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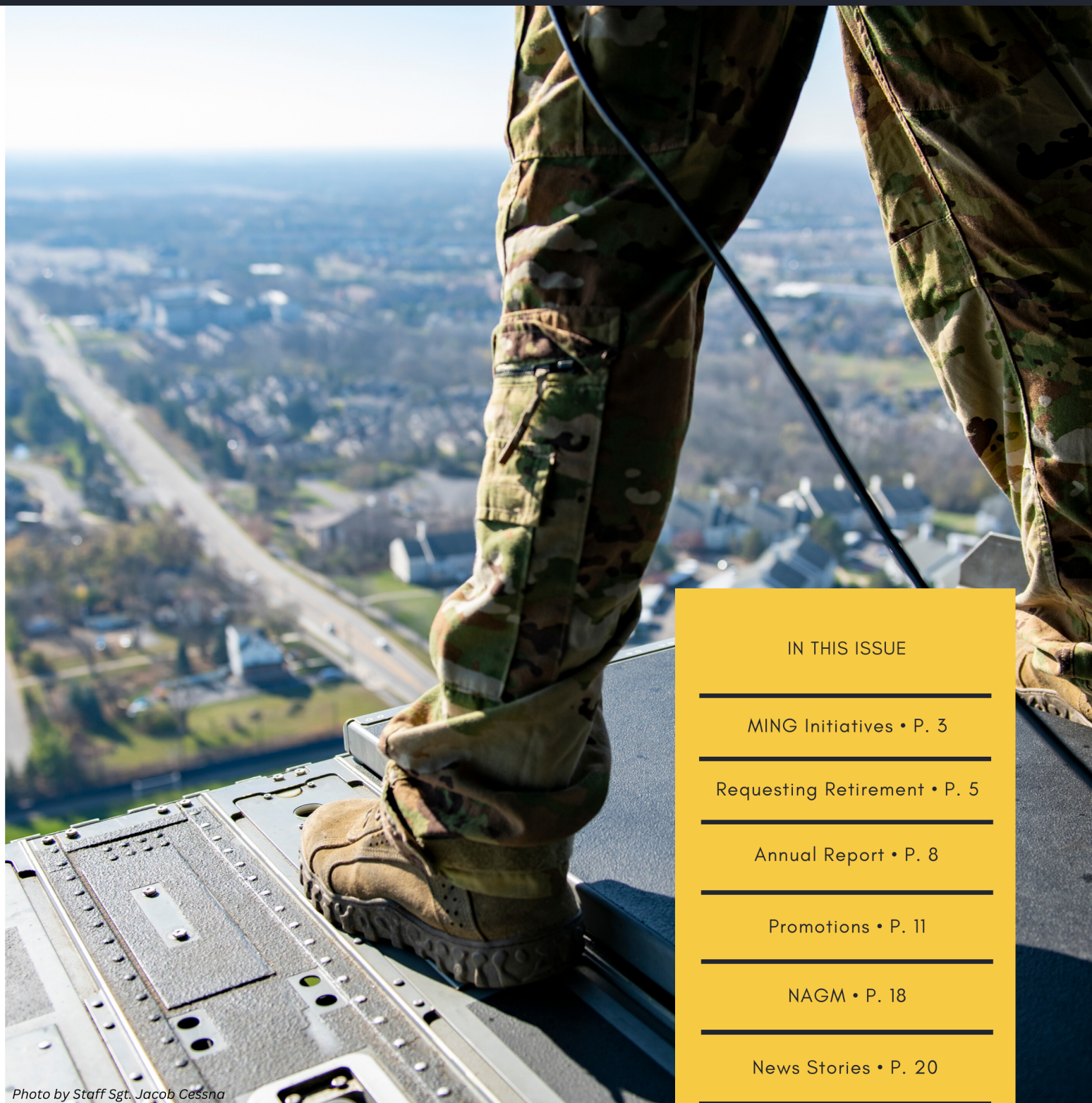


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FROM MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD TAG,

BY MG PAUL D. ROGERS

**TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY AND VETERANS FAMILY,**

It is my distinct pleasure to re-introduce The Wolverine Guard, the quarterly publication of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Through this product, we intend to inform the members, family, and stakeholders of our organization about the current events, issues and resources that are important to them as “members for life” – the principle that leverages all programs under the DMVA.

I am incredibly excited to share with you how this organization is making a difference across the wider Department of Defense and defense community. In 2022, Michigan hosted multiple premier exercises at the National All-Domain Warfighting Center, including our marquee Northern Strike exercise series, which hosted nearly 6,000 personnel from approximately 20 states and four partner countries across its winter and summer iterations. We also hosted a new exercise series, Northern Agility, which advanced the Air Force’s Agile Combat Employment doctrine and demonstrated many groundbreaking innovation projects through Michigan’s Kelly Johnson Joint All-Domain Innovation Center. Through these events and many others, Michigan continues to build on its reputation as a provider of exceptional service and a leader in innovative solutions in support of national security objectives.

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency continues to be a fierce advocate for the more than 550,000 veterans who call Michigan home. This year, we celebrated the signing of legislation to invest \$1.2 million to reduce the incidence of suicide among service members, veterans and their families; the expansion of the Michigan Veteran Connector initiative, which identifies and cultivates community partnerships to help veterans connect to the best resources available regardless of where they reside; and the creation of Helmets to Hardhats, a partnership designed to help connect veterans with registered apprenticeships in Michigan’s construction industry. Michigan Veteran Homes, which provides critical long-term care services to our nation’s veterans and their dependents, serves approximately 350 members across three communities. This year, Governor Whitmer authorized \$34.2 million in state funding for the construction of a new state veteran home to replace the D.J. Jacobetti home in Marquette. This new home will ensure Upper Peninsula veterans and their dependents continue to receive high-quality care along with the opportunity to live as independently as possible.

The DMVA culture reflects what we value most: our people, readiness, integrity, innovation, diversity, and ethical behavior. No matter what, the successes of this organization are directly attributable to the incredible members of the DMVA. It is you who continue to define Michigan as the premier state for advancing military readiness and serving veterans and their families.

Thank you for all you do and welcome to The Wolverine Guard.

MING INITIATIVES

BY MAJ RICHARD J. SANDS

For the past three years, the Director's Initiatives Group (DIG) has served as a small joint-planning cell located at the Joint Force Headquarters in Lansing. Reporting directly to U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Paul Rogers, the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard and Director of the Michigan Department of Veteran Affairs, the DIG plans and executes "up and out" initiatives designed to increase Michigan's importance and relevance to the overall Department of Defense (DoD) enterprise. One such initiative is branding the National All-Domain Warfighting Center (NADWC) nationally as a location of choice for building readiness using the future operating environment, complex training, new mission sets, force structure, and all-domain operations capabilities.

In July 2020, the Michigan National Guard (MING) established the NADWC, comprised of Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center and Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center. The NADWC is supported by Battle Creek Air National Guard Base (BCANG), Selfridge Air National Guard Base (SANGB), and the Fort Custer Training Center. The NADWC brings together Michigan's unique capabilities, infrastructure, and all-domain capabilities in an operational environment that exposes leaders at all levels to joint all-domain effects and visualization.

Michigan's unique geography facilitates training in the land, air, maritime, cyberspace, and space domains, enabling the integration of Joint All-Domain Operations across the networked training areas of the state. NADWC's northern training venues encompass more than 148,000 acres of maneuver space overlaid by the largest special-use airspace east of the Mississippi River at over 17,000 square miles and a maximum



Photo by Crystal Seelye

ceiling of flight level 50,000 feet. The special-use airspace extends over Lake Huron enabling live-fire maritime operations, such as counter fast attack and maritime strikes, within an overwater impact area in Lake Huron. The BCANG, home to the 110th Wing and the 217th Air Operations Group, integrates the nascent cyberspace and space domains across the area of operations and provides operational-level control to commanders during live, virtual, and constructive exercises.

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Additionally, through partnerships with private industry, the NADWC is incorporating space-based Synthetic Aperture Radar into targeting processes and fusing the Merit CyberRange into future operations as networked lethality becomes more prominent within Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2). DoD defines JADC2 as “the warfighting capability to sense, make sense, and act at all levels and phases of war, across all domains, and with partners, to deliver information advantage at the speed of relevance. Michigan’s Great Lakes offer an unprecedented opportunity for maritime integration within the continental United States through the implementation of counter-sea, maritime, and littoral operations training at the dedicated impact area, and restricted airspace, in Lake Huron. Coupled with a four-season training environment, the NADWC provides a constantly evolving contested environment for commanders at all echelons to train and win in cooperation, competition, and armed conflict.

As our adversaries and operating environments continue to evolve at a rapid pace, so must the training we utilize to maintain strategic overmatch. The NADWC is continuously modernizing and expanding its ability to challenge personnel, systems, and commanders by implementing value-added enablers and technologies. Through partnerships with military research institutes and private industry, emerging technologies such as, but not limited to, radio frequency communications position targeting, GPS denial, command and control degradation, contested logistics, common operating picture degradation, cyber disruption, and space-based intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance are being overlaid with training events and exercises across the state. Commanders make decisions in the human, informational, and physical environments to shoot, move, communicate, and win with the expectation that the force is contested throughout the process, and is equally challenged with time, speed, and distance.

With the ability to operate in all domains and throughout all four seasons, the NADWC offers partners across the DoD, private industry, and academia the opportunity to integrate, experiment, and challenge one another in a collective environment. Both during major exercises and independently, organizations from across the country utilize the NADWC to develop skill sets to train leaders, advisors, mentors, and experts. Military units from every branch and multinational partners train to increase total-force integration and readiness. The area provides a uniquely “low-risk” training environment for units to learn from failure away from the higher visibility Combat Training Center rotations.

Another initiative the DIG pursues is ensuring an enduring fighter mission replacement for the A-10 Thunderbolt II at SANGB. As a key component in joint all-domain training, fighter aircraft provide a critical capability to replicate the fight against near-peer adversaries. Leaders in the MING have been pursuing an advanced generation fighter aircraft, and have even reached out about the Next Generation Air Dominance fighter aircraft. This past year the MING hosted the Secretary of the Air Force, Frank Kendall, on two visits that focused on this initiative. The A-10 at SANGB is scheduled to be divested at the end of 2027.

The NADWC is a high-end contested domain capable of stressing commanders at every level in complex scenarios that accurately reflect the future operating environment. As a partner of choice for DoD, inter-agency, industry, academia, and coalition partners, the NADWC is an operational environment that exposes personnel at all echelons to the art of all-domain effects and visualization.

“Camp Grayling is one of our nation’s best kept secrets,” said U.S. Army Col. Scott Meyers, Camp Grayling Garrison Commander. “Camp Grayling has everything necessary to assist military leaders in developing trained, competent Soldiers for Joint operations.”



REQUESTING RETIREMENT

BY RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICE

Retirement is a process and not something that a Soldier should rush. If a Soldier's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) is incorrect or missing documents this may delay a Soldier from being able to apply for retired pay at their 60th birthday or their Retired Pay Eligibility Date (RPED).

ALL SOLDIERS WHO ARE RETIRING, WHETHER THAT BE VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY, ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A RETIREMENT PACKET.

Soldiers can request retirement only after they have received their Notice of Eligibility for Retired Pay (NOE). Once they receive their NOE, Soldiers have 90 days to make an election for their Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) elections. If they do not make and return an election within those 90 days, the Soldier will need to request a default memo which automatically defaults the election to the spouse and the children of whomever the Soldier was married to at the time of the issuance of the NOE.

Soldiers are also required to attend a Pre-Retirement Briefing. This can be done in person or a Soldier can take the online Pre-Retirement Seminar Course at <https://www.milsuite.mil/university/miarngr-retirement-services/all-courses/>.

A Soldier will need to log in and enroll with a valid CAC to complete the online course. This course will walk you through the retirement process from the time of request all the way through when you apply for retired pay. The course also has links to other resources and allows you to download all material to save and review later.

A Soldier should get with their full-time staff to start the process to request for retirement. A Soldier should make sure all their personnel records are in order before requesting. This will help in ensuring your retirement packet is not returned with no action. Some of the things Soldiers can do to ensure their records are in order is to ensure they have all their marriage certificates, divorce decrees, and all children's birth certificates uploaded to their iPERMS records. Soldiers will also need to ensure they have an updated DA 5960, DD 93, and SGLV within 1 year of the requested retirement date.

A Soldier will need to complete the Pre-Retirement Counseling checklist. Once all the checklist items have been completed, the unit can start the Retirement Discharge Packet for processing thru BN/BDE/DRU to the G-1 (EPM/OPM).

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The process takes more than 120 days from the date of your digital signature (as requested retirements are effective the last day of the month) on the checklist so plan accordingly.

Please be aware this process is just a request and can be denied or moved to the delayed if directions are not followed as set by law, regulation, and policy.

Michigan Military Retirement

Retirees of the Michigan National Guard (Army or Air) who have served a minimum of 20 years (19 years, 6 months, and 1 day) of Michigan National Guard service are eligible for a Michigan Military Retirement. The current state retirement benefit is \$600 annually (\$50 per month). There is also a Surviving Spouse annuity of \$500 annually (\$41.67 per month).

Under current state law, the retirement benefit is not automatic. Individuals must submit a written application.

To apply, Retirees may email DavidD58@michigan.gov. Mr. Derek Davis will verify your Michigan service and send you an application. Applications may be submitted within 3 months of your 55th birthday (unless currently serving after age 55) and must physically ink sign.

State retirement is not retroactive. Benefits will begin on the 55th birthday (or date of application if applied for later). There is no back pay for late applications.

Retired Pay Application for Army National Guard

Retirees applying for a Non-Regular Retirement should start the process about 9 months out from their 60th birthday or their Retired Pay Eligibility Date (RPED). RPED is usually your 60th birthday unless reduced due to qualifying orders on or after 29 January 2008.

Medical Retirees (Permanent Disability Retired List) should start the process upon receipt of their PDRL order.

Appointments can be scheduled with a Retirement Services Officer (RSO) by contacting (517) 481-8303 emailing the group box at ng.mi.miarng.mbx.retirement-services@army.mil or NGMIRSO@army.mil.

MIARNG RSOs can assist in filling out the documents correctly and will be able to submit them to Human Resources Command (HRC) on your behalf. They will also be able to assist in locating documents in various HR Systems or archive records if they were properly archived.

The process to receive retired pay can take up to nine months and sometimes longer once submitted to HRC. Once the application is submitted and there are no errors found, RSOs may not be able to get a status update for several months as it works through various departments in HRC and at DFAS. The following documents are required for Retirees to apply for their retired pay:

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· **DD 2656 (APPLICATION) (ENSURE YOU USE THE LATEST FORM)**

· **DD 108**

· **SEPARATION ORDERS**

· **NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY (NOE) (15 YEAR- OR 20 YEAR)***

· **NGB 23B (CLOSED OUT)**

· **RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (RCSBP) ELECTION * (DD 2656-5, DD 1883, OR A DEFAULT MEMO)**

· **NGB22**

· **DISABILITY RETIREMENT ORDER**

· **MARRIAGE LICENSE(S)**

· **ALL DIVORCE DECREES**

· **DD 2656-1***

· **ALL DEPENDENT BIRTH CERTIFICATES**

· **ADOPTION PAPERS**

· **DEATH CERTIFICATES**

· **PROMOTION ORDERS (LAST 2 PROMOTION ORDERS IF RANK WAS NOT HELD FOR OVER 3 YEARS)**

· **FED REC ORDERS* (OFFICER AND WARRANT OFFICERS ONLY)**

· **LATERAL APPT. ORDERS***

· **USASMA CERTIFICATION***

· **VA DISABILITY LETTER***

· **DD214/DD215***

· **QUALIFYING ORDERS FOR REDUCED RETIREMENT***

· **WAIVER TO EXTEND BEYOND 60***

· **MRD EXTENSION***

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(*) - WHEN APPLICABLE

MICHIGAN ANNUAL REPORT

BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

MVAA is a state government agency housed within the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The agency works to identify and break down barriers veterans face in employment, education, health care, and quality of life, making Michigan a great place for veterans and their families to call home. Unlike the federal Department of Veterans Affairs, which provides health care, educational, compensation and pension benefits, and more, the MVAA assists veterans and their families by connecting them to their federal resources and benefits, as well as those state benefits they have earned. The agency does this by working with various state departments and agencies, as well as hundreds of community-based veteran programs to create no-wrong-door access to benefits and services.

Services provided by MVAA include:

The Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center (800-MICH-VET) and Michigan.gov/MVAA website provide one-stop access for veterans and their families seeking information, resources, and staff support.

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund grants help combat-era veterans and their families weather unforeseen, temporary financial emergencies.

MVAA's Discharge Document Retrieval Service provides veterans copies of DD-214 discharge documents.

For more information:
<https://www.michigan.gov/mvaa>



Photo by 1st Lt. Ashley Goodwin

Michigan Veterans Homes

After serving domestically and abroad, all heroes need a home. With three unique communities, our veterans can keep the independence they've earned while receiving compassionate care in an exceptional facility. Michigan Veteran Homes are proud to offer home-like environments that celebrate camaraderie, provide peace of mind and offer extraordinary skilled-nursing care. For veterans past, present and future, we specialize in long-term and short-term care, rehab and therapy, dementia and memory care, and palliative care.

Our locations:

[Michigan Veteran Homes at Chesterfield Township](#)

Michigan Veteran Homes at Grand Rapids
Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti

For more information:
<https://www.michigan.gov/mvh>

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Michigan Air National Guard

110th Wing – Battle Creek Air National Guard Base

The 110th Wing is a recognized leader in developing innovative, Multi-Capable Airmen serving our state, and defending our nation. Located at Battle Creek Air National Guard Base in Southwest Michigan, the wing supports multi-domain missions including MQ-9 support, Cyber Defense, and Agile Combat Support, Command & Control, and plans for Combatant Commanders and Civil Authorities.

127th Wing – Selfridge Air National Guard Base

The Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing is home to two flying missions, and the host unit of Selfridge Air National Guard Base, a military field established in 1917. Servicing both Air Combat and Air Mobility Command mission sets, the 127th Wing also supports more than 70 tenant units representing nearly all uniformed military services and the Department of Homeland Security.

Michigan Army National Guard

46th Military Police Command

The Michigan National Guard's 46th Military Police Command provides command and control to DoD service members who partner and train with civilian authorities to effectively respond to a significant incident or complex catastrophic event requiring a national effort.

177th Military Police Brigade

The 177 MP BDE provides Military Police (MP), Engineer (EN), and Expeditionary Signal support to Federal and State missions including the Quick Reaction Force (QRF) capable of 8hr deployment in support of civil authorities.

63rd Troop Command

63rd Troop Command contributed to mission success on the home front and abroad. 63 TC mobilized over 700 Soldiers to support combat missions and national contingency operations to support operations in Kuwait, Syria, and the Southwest Border and provided Soldiers to fill critical positions at key training events (Northern Strike 2022 and Warfighter Exercise 22-2). 63 TC continued to emphasize its commitment to Michigan communities by working in support of the ongoing COVID mission, providing Soldiers with COVID testing, public affairs, and military intelligence support. 63 TC was the lead military organization providing support to the Armed Forces Thanksgiving Event (May 2022) in Grand Rapids, MI.

272nd Regional Support Group

The 272nd Regional Support Group provides command and control and structure for non-major combat operations while providing resources and assisting subordinate units to meet directed training, readiness, and deployment requirements.

Fort Custer Training Center

Fort Custer's training facilities are used by the Michigan National Guard and other branches of the armed forces, primarily from Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana. Many Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) students from colleges in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana also train at this facility, as well as do the FBI, the Michigan State Police, various law enforcement agencies, and the Lansing Community College Truck Driver Training School.

National All Domain Warfighting Center

Michigan's National All-Domain Warfighting Center (NADWC) seeks to maximize joint combat readiness by providing an adaptable, cost-effective, and integrated all-domain training environment supported by an expanding Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2) architecture. This is all designed to enable the application of combined arms effects in a near-peer, contested threat environment.

The NADWC includes nearly 148,000 acres of training space at the Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center and 17,000 square miles of special-use military airspace at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center. The arena offers training for entities across the Department of Defense to prepare for the battlefield of the future. The training provides units with training capabilities across all five warfighting domains.

Land – Camp Grayling is a leader in providing efficient, unparalleled customer-focused service and the highest level of modern training. It offers a unique combination of resources that provide a wide variety of training scenarios to meet unit readiness requirements. Large artillery, mortar, tank ranges and maneuver courses are among the highlights available for visiting units.

Air – The airspace, which extends over a portion of Lake Huron, is supported by three Michigan Air National Guard installations: the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, and Selfridge Air National Guard Base. These air bases provide air-to-air maneuver capabilities, long range precision fires, premier command and control capabilities, and close air support for ground forces training at Grayling.

Maritime – Partially located on Lake Huron, the NADWC offers units the opportunity to train on, around, and above our nation's second-largest lake and one of the largest freshwater bodies of water in the world. When paired with Lake Margrethe on Camp Grayling, units can accomplish a range of maritime and littoral training objectives.

Cyber – With combined assets from across the state, the NADWC also has the ability to host live cyber attack and defense exercises. For kinetic units, the training arena can simulate electronic warfare and replicate a contested environment using joint threat emitters.

Space – Through partnerships with industry, visiting units have access to space-based intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance for a near real-time picture of the battlefield. As the growing space and near space industry continues expansion in Michigan, there are plans for further space integration in the training environment.

Each year, the NADWC hosts the Michigan National Guard's signature exercise series, Northern Strike. Northern Strike is a multi-component, multinational exercise designed to build readiness and enhance interoperability with allied forces to fight and win. In 2022, the exercise consisted of a summer and winter iteration. Northern Strike 22-1 was held from January 21-30, 2022. Snow, high winds, and single-digit temperatures are commonplace, which forces units to develop the capabilities required to operate in the world's Arctic region. Northern Strike 22-2, Michigan's largest and longest exercise designed to validate the readiness of the joint reserve force, was held Aug. 6-20, 2022 at the National All-Domain Warfighting Center. The 2022 summer iteration featured approximately 6,000 participants.

Check out more articles in the full annual report

<https://minationalguard.dodlive.mil/Portals/58/Documents/2022%20Annual%20Report%20v9.pdf?ver=jCbMkQ9VeR57tqKwLUHDeA%3d%3d>

MICHIGAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PROMOTIONS 7/1/22 - 9/30/22

BY SOLDIER SERVICES OFFICE

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LTC TAD REED
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CW2 DAVID CASEMENT
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1SG TRAVIS GARZA
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SPC JAMES KEPHART
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SPC JOSHUA DAVIDSON
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SPC KEILON CROWLEY
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SPC KYLE BALL
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NGAM NEWS

BY NAGAM OFFICE

IT'S CONFERENCE TIME!!!

Being a member of a professional organization means you are an owner, you have a voice in the direction of NGAM, its political efforts, and how we play a part in shaping the future of the Guard. The NGAM Executive Council has been working hard to put together an incredible weekend full of business, professional development, golf, corporate partners, and networking so that you can come together and lead your professional organization.

"This year, NGAM will be at the MotorCity Casino Hotel in Detroit, 19-21 May 23."

This is an election year for the Executive Council. President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are all open for nomination. NGAM will award our third set of winners for the COL Russell D. Gullett Scholarship for Leadership and Service and award our first winner of the Columbia Southern University Spouse and Dependent Scholarship. Our exhibit hall will bring partners from all over the country and from multiple industries to display their support for the Soldiers, Airmen, Families, and the Michigan National Guard. Spouses will spend the day being pampered while the members conduct business. Sunday we will close the conference off with a community service day, as the NGAM Veterans Support Grant continues to work with Habitat for Humanity on a Veterans Build in Detroit. Of course, we will have hospitality all weekend long with one of the best views of Detroit in the entire city.

2024 Motor City National Conferences

Detroit will host the annual National Guard Association of the United States' General Conference and Exhibition in 2024. More than 5,500 Army and Air National Guard officers from all 50 states, three territories and Washington, D.C., typically attend the annual conference. Policy, resourcing and soldier/airmen care issues are expected to be addressed at the convention.

54 by 24: SERVICE DOGS SAVE LIVES

NGAM has committed to being a part of the solution to end Veteran Suicide. The 54 by 24: Service Dogs Save Lives campaign works to sponsor one medical service dog per state by the 2024 Motor City National Conferences. Service dogs play a major part in healing and helping veterans. Suicide rates are drastically reduced when Veterans are matched with a medical service dog, some organizations even eliminate suicide altogether.

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The Colonel Russell D. Gullett Scholarship

The Colonel Russell D. Gullett Scholarship for Leadership and Service is awarded annually to current members of the National Guard Association of Michigan who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service. The scholarship is named after COL Gullett to honor his example and legacy of leadership and service; a career spanning five decades of dedicated to leadership and service to the Michigan National Guard, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the National Guard Association of Michigan, and all of the Soldiers, Airmen, and families that each organization supports. Click here to register: <https://www.ngam.org/rdg-scholarship/>

2023



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JAN

5: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
11: MOTOR CITY 2024 PLANNING MEETING
15-20: NGEDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
27: U OF M STUDENT VETERANS ANNUAL DINNER

2: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
8: MOTOR CITY 2024 PLANNING MEETING
6-9: NGAUS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
11-15: EANGUS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

FEB



MAR

2: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
7: MICHIGAN NON-PROFITS AT THE CAPITOL DAY
8: MOTOR CITY 2024 PLANNING MEETING
19-21: NGAUS CAPITOL SUMMIT

6: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
12: MOTOR CITY 2024 PLANNING MEETING
19-20: MDEX 2023
28-30: EANGUS AREA V MIDWINTER CONFERENCE
TBD: MING JUNIOR ENLISTED SYMPOSIUM

APR



4: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
6: GRAYLING GALA AND 5K
10: MOTOR CITY 2024 PLANNING MEETING
18-21: NGAM ANNUAL CONFERENCE
23-25: SENIOR ENLISTED SYMPOSIUM
TBD: MVAA VETERANS LEADERS CONFERENCE
TBD: MICHIGAN SENATE MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

MAY



1: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
6: CELEBRATE MICHIGAN'S MILITARY DINNER
15: LEGENDS AND LEADERS GOLF TOURNAMENT
TBD: MOTOR CITY IPR/ NGEDA SPRING MEETING

JUN



JUL

6: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
12: MOTOR CITY 2024 PLANNING MEETING
16-18: NGAUS CAPITOL SUMMIT

3: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
9: MOTOR CITY 2024 PLANNING MEETING
12-16: EANGUS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
17-22: NGAUS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AUG



SEP

7: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
13: MOTOR CITY 2024 PLANNING MEETING

5: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
11: MOTOR CITY 2024 PLANNING MEETING
TBD: AFBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TBD: AUSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

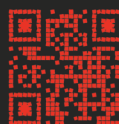
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2: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
3-5: NGAM INDUSTRY DAYS/ MING LEADERS CONF
8: MOTOR CITY 2024 PLANNING MEETING
26-30: ITTSEC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TBD: EANGUS LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP
TBD: NGAUS INDUSTRY DAYS

7: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
13: MOTOR CITY 2024 PLANNING MEETING
TBD: NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
TBD: NGAM OPEN HOUSE

DEC



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NEWS STORIES (OCT-DEC 2022)

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-  DVIDS - News - Meet "Sudden Death": also known as the 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery, Michigan National Guard (dvidshub.net)
-  DVIDS - News - Michigan National Guard Soldier earns NAACP 2022 Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award (dvidshub.net)
-  DVIDS - News - Camp Grayling improves habitat through National Environmental Education Foundation grant (dvidshub.net)
-  DVIDS - News - Michigan National Guard Chinook unit reflects on 20 years of service (dvidshub.net)
-  DVIDS - News - Leadership Camp opportunities for MING dependent youngsters. (dvidshub.net)
-  Michigan National Guard supports participates in 2023 Governor Inauguration (photo gallery)

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