMSgt Harry Awana, Jr
September 1972 – August 1975

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Connecticut ANG

CMSgt James M. Gracie
August 1975 – July 1979

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Oregon ANG

CMSgt Eugene M. Bouton
July 1979 – July 1980

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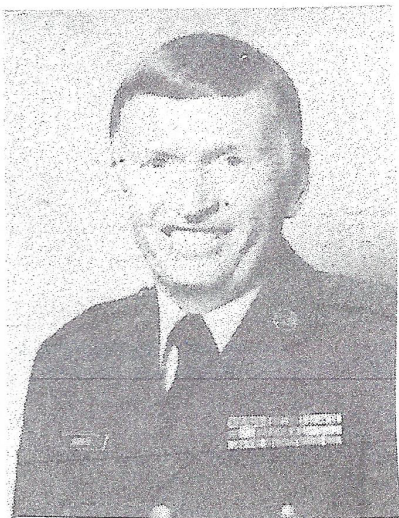
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SMSgt Roger A. Stolen
July 1980 – August 1982

Iowa ANG

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TSgt Phillip H. Burgess
August 1982 – July 1984

Massachusetts ANG

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CMSgt Myron L. Pigg
July 1984 – July 1986

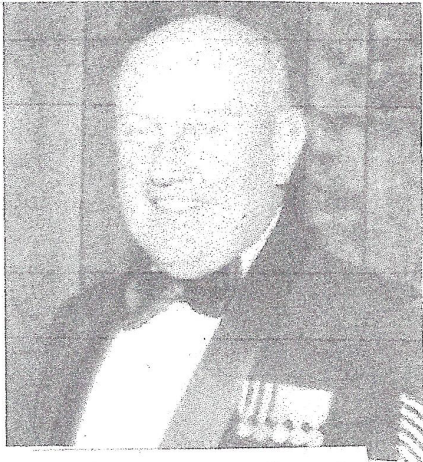
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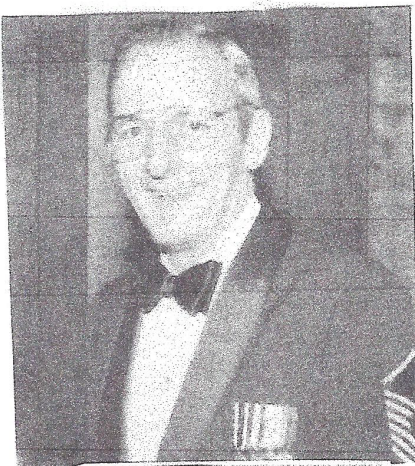
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MSgt Eugene A. Stunek
July 1986 - July 1987

Minnesota ANG

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SMSgt Jimmy Stewart
July 1987 - July 1988

Florida ANG

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CMSgt Dale Echelberger
July 1988 - July 1989

Ohio ANG

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MSgt James Roen
July 1989 – July 1990

Montana ANG

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SMSgt James T. Chumley
July 1990 – July 1991

South Carolina ANG

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MSgt Robert L. Young
July 1991 – July 1992

Florida ANG

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SMSgt Billy J. Quin
July 1992 – July 1993

Oregon ANG

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MSgt Beth Roen
July 1993 – July 1994

Montana ANG

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SMSgt Jim Hatchell, Jr.
July 1994 - July 1995

South Carolina ANG

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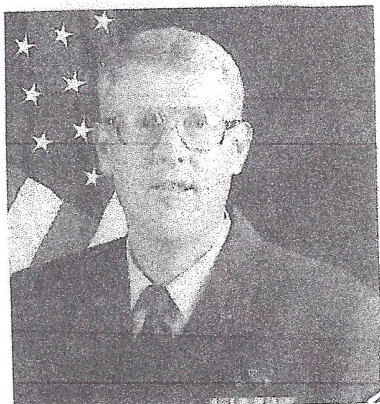
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SMSgt Larry Lane
July 1995 – July 1996

Nebraska ANG

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MSgt Steven L. Hill
July 1996 – July 1997

Utah ANG

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MSgt Vincent Pravettone
July 1997 – July 1998

Florida ANG

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Tennessee ANG

SMSgt (Ret) Dale Lahrs
July 1998 – July 1999

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Iowa ANG

MSgt Petrina I. Merritt
July 1999 – July 2000

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Iowa ANG

SMSgt Sandra K. Martin
July 2000 – July 2002

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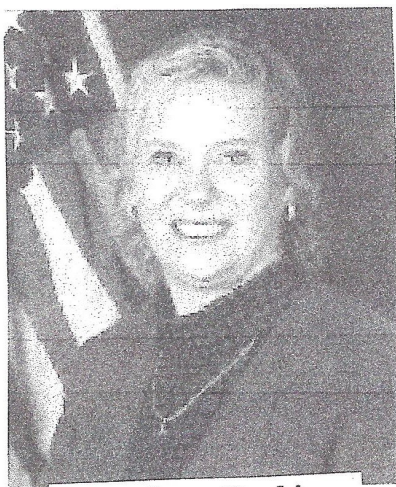
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MSgt Phyllis R. Oster
July 2002 – July 2003

Utah ANG

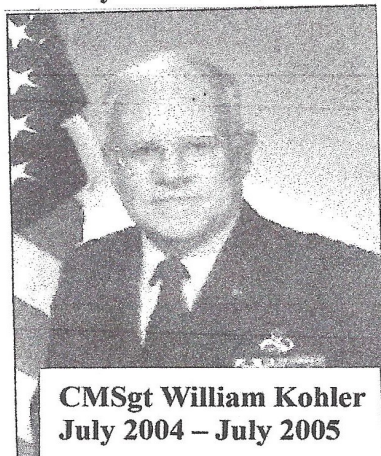
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MSgt Lynn Durbin
July 2003 – July 2004

California ANG

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CMSgt William Kohler
July 2004 – July 2005

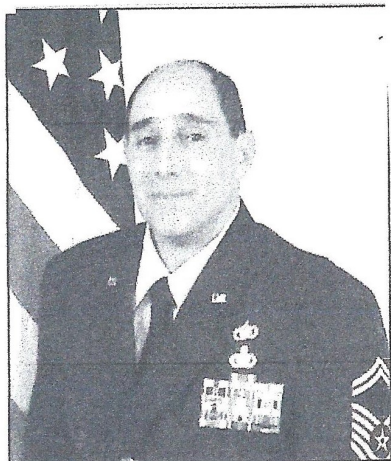
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New York ANG

SMSgt John Califa
July 2005 – July 2006

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South Dakota ANG

SMSgt Kevin Uthe
July 2006 – July 2007

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South Carolina ANG

SMSgt Jamey Edwards
July 2007 – July 2008

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MSgt Linda Dahl
July 2008 – July 2010

Arkansas ANG

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SMSgt Christopher Amburn
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Indiana ANG

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 53

OCTOBER 7TH 2023 - LINCOLN NEBRASKA 10:00AM (CST)

Keating O'Gara Law Office 200 S 21st St Suite 400

2nd Reading and vote on the proposed changes to the
Article of Incorporation and Bylaws

Host Hotel - The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel

333 S. 13th St Lincoln Nebraska 68508

1-402-474-7474

Zoom Meeting Info: October 7, 2023- 11:00am(EST); 10:00am(CST); 09:00am(MST); 08:00am(PST)

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17	Anchorage, AK	91	Dobbins AFB, GA	44	South Portland, ME	90	Reno, NV	83	Warrick, RI
102	Eielson AFB, AK	59	Savannah, GA	51	Alpena, MI	96	Newburgh, NY	19	Eastover, SC
68	Birmingham, AL	18	Honolulu, HI	58	Battle Creek, MI	79	Niagara Falls, NY	70	Sioux Falls, SD
52	Dothan, AL	53	Des Moines, IA	42	Detroit, MI	82	Rome, NY	1	Knoxville, TN
21	Montgomery, AL	56	Fort Dodge, IA	66	Detroit, MI	81	Scotia, NY	25	McGhee Tyson ANGB, TN
67	Montgomery, AL	57	Sioux City, IA	6	Duluth, MN	50	Syracuse, NY	77	Memphis, TN
35	Fort Smith, AR	38	Boise, ID	47	St. Paul, MN	13	Westhampton, NY	22	Nashville, TN
54	Little Rock AFB, AR	15	Scott AFB, IL	14	Bridgeton, MO	71	Columbus, OH	55	Dallas, TX
46	Phoenix, AZ	37	Peoria, IL	3	Saint Louis, MO	23	Mansfield, OH	20	Houston, TX
43	Tucson, AZ	75	Springfield, IL	12	St. Joseph, MO	32	Springfield, OH	48	San Antonio, TX
65	Fresno, CA	89	Fort Wayne, IN	103	Gulfport, MS	36	Toledo, OH	9	Salt Lake City, UT
101	March AFB, CA	80	Terre Haute, IN	24	Jackson, MS	8	Oklahoma City, OK	29	Sandston, VA
40	Moffat FAF, CA	69	Topoka, KS	84	Meridian, MS	30	Tulsa, OK	41	Winooski, VT
78	Port Huacame, CA	72	Wichita, KS	27	Great Falls, MT	93	Klamath Falls, OR	85	Spokane, WA
61	Aurora, CO	60	Louisville, KY	7	Charlotte, NC	10	Portland, OR	97	Tacoma, WA
28	East Granby, CT	39	New Orleans, LA	11	Fargo, ND	31	Harrisburg, PA	106	Camp Douglas, WI
62	Washington, DC	34	Falmouth, MA	76	Lincoln, NE	87	Pittsburgh, PA	5	Madison, WI
33	New Castle, DE	95	Westfield, MA	73	Portsmouth, NH	105	Willow Grove, PA	86	Milwaukee, WI
4	Jacksonville, FL	88	Andrews AFB, MD	64	Atlantic City, NJ	2	Carolina, PR	26	Charleston, WV
100	MacDill AFB, FL	94	Middle River, MD	92	McGuire AFB, NJ	99	North Kingstown, RI	45	Martinsburg, WV
104	Tyndall AFB, FL	74	Ramona, ME	63	Albuquerque, NM	98	North Smithfield, RI	16	Cheyenne, WY

ANG NCOAGA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP
☐ FRIEND OF THE ASSOCIATION
☐ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
☐ ADDRESS CHANGE

NOTE: If this is a new membership, you **MUST** include a source document in the form of PME completion certificate(s) or VMPF document indicating type of PME and how completed. “Regular membership” is granted for in-residence PME and “Associate Membership” for correspondence PME. Membership *will not* be granted without the required documentation.

Name:

Rank:

Address:

City:

State:

9 Digit Zip code: -

Personal E-mail Address(es):

Chapter Number:

Unit:

Location:

TYPE OF PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION COMPLETED

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Chief Leadership Course

☐ SNCOA (RESIDENCE)
☐ SNCOA (CORRESPONDENCE COURSE)

☐ NCOA (RESIDENCE)
☐ NCOA (CORRESPONDENCE COURSE)

☐ NCOLS (RESIDENCE)
☐ NCOLS (CORRESPONDENCE COURSE)

☐ NCOPC (RESIDENCE)
☐ NCOPC (CORRESPONDENCE COURSE)

☐ ALS (RESIDENCE)
☐ ALS (CORRESPONDENCE COURSE)

☐ OTHER (RESIDENCE)
☐ OTHER (CORRESPONDENCE COURSE)

☐ \$20 (One Year Membership)
☐ \$50 (Three Year Membership)
☐ \$250 (Life Membership)
☐ Life Payment Plan (\$50 Deposit + 4 Quarterly Payments of \$50)

RECRUITED BY:

THANK-YOU!

DAL - Membership use only:

Regular Member

Associate Member

Member ID #

MEMBERSHIP

CHAPTER ONE

AIR NATIONAL GUARD
NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER
ACADEMY GRADUATE ASSOCIATION
a 501(C)3 Corporation

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**AIR NATIONAL GUARD
PAST DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

As Director and in my previous capacities as Adjutant General and Group Commander, I found the role and benefits of the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association to be invaluable in our effort to be successful citizens and airmen in today's America."

The Academy Graduate Association has made tremendous contributions to the overall success of the entire Air National Guard, its units and our enlisted force." "I will continue to rely on this organization's active role in fostering 'Esprit-de-Corps', pride, professionalism, and a sense of unity within our units and communities."

**ANG NCOAGA, CHAPTER ONE
PAST PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

The Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association was founded in 1968 in order to support Air National Guard Commanders at every level of command. Since then, Association members have been actively involved in improving discipline, 'Esprit-de-Corps', and the quality of life for our local communities through countless projects.

Being a **Volunteer** is what distinguishes the men and women of the Air National Guard as unique. Our National Association members, along with many times their number of local-only members, are always volunteering.

Will you accept the invitation to again volunteer and join Chapter 1, Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association in helping to continue to meet the needs of your home unit, community, and America? Together, **WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE** for America into the next century.

ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES

The objective of this Association is to support commanders through the leadership, knowledge, and experience of its members as follows, but not limited to:

- ❖ Promote enlisted professional military education with a residence emphasis.
- ❖ Prepare enlisted members for enlisted professional military education with a residence emphasis.
- ❖ Support enlisted professional military education with a residence emphasis.
- ❖ Instill pride and esprit de corps through:
 - The Air Force core values,
 - Military customs and traditions, and

➢ Patriotism and community involvement.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY DAY

Our Business & Industry Day program, held at sites selected by the Director, Air National Guard Bureau, hosts regional chapters and units along with local business, community, and educational leaders, allowing them to see and understand the mission of their *Hometown Air Guard*. This works to the benefit of many of our guests in helping them appreciate the contributions of the Air National Guard to our nation's defense and within our communities, while also making it possible for us to reach vastly larger numbers of our community leaders

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Under civic activities, our members and chapters are actively involved in programs in their local communities and bases. Chapters promote programs for veterans, senior citizens, the handicapped, and children. It is our way of promoting our communities and making them better places to live in.

OPERATION PATRIOTISM

This program promotes patriotism through historic flag ceremonies and color guards. Thousands of miles and hundreds of man-hours are invested yearly by Association members promoting dedication to love of our country and Old Glory.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year at the Annual General Membership Meeting, scholarship awards are presented to dependents of Association members. Cash awards are based on the student's written essay, academic achievement, and application. Scholarships are also available to Association members in good standing.

ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Association recognizes those individuals and chapters who have excelled during the past year with awards at the Annual General Membership Meeting.

The highest single individual award is the Outstanding Graduate of the Year. This award is presented to a member graduate who has made significant contributions to local chapters and the total Air National Guard.

The Major General I. G. Brown Command Excellence Award is given annually to a commander, who provides extraordinary support to the enlisted corps.

BE SQUARE SOCIETY

The Be Square Society was formed to assist in perpetuating our Association. Individuals are encouraged to join by pledging \$250, \$500, \$1,000, or more through a "Living Will" or by direct gift. Pledges may be tax deductible as a result of approval of Public Charity under the Public Charity Status 509(a)(2) effective 25 Sep 07.

PRIDE-THRU RECOGNITION

The Pride-Thru-Recognition (PTR) program promotes the individual recognition of all members of the Air National Guard.

TRAVEL LOG

Members join for a nominal fee and with a little coordination stay in each other's homes or obtain information about the local area at no charge. Travel Log income also supports our Scholarship program.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Annually a local chapter/state hosts a reunion and advanced management training seminar. It is a great time to renew old friendships, develop new ones, and advance one's management techniques.

"THE GRADUATE"

Our web posted newsletter keeps members informed of what is happening within our local chapter, the Association, and the Professional Military Education community.

ASSOCIATION FUNDING

The Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association is self-funded. Local chapters determine their membership fee. Chapter One, the national chapter, assesses an annual membership fee.

WORLD WIDE WEB ADDRESS
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