



The e-Voice

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Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association

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Upcoming Dates:

- * March 3—ONGEA Board Mtg
- * April 15-16—ONGEA State Conference, Fawcett Center in Columbus
- * May 11—Legislative Breakfast
- * May 12—ONGEA Board Mtg
- * June 16—ONGEA Board Mtg
- * July 16—ONGEA Awards Banquet, Longaberger OSU Alumni House in Columbus

Legislative Breakfast

On Wednesday, May 11, 2011, we will have an opportunity to share our excitement about the Ohio National Guard with our state legislators at the annual ONGA/ONGEA Legislative Breakfast. More details will be coming in the next issue of "the Voice" however, please put this date on your calendar as an opportunity to represent the guard to our elected officials.

D.C. Legislative Workshop

On March 7, 8, & 9, MSgt John Willis (Legislation) and SFC Tony McGraw (VP-Army) will be in Washington D.C. to participate in the EANGUS Legislative Workshop. They will spend time in our nation's Capitol visiting our Congressional leaders and speaking to them on behalf of EANGUS. They will be our "voice" as they advocate for the enlisted men and women of the National Guard in Ohio. We wish them success as they meet with our US Representatives and Senators from Ohio!

Scholarship Applications Due by March 1, 2011

The ONGEA and ONGEA Auxiliary will be awarding \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year. There will be a minimum of five and maximum of 10 scholarships awarded.

All scholarship applications must be sent to: **ONGEA Scholarship Chairperson, 1299 Virginia Ave., Columbus, OH 43212.** Applications must include all required information to be considered.

Application forms may be downloaded on-line at www.ongea.org. **Applications must be received by March 1, 2011.** Winners are expected to attend the ONGEA Awards Banquet on July 16 to accept their scholarship.

An impartial panel of judges will rank the scholarship applications. Awards will be given on a one-year basis. Previous winners are not eligible to apply. Please read the scholarship material and complete the application in full.

Two-for-One Memberships to Continue

We have had great success through the ONGEA 2-for-1 membership initiative. As of today, over 150 airmen and soldiers have signed up using this program. At the ONGEA board meeting in January, it was decided to continue this program for the time being. Here are the details: *Any new or renewing E6 and above, retiree, new life member, or associate member can sponsor an E5 and below for a free one-year membership.*

The application is available on-line at www.ONGEA.org. You can also simply go onto the www.EANGUS.org site to renew your membership and then send an e-mail to membership@ongea.org with the name of the member you would like to sponsor and we will send their information to EANGUS.

Questions? Send an e-mail to membership@ongea.org

ONGEA Awards Banquet Set for July 16th

ONGEA will again be hosting our awards banquet on Saturday night, July 16, 2011, at the Longaberger OSU Alumni House in Columbus. It will be an exciting evening as we recognize our soldiers and airmen of the year along with our ONGEA/ONGEA Auxiliary Scholarship winners. Details will be coming in the next issue of "the Voice." Mark this date on your calendar and make plans to attend this special event.

Resolutions Needed

Do you ever wonder how things you receive as a member of the National Guard come to be? One way is through legislation. Legislation starts with ideas on how to make something better.

At our ONGEA state conference in April, we will vote on various resolutions from our membership to send forward for EANGUS to consider.

Do you want to make a change, is there an issue you are passionate about and want to make better? Write up a resolution and send it to us so we can discuss it at the state conference.

Resolution forms can be found on the ONGEA website at www.ongea.org in the "Documents" area.

Delegates Needed

Every year at the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Conference, Ohio sends representation to participate in the business of our national organization. These "delegates" participate in committees, vote on resolutions, and are able to see our national organization at work. This year's EANGUS conference will take place in Charleston, WV, on August 14-17, 2011. As a delegate, ONGEA will pay for your room and registration fee for the conference. If you are interested in participating as a delegate, please download the Delegate Nomination form from our website. ONGEA will then vote on our representation to EANGUS at our state conference in April.

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