



Q: WHAT IS THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS?

A: NGAKS is YOUR leadership association of Kansas Army and Air Force National Guard Officers. We are devoted to professional development, improving and sustaining the National Guard in our state, and supporting the Constitutional national militia concept.

Q: WHAT DOES NGAKS DO?

A: As a private association NGAKS gets face to face with our elected civilian leaders to help them understand the needs of the Kansas National Guard. Together, out of uniform, we work to get what we need to do our jobs while in uniform. NGAKS also provides training and professional development for our members and families, including the annual state-wide conference.

Q: DONE ANYTHING IMPORTANT?

A: The GI Bill applies to the National Guard. Tuition assistance and free hunting and fishing licenses for Kansas Guard soldiers. Armory renovations and improvements. Keeping two Air Force National Guard bases in Kansas. Expansions at Salina/Smoky Hills Range. Dental benefits and Tricare for Life. Retirement pensions. Reduced retirement age for those who deploy. All of these are directly due to NGAKS and our sister associations in other states directly lobbying Congress and the Kansas Legislature.

Q: ANYTHING ELSE?

A: Yes. Often when there are budget difficulties the Department of Defense, our parent services and even some in Congress look at the Guard as the first place to cut. It is fair and accurate to say that without the efforts of the NGAKS our National Guard would be a lot smaller, less well equipped and receiving very few of the benefits we actually enjoy today. Without NGAKS and NGAUS representing our interests the National Guard would be a different force today.

Q: WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

A: Modern equipment and funds for training; adequate funds for armory maintenance, educational benefits and opportunities, family growth and development, professional opportunities to meet and communicate with senior military and civilian authorities. And most importantly, the strength in numbers to help ensure the a long and relevant future for the National Guard in Kansas.

Q: WHAT'S NEXT?

A: We need to continue and robust our efforts right here in Kansas. Our 2010 agenda includes full funding for the Tuition Assistance Program, a state policy to protect national guardsmen from losing custody of their children while deployed (overseas or stateside), bonding authority as needed by the Adjutant General to build state of the art National Guard training centers in Kansas, support for the "Military Bill of Rights" tenets (see <http://www.governor.ks.gov/LtGov/rights.htm>), continued funding for hunting and fishing licenses and state park entry permits for active and retired National Guard members, continued funding for the Kansas Armory Maintenance Fund for armory repair, maintenance and capital improvements in communities across the State, and assistance to Kansas National Guard members returning from deployment for family reintegration, post traumatic stress, substance abuse or other behavioral health issues for both members and families. (see www.ngaks.org for objectives.)

Q: WOW! YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY GET ALL THAT DONE!

A: YES WE CAN! With 1,700 Kansas Air and Army National Guard officers all pulling in the same direction we have gotten it done for the past 30 years and will continue to do so. But we need YOU to engage and be active! YOUR voice matters in Topeka and Washington DC. We represent all Kansas guardsmen and collectively we can positively influence our future.

Q: HOW DO I JOIN?

A: On-line at www.ngaks.org, e-mail our executive director, Michele Henry at ngaks@aol.com, or telephone 785-862-1066. Dues are reasonable and a great investment in your future and the future of the Kansas National Guard.

2010 NGAKS/NGAUS Membership

WO1 \$32 CW2 \$41 CW3 \$53 CW4 \$67 CW5 \$85 Life \$1075

O1 \$36 O2 \$51 O3 \$66 O4 \$84 O5 \$100 O6 \$123 O7 \$145

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**Please remit
dues by
25 March 10**

*Please mail payment to:
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