

**Missouri National Guard Association**

**Executive Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, 9 JAN 2025 • 1800 Hours**

Conducted via UberConference<sup>1+</sup>

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**Presiding Official— Amy Cottrel, President**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establish a Quorum/  
Branson  
-The meeting was called to order at 1800.  
-Approval of Agenda - - Amy Cottrell. Motion to approve minutes as written, seconded and passed, none opposed  
-Call for old business, none was introduced  
  
Some new business discussions from Amy Cottrell:
  - Retirement council will have a meeting in January to decide where to have their Retiree Appreciation Day
  - Discussed recognizing people at NGAUS to get some award submissions pushed
  - Discussed a few names for awards that are going to be submitted by Mr. Powers  
-Officer reports:
  - Will Blaylock covered the officer reports for this meeting and discussed the downturn of January memberships due to expiration of yearly memberships
    - Discussed the awards for the month, which would be highest percentage.
  - No one across the state gained members from the month prior.
  - Going to work with the numbers and have Rich Snyder do some data analysis and bring it back to the EC
    - Chris Wilson went through the accounts and any changes. We are \$5816 ahead of last year.
2. Opening Comments and Agenda  
Cottrell

- NCO/CGO goals- need 99 NCOs and 23 CGO memberships to meet goals for the year.
- Membership Status and Drive- Discussed making sure we are bringing up the association with new potential members
- Brothers After War- documentary about the first units in Iraq. Regal is still working on the premier on 28 Feb in St Joe

### 3. Executive Director Updates.

- NGAUS Hospitality Room- Discussed Milwaukee not allowing outside food or drinks, but that has been overturned and Mr. Blaylock is going to pick the room and hotel for us at the end of the month.
- Meet-Up Schedule- No feedback on people chomping at the bit to set one up due to weather.
- Meridian Tax Preparation and Accounting update- Call with Katie last week and it went well. They are going to be our tax prep company and she let us know she will be able to use our system in addition to theirs. We went through the processes of how they will work with us for the future to prepare our tax submissions and it will increase our transparency.
- Partnership updates:
  - Ultio Crati- Lindbergh's Own- They are working on their accounting
  - Veterans United- New Gold Partner- They moved up from a sustaining member
  - American Military University (pending check)-Rolling in between now and April
  - Grand Canyon University (pending check)- Rolling in between now and April
  - Yellow Ribbon events- 2 events coming up, 1 Feb in Festus (220th EN CO), 8 FEB in Harrisonville (MP company)
  - Conference update (Shane Luke)- Need to send information out to MSC's for silent auction and GROG. Try to get the word out to the military friendly businesses to get sponsors for the golf tournament. Discussed dates for discussions in the future (the 16<sup>th</sup>). Nothing to worry about this event yet due to the planning and deadlines and meetings being held and met.
    - Mr Blaylock talked about vendors and sponsors for members to interact with during the conference
    - Discussed best warrior and best NCO and sponsorships for each MSC to attend the conference, room and registration.
    - Roaring 20s will be the theme for the Conference

### 4. New Business:

#### Call for new business

-Rich Snyder-wants to build out a line of effort on emergency relief for the association and members for those in need. Would like to get this moving forward, start small and maybe a fundraiser of a gun raffle. MONGA Relief Fund or something to that nature. Rich is going to put together a plan to start this ball rolling. Will bring it up to put it to a vote in the near future to the board of directors.

-Will Blaylock brought up something that had been done in the past with the NRA, and maybe adding things other than just Guns, maybe yeti coolers or something to that type of prize.

Due Outs:

5. Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 1850

Adjourned 1850