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The President's Report

By Ronnie Honeycutt — From Somewhere in the Desert!

I cannot begin to tell you what a feeling it was to see our North Carolina flag flying high here in Southwest Asia. Not knowing if they were Guard, Reserves, or Active Duty, but knowing that I had to find out. It was a glimpse from home and amongst all the brown tents and tan sand, it was the most beautiful site to see. I told Senior Airman Seth Monteleon, who was with me, "We have to find out who they are!"

I immediately announced upon entering through the door, "I am a member of the North Carolina National Guard" and we were met with smiles and wide open arms. It was the 130th Finance Management Company of the 113th Sustainment Brigade, out of Siler City, North Carolina. What a surprise it was to see fellow members of our NC National Guard half-way around the world.

I only wanted to stop in and say hello but that is not always the case. Now, some of you who know me are probably saying it was my fault but it's not always me.

Anyhow, they are the best and I really appreciated their hospitality and time.

North Carolina National Guard members are deploying around the world and even



NCNGA President Ronnie Honeycutt (second row, second from left) with members of the 130th Finance Management Company in Kuwait.

though we may not always know each other, there is still a bond that cannot be explained or can it? We all know we belong to a National Guard that has so much history and tradition. The accomplishments and sacrifices are long and distinguished. This is what bonds us together and strengthens the fibers of our North Carolina National Guard Association.

Our footprint is visible around the world and so is our North Carolina flag. Continue to raise her high everywhere you go and every once in a while a fellow NC Guardsman might show up at your door with a smile to say hello.

Do You Like to Travel?

If you have information that would be helpful to our members regarding military lodging or discounts that are available to our military members and their families, please send me the information. We will periodically print this information in future issues of the Tarheel Guardsman and on our website.

Just to get you started, my husband (a retired NCNG member) and I traveled to Niagara Falls this past summer and stayed at an Air Force Reserve Base, located approximately eight miles from the Falls. Our hotel room was only \$41.50 per night and it was in a very nice facility, with a small restaurant next door. We have also recently stayed at Hanscom Air Force Base (approximately 23 miles from Boston) for \$39.00 per night. (Rank can be factor in the room rates, so be sure to check that when reserving room.)

Email your travel info to Teri Foster at terieakes@bellsouth.net.

*'Tis the Holiday Season —
No matter what religious
belief you may have,
I hope the Season is filled
with wonder and love for
you and your family.*

Teri Foster, Editor



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Applications will be accepted for the 2012-13 school year as follows:

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Applications and scholarship amounts are on our website:

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Deadline for submitting articles to the Tarheel Guardsman:

FEB/MAR issue: 5 JAN 2012

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Teri Foster, Editor

Legacy Bridge Program

Last year, Active Associate Representative Al Rose introduced a program that is designed to financially carry the Association through our present fiscal transition period. As we move from a system where we depended on our investments and insurance premiums to pay our Association's expenses to one that will rely on new revenue sources to cover our budget, the Legacy Bridge Program will provide the interim funds to meet budget costs until the transition is complete. Our projection is that this should occur within 2-3 years, and as such it is a closed end program.

The short-term plan is to use the income from the Legacy Bridge Program until our new revenue sources come on-line allowing us to insulate our investments so that they are allowed to grow over the long-term. At the end of 2-3 years, the new revenue sources, along with insurance premiums, will be our main income sources and the Legacy Bridge Program will close.

Long-term, we hope to reach an investment fund goal of \$3 million. At that point, even at a modest 4%, the Association could survive indefinitely should our insurance and new revenue sources take a hit during lean times.

Please consider joining us in the Legacy Bridge Program. And, if you would like to remember or honor someone, please consider making a donation in their name. Take a few minutes to fill out the application and to write a check. Al and his team have started us in the right direction. It is up to us now to make it happen.

Questions? Please call us at 919-851-3390.

*Our Newest Members of the Legacy Bridge Program:

- 203. Charles L. Owensby
- 204. Brent A. Orr
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- 206. Lawrence L. Steed, Sr.
- 207. In Honor of Gwen Perkins -
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- 208. Janice O. Richardson
- 209. Jimmy L. Richardson

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145th Airlift Wing Commander Pins on First Star



October 2, 2011, CHARLOTTE, NC – The men and women of North Carolina Air National Guard's 145th Airlift Wing gathered yesterday as the commander of the 145th Airlift Wing, Tony E. McMillan, was promoted to the brigadier general rank. North Carolina's Adjutant General, Major General Gregory A. Lusk, presided over the ceremony at the NCANG base here.

General McMillan provides leadership and management to the assigned flying, logistics and support units that provide manpower, equipment and training to perform wartime missions and provide assistance to state and federal emergency management agencies in times of disaster. North Carolina Chief Deputy Secretary for Crime Control and Public Safety Gerald Rudisill said McMillan is held in high esteem across the country as a motivational and military leader. Through subordinate commanders, McMillan plans, organizes, directs and controls the flying mission, maintenance and protection of assigned C130H aircraft, real property and assigned personnel.

According to Lusk, McMillan sits on



Major General Gregory Lusk, the Adjutant General for North Carolina, promotes 145th Commander, Colonel Tony McMillan, to the rank of Brigadier General during a ceremony held at the 145th North Carolina Air National Guard base in Charlotte, NC.

several national boards that are key to the future, quality and effectiveness of the National Guard, adding "He's received a lot of national recognition for his accomplishments." Lusk added, "We've got the right guy in the right place at the right time."

Lusk continued that McMillan's leadership has made the NCANG "indispensable" to our nation's disaster preparedness.

Joining the Guard in 1993, after ten years active duty that included service as a pilot instructor, he has commanded flying and operations units. He is a command pilot with over 5,000 hours of military flying time.

McMillan becomes the first NCANG Wing Commander who happens to hold the general officer rank since 1976. He assumed command of the 145th AW in December 2004.

"I really enjoy the job as wing commander," he said. Recognizing that he'll have additional state level duties, the general concluded, "It's great that I can maintain the position and continue to work with the same great people."



Brig. Gen. Tony McMillan's sons, Alex and Cameron, pin his general's stars on his service coat during his promotion ceremony. (US Air Force photo by Technical Sgt. Richard Kerner, 145th Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

**By: Master Sgt. Steve Wilkins,
145 AW/Public Affairs Office**

Sustaining the Force: 113th Sustainment Brigade Trains At Fort Bliss

By Army Maj. Matthew DeVivo, Public Affairs, 113th Sustainment Brigade

GREENSBORO, NC - Soldiers of the North Carolina National Guard's 113th Sustainment Brigade, based in Greensboro, NC, completed annual training at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Camp McGregor, NM, in preparation for their upcoming deployment to Southwest Asia.

Not since the closing months of the Vietnam War has a U.S. military logistics unit been involved in such a large scale overseas force drawdown and logistics reorganization effort. The men and women of the 113th Sustainment Brigade (113th SB) will be the logistics focal point in Southwest Asia for the next year; making history and doing their duty to protect our nation and ensure forces across the region have the resources needed to accomplish their missions.

The 113th SB was in Texas to exercise and refine their skills with the 364th Sustainment Command - Expeditionary, an Army Reserve unit based in Washington State. The 364th is a logistics focused higher headquarters that commands and controls sustainment brigades and will be working with the 113th SB during their year-long deployment.

The 113th SB was formed in October 2008. The brigade may be new to the National Guard, but "the Steel Brigade Soldiers" of the 113th are far from "green recruits." Approximately 80 percent of the unit's current service members have deployed once to Southwest Asia, and for some, it will be their third deployment since September 11, 2001.

The 113th SB is a joint capable logistics headquarters, with a mission to manage the flow of equipment, services and supplies into, throughout, and out of an area of operations. The 113th SB will ensure critical resources get to US and allied forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. These resources include; food, water, fuel, ammunition, medical supplies, building materials, repair parts for all types of vehicles and much more. "We are forging "steel warriors," said Army Col. David Jones, 113th SB commander. "This brigade is as solid as steel. I'm extremely proud of the work they have accomplished here. They have proven that they're professional logisticians and staff officers ready, proactive and flexible in responding to any mission they receive in support of forces operating in CENTCOM's area of responsibility."

At Camp McGregor range, over 90 Soldiers of the 113th SB executed warrior training tasks

such as weapons qualification, joint network communications, drivers training, patrolling, vehicle searches, combatives, medical training, and operations center training. The high desert terrain and heat were constant challenges and realistic training.

"We've got to train as we will fight," said 113th SB's Command Sgt. Maj. William Gill. "Over the past month, I've watched the noncommissioned officers and enlisted Soldiers of this brigade really come together and work through some tough problems and all along the way, they've showed nothing but teamwork and motivation. For many of the 113th's personnel this is the first time they have ever worked together and that speaks volumes to their technical skills and professionalism," added Gill.

At Fort Bliss, the troops of the 113th SB trained on the operating systems (radios, digital maps, logistics software, etc.) that are used in the field during deployments to Southwest Asia. These complex systems enable logisticians to communicate up and down the logistics chain in order to analyze and determine the needs of the force. The unit can track supplies and materials as they move in and out of the region (via air, sea and land), predict overages and shortfalls, and identify where to procure needed supplies if gaps in support exist.

"We provide commanders at all levels timely and accurate logistical data that will be critical in determining support to the drawdown of forces in Iraq," said Army Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bain, 113th SB support operations officer. "A large part of our focus will be on supporting Operation New Dawn - Iraq, but we will simultaneously be providing continuous logistics support to forces in Afghanistan and across Southwest Asia. "We'll be busy, that I can guarantee," said Bain.

"Busy" is an understatement. The "Steel Brigade," thanks to the long hot days and realistic training they received in Texas, are one step closer to mobilization validation. The 113th SB is scheduled to deploy to Southwest Asia later this year.



Soldiers of the North Carolina National Guard's 113th Sustainment Brigade work diligently in their brigade operations center. The 113th SB is a joint-capable logistics headquarters, with a mission to manage the flow of equipment, services and supplies into, throughout, and out of an area of operations.

NC National Guard WWII Vet Still Part Of Guard Family

By Army Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan, NCNG, Public Affairs

RALEIGH, NC — Retired Army Col. Lawrence L. Steed, an Asheboro, NC native born in 1921, who served nearly 40 years with the North Carolina National Guard, including combat during World War II with the 30th Infantry Division, recently visited his former headquarters with a truly special gift.

Steed donated art work by various artists to be displayed in the new NCNG Joint Force Headquarters when it opens later this year. His gift is part of his long association with the NCNG dating back to his enlistment in 1940.

Steed mobilized with the North Carolina National Guard's Headquarters Company, 3rd Regiment, 120th Infantry Battalion, 30th Infantry Division in World War Two. He demobilized after the war but rejoined the NCNG in 1948, serving until retiring in October 1979.

"If I was going to be in the Guard, I was going to do the best I could and stay with it," said Steed.

Steed is an active member of the NCNG retiree community, often attending the NCNG's annual retiree luncheon.

"I like to keep up with what is going on," said Steed.

Retired NCNG Soldiers and Airmen attend the annual luncheon to learn about current operations, meet with veteran organizations, public and private agencies and vendors offering services to veterans. The NCNG will host this year's luncheon at the new headquarters here December 2nd.

Steed also shares a tie with the NCNG's Deputy Director Iwan Clontz, who recently retired from duty with the North Carolina Air National Guard earning the rank of Brigadier General. Clontz's father, Bayne Clontz, served in support of Steed's unit in World War Two.

"It is a small world. My father kept a journal of where he served attached to different units. He was attached to the division when it first saw combat," said Clontz.

Steed recalled the time he and Bayne Clontz were serving in France, "We [the 30th Infantry Division] ran into a lot of tanks and had to call in artillery right on top of our position.

The shells landed fifty yards away, we had the best artillery."

Steed got to use his wartime experience for the next generation of Soldiers. "I got to teach weapons and tactics at the North Carolina National Guard Military Academy," said Steed.

Steed was not just an instructor in his career but also a student. "I got to go to Command and General Staff College [a military graduate school for officers], and the education the Guard offers benefits to a lot of young people," said Steed.

Steed keeps an eye out for information about his old division, now the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team headquartered out of Clinton, NC. "It [the 30th] is a tradition. I look for it when I read about deployments in the news," said Steed.



RALEIGH, NC -- Retired Army Col. Lawrence L. Steed (left), who served more than 30 years with the North Carolina National Guard beginning in 1940, meets with the NCNG's Deputy Director Iwan Clontz. Clontz recently retired from duty with the North Carolina Air National Guard, earned the rank of Brig. Gen. Clontz's father, Bayne Clontz, served with Steed in WWII in France. Steed was visiting NCNG Joint Force Headquarters to donate artwork by various artists for display at the NCNG's new headquarters scheduled to open later this year. (US Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan, North Carolina National Public Affairs)

2012 Membership cards are available... if you would like to receive a 2012 membership card, please contact us by phone — 919-851-3390 or email — ncnga@bellsouth.net.

In Memoriam

Listed below are those members (and non-members), spouses and dependent children that have passed away between 1 October 2010 and 5 November 2011. If we have missed someone, please contact the Editor, Teri Foster at terieakes@bellsouth.net or 919-851-3390 ext 1.

Elbert L. Sheets Millers Creek, NC 28 October 2010	George E. Luther Thomasville, NC 12 January 2011	Douglas W. Messer Canton, NC 5 April 2011	Robert T. Veasey Durham, NC 4 June 2011	Neil T. Phillips, Jr. Charlotte, NC 9 August 2011
M. Laverne Norris Spouse of Kirby D. Norris Henderson, NC 30 November 2010	Delories Black Spouse of Michael T. Black Kannapolis, NC 14 January 2011	Susan M. Allen Spouse of Gary R. Allen Cary, NC 12 April 2011	Joseph C. Bowling, Sr. Raleigh, NC 13 June 2011	Crystal L. Wilson Goldsboro, NC 11 August 2011
Wendel C. Sadberry Winston-Salem, NC 3 November 2010	Kenneth A. Carl High Point, NC 27 January 2011	Willard O. Lewis Trenton, NC 14 April 2011	Linda J. Clyburn Spouse of Clinton E. Clyburn Taylorsville, NC 13 June 2011	Billy S. Byrd Durham, NC 24 August 2011
Tommy C. Wallace Jefferson, NC 19 November 2010	Curtis A. Yannone, Jr. Rockingham, NC 29 January 2011	Mary J. Huttar Spouse of Daniel W. Huttar Lawsonville, NC 27 April 2011	Patrick O. Bailey Elkin, NC 16 June 2011	Gordon E. Ponder Hope Mills, NC 1 September 2011
Mary H. Fish Spouse of Billie D. Fish 2 December 2010	Harvey P. Langley Wilson, NC 31 January 2011	Williard L. Barker Raleigh, NC 28 April 2011	Alva J. Clarke Spouse of Paul A. Clarke Charlotte, NC 16 June 2011	Joseph D. Lamm Chocowinity, NC 11 September 2011
Dianna D. Callihan Spouse of Hiram K. Callihan Bladenboro, NC 13 December 2010	Martha Haigler Spouse of Roy P. Haigler Lenoir, NC 13 February 2011	Edgar D. Lide III Kinston, NC 7 May 2011	Temple Strickland Lexington, NC 21 June 2011	Donald B. Lasley Greensboro, NC 22 September 2011
Willard D. Morton Louisburg, NC 15 December 2010	James L. Robinson Sparta, NC 20 February 2011	Debra Matthews Spouse of Charlie Matthews Charlotte, NC 8 May 2011	Ann Register Spouse of Walter Register Cove City, NC 29 June 2011	Lauretta Ervin Spouse of Clarence Ervin Sanford, NC 30 September 2011
Patricia Holcomb Spouse of George S. Holcomb Raleigh, NC 30 December 2010	Marlon K. Crawford Pineville, NC 24 February 2011	Marvin D. Hagwood Butner, NC 11 May 2011	William I. Richards Clayton, NC 2 July 2011	John R. Graham Fair Bluff, NC 4 October 2011
Fred M. Stephenson Raleigh, NC 30 December 2010	James Sutton, Jr. Kinston, NC 11 March 2011	Isa D. Boyles Spouse of Stephen Boyles Clayton, NC 21 May 2011	William K. Powers Parkton, NC 8 July 2011	James W. Hoke, Jr. Conover, NC 10 October 2011
Walter A. McKenzie Jackson Springs, NC 7 January 2011	Walter S. Legrand, Jr. Ansonville, NC 11 March 2011	Billy J. May Jefferson, NC 25 May 2011	Dakota Mullis Son of Holly and Robert Mullis, Jr. Lenoir, NC 31 July 2011	Ernestine Barnes Spouse of Rickey R. Barnes Fayetteville, NC 14 October 2011
Barney A. Edge Clinton, NC 9 January 2011	Robert E. Ferrell Timberlake, NC 22 March 2011	Jerald Jeffries Eden, NC 26 May 2011	Christine Parham Spouse of James (Tom) Parham Kinston, NC 2 August 2011	Ashley I. White Raeford, NC 22 October 2011 (Killed in Action)
Barbara W. House Spouse of Vernon H. House, Jr. Wade, NC 9 January 2011	Mahlon E. Cobb Sneads Ferry, NC 24 March 2011	Carolyn F. Ratley Spouse of David Ratley, Jr. Red Springs, NC 28 May 2011	Stephen A. Wilson Statesville, NC 2 August 2011	James S. Forrester Stanley, NC 31 October 2011
	William M. Coman, Jr. Haywood, NC 5 April 2011			Jerry W. Shore Huntersville, NC 5 November 2011

Baby Boomers Beware!

By Barbara Bennett, Investor Education Specialist, NC Secretary of State Securities Division

Over the next quarter-century, it is estimated that 10,000 “Baby Boomers” (those born 1946-1964) will retire each day. As the largest demographic group of retirees, this makes Boomers prime targets for investment scams. More than any previous generation, those rolling toward retirement are much more likely to have:

- Worked for many different companies and retire without a “traditional” pension
- Changed careers as job skills became outdated or outsourced
- Incurred significant amounts of secured and unsecured debts
- Neglected an early start to planning for retirement
- A longer life expectancy and higher lifestyles, requiring more retirement income
- Experienced multiple moves and more than one marriage

Even those who have earned a military pension and medical benefits and are now preparing to retire from another career, may face many of these same challenges. Many Boomers are still raising their children or are now responsible for the care and support of their grandchildren. Members of this generation may face difficult financial considerations when balancing their own economic needs with the needs of their family. Nearly half of the Boomers in this position do not have adequate means to finance their own retirement, yet feel obligated to pay for their children’s college tuition. Adding the obligation of caring for an elderly family member often involves a significant additional financial responsibility. All these considerations can leave Boomers economically caught in the middle of a generational sandwich, on top of the already escalating cost of living.

Those nearing retirement may feel pressured to make hasty investment decisions in an attempt to make up for an insufficient or devalued nest egg. This may cause them to taking on more risk than they would have otherwise in an effort to “catch up.” Before investing, everyone is encouraged to take sufficient time to understand the investment and the risks associated with it, and remember to call

the Securities Division at (800) 688-4507 to see if the person pitching the investment and the investment itself are registered.

To learn more about how anyone, including Baby Boomers, can better protect their finances, visit our Web site at www.sosnc.com and click on “Investment Securities,” then “Investor Education Brochures.” You can read the entire *BABY BOOMERS BEWARE* brochure, and also view, print or order copies of all our educational material.

Steel Wheels – 113th Sustainment Brigade Officer wins two State cycling awards

Maj. Marilyn Senz, Senior Medical Logistics Officer for the 113th Sustainment Brigade, won the 2011 North Carolina State Master's Road Cycling Championship (40 miles) and the North Carolina State Masters Cycling Time Trial Championship (40 K) earlier this summer.



Maj. Marilyn Senz (2nd from Left) and her championship team. Major Senz has been track racing for 5 years and road racing for 4 years and travels across the country competing in national time trails and road races. She works for the Asheville VA in the Health Administrative Service and is currently deployed with the 113th SB. By Maj. Matthew DeVivo, 113th SUS BDE Public Affairs



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NC National Guard Association

51st Annual Convention Registration Form

Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort & Spa at Grande Dunes

20-21 April 2012

Registrant's Name _____	Association Member <input type="checkbox"/>	First Convention <input type="checkbox"/>
Guest Name _____	Association Member <input type="checkbox"/>	First Convention <input type="checkbox"/>
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Telephone _____ E-mail _____		

****No Refunds after 1 April 2012****

Registration	_____	@ \$60 per person	= \$	_____
Registration-after 6 April	_____	@ \$60 per person	= \$	_____
Business Session Only	_____	@ \$0 per person	= \$	N/A
Child's Lunch (Chicken Tenders)	_____	@ \$15 per child	= \$	_____

Saturday Night Events (choose one event) (see page 11 for more info)

Big "M" Casino	_____	@ \$30 per person	= \$	_____
Alabama Theatre	_____	@ \$27 per person	= \$	_____
Legends in Concert	_____	@ \$28 per person	= \$	_____

Credit Card Fee — \$2.00 = \$ _____

Total Amount = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch Choices

Attendee:

New York Strip Sirloin _____

Chicken _____
(with prosciutto, mozzarella & sauteed spinach)

Spouse/Guest:

New York Strip Sirloin _____

Chicken _____
(with prosciutto, mozzarella & sauteed spinach)

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Check-in: 4:00 p.m. Check-out: 11:00 a.m.

*\$89 for single or double occupancy. \$20 more for each additional adult. *If disability accommodations are required, please notify hotel. Reservations must be received prior to the cut-off date of 20 March 2012. After the cut off date, reservations will be accepted at the group rate, based on availability. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. Deposits are refunded only if the reservation is canceled at least two (2) days prior to arrival date. **Contact hotel for No-Show Policy.** Self parking is complimentary. Valet is \$18 plus 9% tax per car per night.

**NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION
51st ANNUAL CONVENTION
20-21 APRIL 2012**

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, 19 April 2012

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Golf Tournament
Educational Foundation
Black Bear Golf Club,
N. Myrtle Beach

6:30 p.m. – until Reverse Drawing –
Educational Foundation
SC National Guard Armory

Friday, 20 April 2012

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibitors/
Silent Auction

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. First Business Session

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Unit Representative Workshop

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open

8:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Dance/Cash Bar/DJ Barry Miller

Saturday – 21 April 2012

7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Silent Auction

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibitors

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Second Business Session
Awards & Installation Ceremonies

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. NCONGA Auxiliary Business Session

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Luncheon/Guest Speakers

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Annual Meeting –
Educational Foundation

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pick up items – Silent Auction

To be determined Travel to Big “M” Casino
Alabama Theater
Legends in Concert

2012 Convention Information

The 51st Annual Convention will be held at the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort & Spa at /Grande Dunes. Rates for guestrooms are \$89 per night, plus tax, single or double occupancy. Reservations must be received prior to the cut-off date of 20 March 2012. Reservations not received by this date will be reserved at the group rate on an availability basis only. Special room requests should be directed to the Marriott.

The Marriott is located right on the ocean and all rooms feature balconies. A European spa and health club is also located in the hotel. You’ll also find an indoor pool and large tropical oceanfront pool with water slide.

The convention officially begins Friday with an afternoon business session, but the Educational Foundation holds their annual Golf Tournament and Reverse Drawing on Thursday. These events are fundraisers for the scholarship program. An application for the golf tournament is located in this issue of the magazine and separate tickets can be purchased for the Reverse Drawing by calling the Foundation office at 919-851-3390 ext 5. Please join us for these events as well...you’ll have a great time!

After the business session on Friday, hospitality rooms with food and drinks are open. This is a great time for you to get to know members running for a seat on the Executive

Council and to renew acquaintances. Afterwards, we are having a dance with a very entertaining DJ.

Saturday morning we will have our second business session to include the Awards & Installation Ceremonies. We are changing our format this year and instead of a banquet on Saturday evening, a luncheon will be held immediately following the Saturday business session for all registered attendees. Special guest speakers have been invited to speak on Guard issues that affect the Guard Family such as legislation that affects Guard retirement benefits; current and future Guard programs; and a discussion on employment opportunities for the Guard Family. We hope you and your spouse/guest attend the luncheon – you do not want to miss these very informative briefings.

Three different entertainment venues have been selected for guests to choose from on Saturday evening. You can choose from the Big “M” Casino Boat, Alabama Theatre or Legends in Concert. The Big “M” Casino Boat will include an all you can eat buffet dinner, \$5 bet on the roulette table, \$10 casino cash or \$20 casino match play, one beverage at the bar, Big “M” casino souvenir and a free spin on a \$1 slot machine. Bus transportation will be provided to the Big “M” Casino boat.

Alabama Theatre, known for some of the best concerts and shows in Myrtle Beach, as well as a top-notch variety show, will be another option. Information on performers will be made available at a later date. And, last but not least, is Legends in Concert, the place to go for superstar look-alikes (and sound-alikes) such as the Blues Brothers, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Michael Jackson, and many other legends. Alabama Theatre and Legends in Concert are both located within several blocks of the hotel. Transportation may or may not be provided, but will depend upon the numbers of attendees that register for each show. Both are within an easy driving distance from the hotel.

Make your reservations today and send us your registration form. You don’t want to miss the fun!

**NCNGA
Educational Foundation
Convention Activities —
2012**

There are several activities being conducted this year by the NCNGA Educational Foundation as fund-raisers for the Foundation's scholarship program.

The Foundation is conducting a raffle from now until the drawing on 21 April 2012. Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased by calling the Foundation's office at 919-851-3390 ext 5.

On 19 April 2012, the day before the NCNGA annual convention begins, the Educational Foundation will be sponsoring a golf tournament. This tournament has evolved over the years into one of the most popular events during convention time — be sure to register early for this event.

Thursday evening, 19 April 2012, is the Reverse Drawing for the NCNGA Educational Foundation. This is a fun event, with the chance to win \$4,000 - just by being the last ticket drawn from the ticket barrel! Dinner for two is included in the price of a ticket (\$40) and chances of winning are greater because only 300 tickets are sold. Contact Peggy Robinson at the Foundation's office for your chance to win. (You do not have to be present to win.)

During the annual convention (20-21 April 2012) the Foundation has a Silent Auction. There are many unique items available at this auction. Convention attendees make bids on the items and at the stroke of 11:30am on Saturday, 21 April, the bidding closes and the highest bidder wins! It is a lot of fun to watch everyone circling around the item they want closer to the closing, daring you to come forward and outbid them! (I think some people do it just for the fun of it and not because they really want the item!)

Please come join the Educational Foundation at one or more of the events we have planned. We appreciate your support for the scholarship program.

**PLAY GOLF AND SUPPORT
THE NCNGA EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

FORMAT: 18-Hole Captain's Choice
WHERE: Black Bear Golf Club, Longs, SC
WHEN: Thursday, April 19, 2012 – Shotgun Start at 9:30 AM
ENTRY FEE: \$60.00 (Make checks payable to NCNGA Educational Foundation, Inc.)
DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING: All checks must be received by Monday, 2 April 2012
TEAM PRIZES: 1st Place Team — 4th Place Team
MAIL TO: NCNGA Educational Foundation, Inc., 7410 Chapel Hill Road, Raleigh, NC 27607

The cost includes cart and green fee, all prizes (Longest Drive Front and Back Nine, Closest to the Hole All Par 3's, Hole in One All Par 3's, Putting Contest at Conclusion of Round, Door Prizes) and Driving Range prior to round. Mulligans may be purchased for \$5.00 (3 for \$10.00). Money from mulligans will be added to the donations to the NCNGA Educational Foundation. Cost for Putting Contest is \$10.00. Prize for Putting Contest is 50/50 split the pot on the cost, with the remainder also added to the donations to the NCNGA Educational Foundation.

You may put together your own team or sign up individually and I will place you on a team

**For additional information, contact Terry Westbrook at
(919) 664-6393**

Open to all golfers during the 51st NCNGA Annual Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC and their guests. All proceeds go to the NCNGA Educational Foundation. Check must accompany entry form. Convention attendance not required to enter tournament. Entry fee will be returned if tournament is cancelled due to rain.

If you would like to register as a team, all four entry forms must be submitted together with checks totaling \$240.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone: (home) _____
(work) _____

I declare myself physically able to compete in this event. I waive all rights for claims for injury or illness which may occur during this event.

Signature: _____
Date: _____

NCNGA Educational Foundation estimates the value for each entrant to be \$45.00. Charitable contributions are deductible only to the extent that they exceed the value of any goods and services received. Your cancelled check is acknowledgement of your contribution.

Help Your Association – Run for the NCNGA Executive Council!

The Nominating & Credentials Committee is actively seeking qualified candidates to run for Executive Council seats. Upcoming vacancies for each major command will be filled at the next convention to be held 20-21 April 2012 at the Marriott Resort Grand Dunes in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Qualifications to run for office: you must be a member of the North Carolina National Guard Association and have served on an active committee within the past five years (except Junior Council members).

If you are qualified (see above) and interested in being an important part of your Association, complete the application below and mail to the NCNGA. If you have any questions, please contact Teri Foster at the NCNGA 1-800-821-6159 ext 1 (terieakes@bellsouth.net).

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**Application for Nomination
Candidate for the Executive Council
North Carolina National Guard Association**

Name _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Home Telephone No. _____
Business Telephone No. _____
Unit _____
Email address: _____

Indicate office you want to be considered for:

- ___ President (at large)
- ___ Vice President (at large)
- ___ 30th HBCT – Council Seat
- ___ 130th MEB – Council Seat
- ___ 60th Troop Command – Council Seat
- ___ JFHQ-NC – Council Seat
- ___ HQ 449th Theatre Avn Bde – Council Seat
- ___ 139th Regiment (CA) – Two (2) Council Seats
- ___ HQ 113th Sustainment Bde – Council Seat
- ___ Air National Guard – Council Seat
- ___ Junior Council – Two (2) Council Seats
- ___ Associate Membership – Council Seat

Attach a list of your current/past committee and/or Executive Council involvement.

Deadline for submitting applications: 1 April 2012

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Go online and check out the Association's website www.ncnga.org, and let us know what you think!

While a website is a great tool for members and their families to find information about how to join, benefits and much more, the Association realizes how social networking plays a significant role in our everyday lives. Facebook and Twitter are tools we are also now utilizing to reach even more members and their families. Please add the Association to your Facebook, www.facebook.com/NorthCarolinaNationalGuardAssociation and Twitter, www.twitter.com/NCNGA accounts.

See you online!

Changes to the ID Card Facility located in Raleigh, NC — this facility is now located at the new NCNG Joint Forces Headquarters (next to the Claude T. Bowers Military Center) on the main floor. Please call 919-664-6250 to make an appointment, or walk-ins are accepted. The facility is now open 8am - 7pm, Monday - Friday.

Junior Council Seats

What is a Junior Council Seat? The NCNGA Executive Council is comprised of twenty members (not including officers), representing all the major commands in the NC National Guard and the Active Associate members of the Association. The Junior Council seats were created to allow our younger Guard members the opportunity to serve on the Council and provide representation for those Guard members that are E1-E6, WO1, and O1-O2. There are two seats — a two-year term and a one-year term.

Criteria to run for these seats are that you are an E1-E6, WO1, or O1-O2 and a member of the NC National Guard Association. If interested, please complete the application for office above and submit to the NCNGA.

Executive Council meetings are held quarterly.

North Carolina's Aviation Team Hails and Farewells its members

By CPT Patrick Szvetitz, 449th TAB

On the evening of Saturday, October 1, 2011, current and retired members of the 449th Theater Aviation Brigade (TAB), gathered at the Cary, NC Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post for the 2nd annual Hail and Farewell. This event spotlights new members coming to the community and honors those who are departing the unit. It is a great opportunity for not only active members of the aviation community, but also retirees to gather and reflect on past experiences.

After a prime rib dinner, prepared by the Cary VFW, new members were greeted into the organization with a warm welcome. While members leaving the unit were honored and recognized for their dedication and hard work. The highlight of the evening was a presentation made by the Brigade Commander, Colonel Todd Hunt. Colonel Hunt presented four Army Aviation Association of America's Bronze Order of Saint Michael Medals. The Order of Saint Michael recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the promotion of Army Aviation in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipient's seniors, subordinates, and peers. These individuals demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and moral character, display



These aviators have shown great commitment and fortitude throughout their service and were awarded the Army Aviation Association of America Bronze Order of Saint Michael Medal. Left to Right: Col. (R) Drew Goodwin, CW4 (R) Edward Sanderlin, LTC Jeffrey Copeland, and LTC Brian Pierce.

an outstanding degree of professional competence, and serve the United States Army Aviation community with distinction.

The evening wrapped up with "war stories," music, and great fellowship with all of those who had gathered.

Kangaroo Express Makes Donation to SAAF

RALEIGH, NC – The North Carolina National Guard is employed in all 100 counties every day in our state and has a good neighbor watching its back in just about each one.

Kangaroo Express, one of the largest convenience store operators in the state, presented a check for \$62,000 to NC Guard leaders for the North Carolina National Guard Soldiers and Airmen Assistance Fund at a ceremony held here at the new NC National Guard headquarters auditorium, Oct. 31.

The ceremony was a culminating event, celebrating the end of the Kangaroo Express "Salute Our Troops" campaign which was held throughout this past summer.

"You protect us, we run convenience stores and make a great cup of coffee but we can help take care of you," said John Fisher, senior vice-president for marketing, Kangaroo Express.

Kangaroo Express associates and customers from Memorial Day to Labor Day this year raised more than 2.5 million dollars for military charities, including the NCNG SAAF, throughout the Southeast U.S.

"We did not know we could raise so much money," said Fisher. "To our customers, we say thank you."

The Pantry Inc. operates convenience stores across the southeastern US, with most of them

under the Kangaroo Express banner. The corporation was looking for a company-wide corporate donation that would help the military and strike a chord within the company.

"I think it

did more for us than the money did for the fund," said Fisher. "A third of our associates has either served in the military or currently has family in it."

The Soldiers and Airmen Assistance Fund provides emergency aid to our Guard families in financial crisis. Like some families, sometimes our Soldiers and Airmen suffer job loss, illness, unexpected expenses, or disasters which place them in financial need through no fault of their own. This Fund helps assists NC Guard members through these difficult times.

"With the way the economy is, donations are down and what Kangaroo Express did with the largest corporate donation ever is just amazing," said Director of the Soldiers and Airmen Assistance Fund and retired NCNG Sergeant Major Dennis Roach. *By Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan, NCNG Public Affairs*



!Attention Active and Retired Officers and Warrant Officers!

2012 North Carolina Army and Air National Guard Military Ball

Where: Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons
Joseph S. Koury Convention Center
3121 High Point Road at I-40
Greensboro, N.C.
When: 31 March 2012, Cocktails at 1700, Dinner at 1930
Dress: Formal

REGISTER ONLINE: Go to <https://einvitations.afit.edu/2012NCNGMilitaryBall/anim.cfm> to register online (preferred method). Once you've registered, mail your signed check payable to the **NCNG Military Ball Committee** by 16 March 2012 to JFHQ-NC-PAO, ATTN: NCNG Military Ball Committee, 1636 Gold Star Drive, Raleigh, NC 27607.

REGISTER BY MAIL: You will receive an informational letter and registration form at your home by mail regardless of your registration method. If you don't, or if you prefer, please fill out the form below. Complete it in its entirety, and mail it with your signed check payable to the **NCNG Military Ball Committee** by 16 March 2012 to JFHQ-NC-PAO, ATTN: NCNG Military Ball Committee, 1636 Gold Star Drive, Raleigh, NC 27607.

TICKETS: CSM/WO1/CW2/O1/O2 - \$52 per ticket; CW3/O3/O4 - \$57; CW4/O5 - \$62; CW5/O6 - \$67; O7 - \$72; O8 - \$77 per ticket. Tickets are per individual, not couple.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The Sheraton offers outstanding accommodations at the per diem rate of \$86 per night, plus tax, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights 30 March - 1 April. Call toll-free (800) 242-6556 and book your room as part of the "2012 NCNG Officers Military Ball" block.

For more information, call PAO at 800-621-4136, ext 46889 or e-mail pao@ng.army.mil.

Registration Form ----- Registration Form

I will attend the 2012 Military Ball. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ tickets made payable to **NCNG Military Ball Committee**. (NOTE: Tickets are for each individual, not for each couple.)

MILITARY GRADE: _____ NAME: _____ RETIRED?: Yes ___ No ___

GUEST(S) NAME(S): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: DAY - (____) _____ EVENING - (____) _____ CELL - (____) _____

Email address (Required): _____

Indicate the type and number of meal(s) for you and your guest(s): Beef ___ Chicken ___ Vegetarian ___

Beef: Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus – Slowly-roasted prime rib served with fresh horseradish

Chicken: Roast Chicken Chasseur - Breast of Chicken herb seasoned, roasted and topped with mushroom, onion, tomato, parsley, white wine demi-glace

Vegetarian: Chef's creation based on seasonal vegetables

Will you be staying at the Sheraton Greensboro? ___ Yes ___ No

Your command (check one):

_____ Joint Force Headquarters, _____ 145th Airlift Wing, _____ 60th Troop Command,
_____ 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, _____ 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team,
_____ 449th Theater Aviation Brigade, _____ 113th Sustainment Brigade, _____ 139th Regiment (Combat Arms)

Seating preference (check one):

_____ Joint Force Headquarters, _____ 145th Airlift Wing, _____ 60th Troop Command,
_____ 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, _____ 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team,
_____ 449th Theater Aviation Brigade, _____ 113th Sustainment Brigade, _____ 139th Regiment (Combat Arms)



Your North Carolina National Guard Association Offers The Following Life Insurance Options:

A Group Term Policy For Active Guard Members:

Coverage of \$10,000 for as little as \$3.66 per month, up to \$50,000 for \$17.00 per month.
Premiums are deducted from National Guard pay
Claim Paid within 24-48 hours
No War or Aviation Exclusions
Coverage is also available for your spouse and dependent children
Coverage may be continued following separation from Guard
Premiums are level term until age 65
Automatic conversion to a whole life policy without proving insurability

A Whole Life Policy for Active or Separated Guard Members and/or their families:

Coverage of \$2,500 - \$100,000 is available (rates based on age)
No War or Aviation Exclusions
May be purchased between the ages of 18 - 65
Premiums and coverage are level for the duration of the policy
Accrues a cash value over time
May be drafted monthly from a bank account
Matures at age 100

Both of these policies are underwritten by American Equity Investment Life Insurance Company.

If you are currently insured through the NC National Guard Association:

Do you know who your current beneficiary is?

Have you moved recently?

Are you newly married?

Do you have a new child?

Are you recently divorced?

Are you separating from the NC National Guard in the near future?

If any of these questions apply to you, please contact the NCNGA at 800-821-6159 (if in NC) or 919-851-3390 to update your policy. Your insurance staff, Teri Foster (ext 1) or Rhonda Arndt (ext 0), will be glad to assist you.

If you are not an insured member of the NCNGA, please consider applying today - Buying life insurance is an easy way to protect your family after you are gone and provide immediate funds for burial expenses. If you're single, remember there are still going to be immediate expenses someone has to pay for your burial.