



MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION (MNGEA)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MNGEA MEMBERSHIP

FROM: MNGEA STATE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: President's Report for 2025

Dear MNGEA Membership,

Welcome to Baxter and this year's annual General Business Meeting! I want to first thank all of you that took the time to come out, attend, and help get some Association business done. This will be a big step in getting us back on solid ground and bring some normalcy back to the Association.

Since we last met last June in Duluth, we have been busy working on membership, our financial posture, and most importantly, legislative information. We had two members plus myself attend the Legislative Workshop this past February in Washington DC. It was a very productive trip and a great learning opportunity for the two members as first time attendees to the Legislative Workshop. Please take some time to read through the Legislative Report for the details as it lists the Legislative Initiatives from EANGUS in addition to some initiatives from NGA-MN. Since our visit to DC, I can say that there has been lots of veteran related initiatives coming out in new bills, on both the House and Senate side.

In August, we were fortunate enough to send nine members to Detroit, MI for the EANGUS Conference. After hosting the National Conference in Rochester the year prior, this was a great opportunity for many of our "conference staff" to see the delegate side of the house. They attended committee meetings, sat in on Professional Development sessions, voted on the floor as delegates, and saw what happens in the background of the Association. One even participated in a Tactical Shooter competition hosted by Conflict Kinetics, an EANGUS Corporate Partner, and took the Top Prize! Way to go Jay Jakeway!

One of my goals this weekend is to elect officers into some of our vacant positions to help with the work in the next year. Rebuilding our Association will take some time but I know it can be done! What I ask of you is to help spread the word about MNGEA. Learn what we are about and help promote it to your fellow co-workers and leadership. Did you know MNGEA has a Facebook® page? We have grown to 708 members on Facebook. We've also been working on updating our web page (www.mngea.com). There is a new Legislative Initiatives page (<https://mngea.com/legislative-legislative-initiatives/>) which has all the White Papers from our Legislative Workshop. If you are good with webpages and would like to help, please contact me!

On the membership front, I would like to encourage all our annual members to renew your memberships and help us grow by recruiting a new member. We set a goal a several years ago to reach 1000 members but have fallen short each year. We are really close to reaching this goal. We



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are currently at 917 members, up from 894 last June. I truly believe this is attainable if we all pitch in and recruit one new member each. Use this QR code to go straight to our sign-up page or click on [Membership Levels | Minnesota National Guard Enlisted Association](#) and select your option.



In closing, I encourage every member to get more actively involved, whether it's sending out an email to your Senator or Congressman on legislative calls (from your personal computer please ☺), attending a conference, or simply being a member. Thank you all for your past support and I look forward to another busy year ahead!

Respectfully Submitted,

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