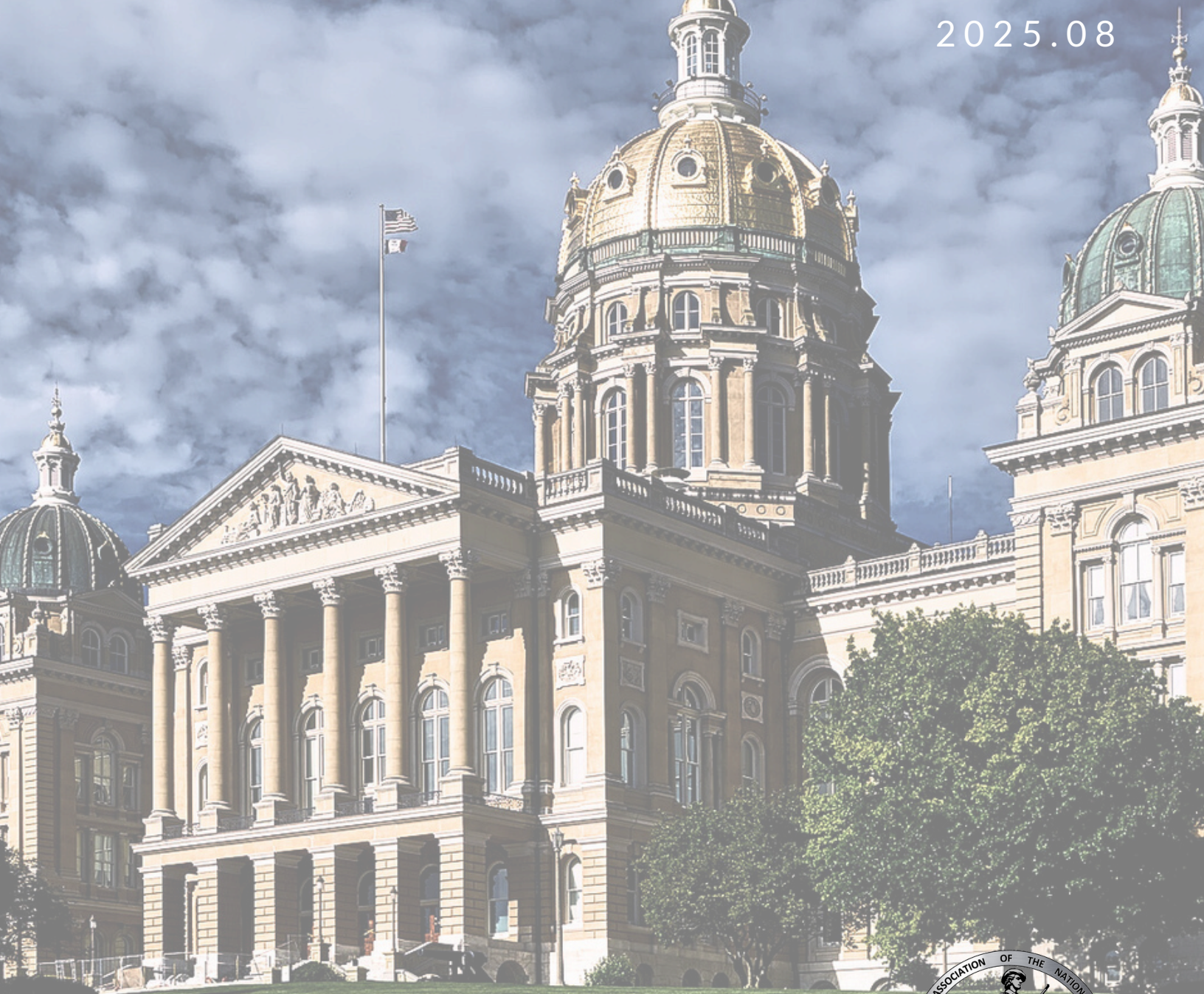


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PETER MOELLER

To our dedicated Airmen and Soldiers of the Iowa National Guard,

As we reflect on the recent months, I want to begin by extending my deepest gratitude to each of you. Your energy, dedication, and participation have made 2025 a year of success and momentum for our Association. Whether it was traveling, volunteering, or simply supporting from afar, you've once again shown why Iowa's enlisted community stands as one of the very best in the nation.

First and foremost, our thoughts and unwavering support remain with the Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team as they are deployed overseas. You carry with you the pride of our state and the strength of our Guard family. EANGI is committed to standing by you and your Families throughout this mission, ensuring that no one walks alone in sacrifice or service. Your courage inspires us daily, and we will continue to honor and support you until your safe return.

This year also marked tremendous success at the National Conference in Reno. Iowa's enlisted leaders were front and center as we helped shape legislative priorities and shared in the collective strength of members from across all states and territories. The knowledge gained, the relationships strengthened, and the unified voice we carried forward will pay dividends for years to come. It was another reminder that Iowa continues to punch above its weight on the national stage.

Closer to home, the 2025 EANGI Charity Classic Golf Tournament was a resounding success; raising over \$12,000 to support programs that directly benefit our Guard members and their Families. Beyond the fundraising, the tournament embodied the spirit of camaraderie and service that defines us. From sponsors and volunteers to every golfer who joined, you helped ensure that EANGI can provide meaningful assistance when it's needed most.

Looking ahead, we know that FY26 will bring unknowns. Budgets, missions, and demands may shift, but our focus will remain constant: taking care of Iowa's Soldiers, Airmen, and Families. We will continue to advocate for resources, strengthen support networks, and prepare for whatever challenges come our way. With your engagement and resilience, we are ready to face the future together.

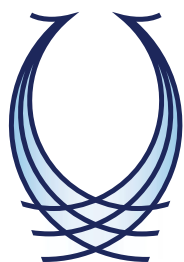
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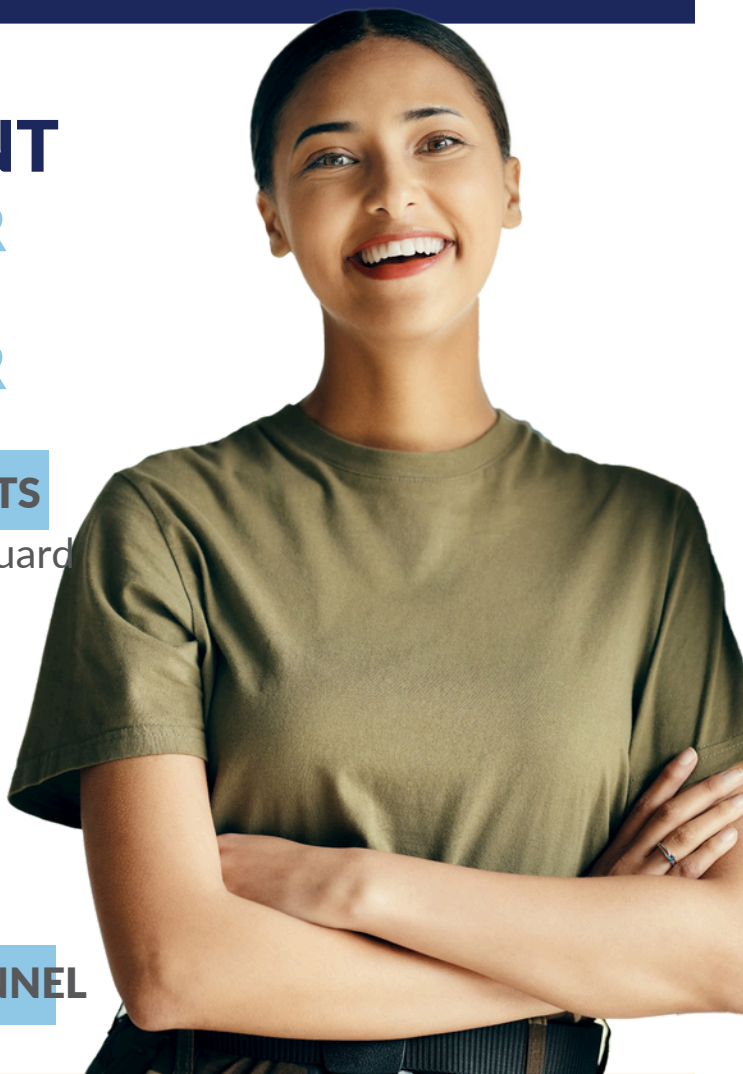
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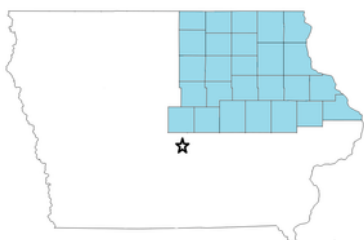
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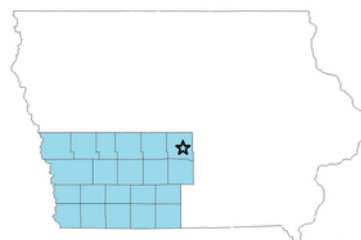
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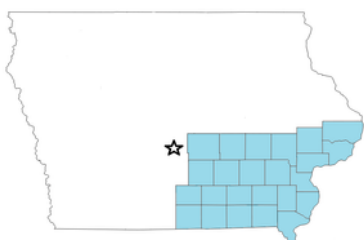


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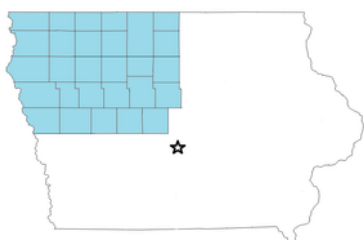


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18TH ANNUAL EANGI CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

A DAY OF CAMARADERIE, COMPETITION, AND COMMUNITY



On the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, the Enlisted Association of the Iowa National Guard (EANGI) hosted its 18th Annual Charity Golf Classic at Terrace Hills Golf Course in Altoona, Iowa. Once again, this flagship event blended tradition, creativity, and community spirit into an unforgettable day, raising over \$12,000 for the We Care for Iowa Foundation. This foundation provides direct support to Iowa National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, and their families through hardship relief and scholarships.

A Sold-Out Tournament with a Twist

The format was a classic four-person best shot, and for the first time in the tournament's history, it completely sold out with 144 total golfers. From the opening drive to the final putt, the course was alive with laughter, camaraderie, and spirited competition. But this wasn't just another golf outing. The 2025 edition leaned hard into its Happy Gilmore theme, complete with the

coveted Gold Jacket awarded to the champions. Hole sponsors added fun and flavor to every stop, turning the tournament into part competition, part festival.

At Hole #1, Halo Capital and Developers Realty Group brought out a modified version of the Danish lawn game Kubb. Winners earned mulligans for the longest drive, creating a mix of strategy and playfulness. Meanwhile, at Hole #8, Zarmish and Susan from Upper Iowa University greeted golfers with energy and encouragement, helping kick off the holiday weekend in style.

Adding to the spectacle, Freedom Depot hosted the wildly popular AR-15 golf ball launcher, letting participants send golf balls downrange with military-style flair. On a nearby par three, the famous Gecko from GEICO made an appearance, sparking laughs and plenty of selfies.

Sponsors Bring the Experience to Life

The day was also marked by generosity from sponsors and partners. Lure Cigars handed out premium cigars to every golfer, ensuring a celebratory feel across the course. The USO was present as well, taking care of players and volunteers and reminding everyone of the organization's long-standing support for the military community.

For those chasing the ultimate prize, Stroom Powersports upped the stakes by providing a brand-new motorcycle as the hole-in-one prize. While no one rode off with the bike, its presence added to the excitement and energy of the

day.
Champions Channel Happy Gilmore

After 18 holes of fun and competition, the team of 1SG James Rumelhart, SGT Dylan Burns, SGT Jonathan Youngbear (A Troop, 1-113th CAV), and TSGT Jessica Rumelhart (132d Wing) emerged victorious. Their teamwork, grit, and willingness embrace the Happy Gilmore spirit carried them to the top, earning not only bragging rights but also the tournament's iconic Gold Jackets.

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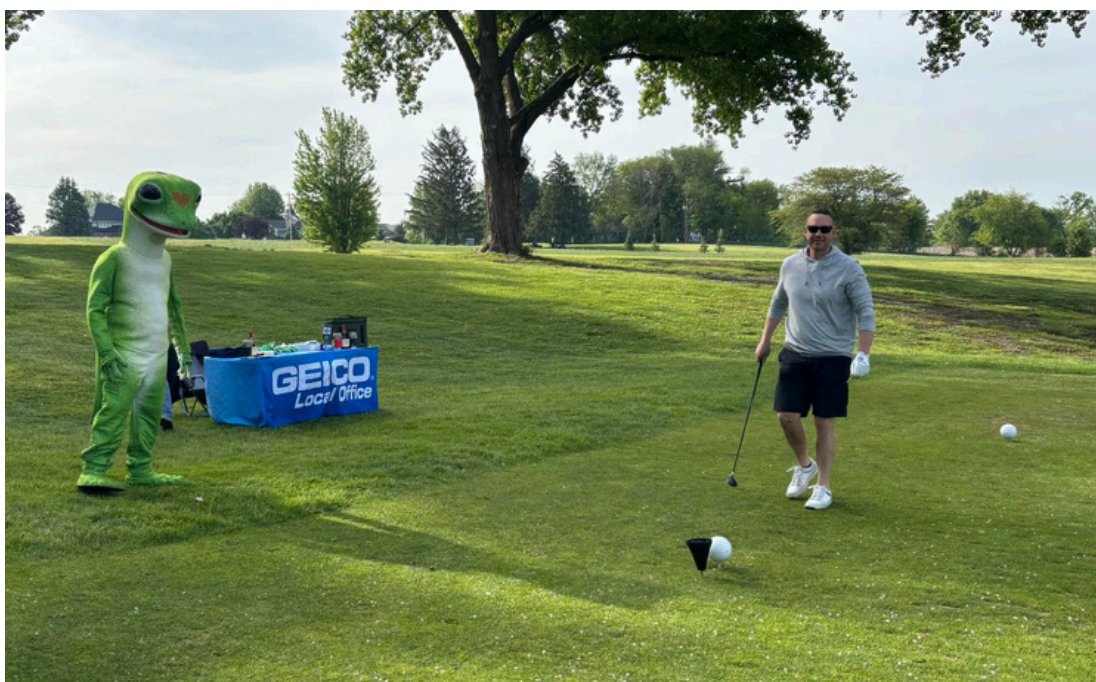
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Beyond the games and laughter, the tournament's success was measured in impact. Over \$12,000 was raised for the We Care for Iowa Foundation, providing scholarships and hardship assistance to Iowa National Guard families. Every swing, every sponsor table, and every ticket purchased helped to fuel that mission.

A Tradition That Endures

As the sun set on Terrace Hills, golfers and supporters reflected on a day that was about far more than golf. The 18th Annual EANGI Charity Golf Classic highlighted the bonds of the Guard family, the generosity of the community, and the shared commitment to caring for those who serve.

The champions may have taken home Gold Jackets, but the true winners are the Soldiers, Airmen, and families whose lives will be touched by the generosity shown this Memorial Day weekend.





MISSION TO SUCCEED

RED BULLS SHARPEN SKILLS AT JRTC AHEAD OF MIDDLE EAST MISSION

Story by Staff Sgt. Rachel White

FORT POLK, La. – After 15 days in the sweltering Louisiana heat, the soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, and supporting units emerged from the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) rotation 25-08 with sharpened skills, battle-tested endurance, and a renewed focus for their upcoming deployment.

The brigade's mission at JRTC was a complex, large-scale combat operation scenario simulating the defense of a partner nation against an invading force. Over nearly two weeks, the roughly 6,000 soldiers endured long hours, limited sleep, and unpredictable weather while executing their mission essential tasks list—attacking, moving to contact, defending, securing areas, and conducting air assaults.

Col. Eric Soultis, the brigade commander, explained that while past training often mirrored counterinsurgency operations from the Global War on Terrorism, the LSCO framework focuses on near-peer threats and combat-heavy scenarios.

"Standards and discipline matter," he said. "If you're

undisciplined in a LSCO environment, you're going to be undisciplined in an Operation Inherent Resolve environment."

The rotation also allowed soldiers to integrate with specialized units, including chemical defense teams, tactical psychological operations, and civil affairs, while introducing new capabilities such as handheld counter-drone devices.

"The fight against Unmanned Aerial Systems is really our main mission in OIR," Soultis said.

Soldiers were challenged – from limited water supplies to field sanitation issues, extreme heat, and the grind of continuous operations, leaders had to adapt quickly.

"The constraints and the environment make you have to think and change," Soultis said. "In a brigade-sized element, that doesn't happen quickly... and then, you have an enemy who is fighting you."

For Capt. Trang Pham, an infantry officer from Ankeny, Iowa, sometimes the small things kept morale high. "For me, it's the shower when we get

out of here," she said. "Keep your eye on the prize."

Soldiers also found strength in each other. "I would not get through this without my team," said Sgt. Kalea Oftedahl, a human resources specialist from Decorah, Iowa. "I have the best team ever."

Senior Iowa National Guard leaders visited during the exercise to motivate and thank the troops. "Your rotation was highly successful," said Brig. Gen. Derek Adams, land component commander for Iowa.

"(The red bull patch) carries a lot of spirit de corps." Command

Sgt. Maj. Matthew Strasser echoed that praise: "They've earned their recognition. The 'ryder' brigade is always on top."

Looking back, Soultis said the brigade grew significantly during the exercise. "Learning is winning, and winning is learning," he said. "We showed a lot of progress... JRTC put us in a good place for the next mission."

With rotation 25-08 complete, nearly 1,800 Red Bull soldiers now turn their focus to supporting Operation Inherent Resolve in the Middle East—bringing with them the hard-earned lessons of Louisiana to help ensure security, stability, and peace abroad.





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IOWA AIRMAN FIRST IN STATE TO RECEIVE MASTER COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

Story by Staff Sgt. John Johnson

Senior Master Sgt. Greg Cleghorn, the senior enlisted leader for the 132d Security Forces Squadron, was awarded the Master Combat Infantry Badge by Maj. Joseph Johns during annual training at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, on Aug. 18, 2025.

The award marks the first time an Airman in the Iowa National Guard has received the Master Combat Infantry Badge (MCIB), a distinction that reflects decades of dedication and achievement across both Army and Air Force service.

"It's still an individual award at this point, but I'm proud to wear it and to represent the Iowa Guard," Cleghorn said. "When I go someplace, it will be unique and draw attention to the state of Iowa

while I am wearing Iowa Guard patches."

The MCIB is awarded to service members who have previously earned both the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) and the Expert Infantry Badge (EIB). Unlike the CIB and EIB, the MCIB features a gold wreath encircling the iconic musket on a blue rectangle, symbolizing the culmination of exceptional infantry skills and combat experience.

Cleghorn began his military career in 1998 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was stationed with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment in Hohenfels, Germany, and earned the Expert Infantry Badge in 2000.

He later joined the Iowa Army

National Guard's 194th Long Range Surveillance Detachment in 2004. During a deployment to Iraq, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for his actions in a combat zone.

On May 17, 2025, the Department of the Army authorized the Master Combat Infantry Badge for wear by service members who have earned both the EIB and CIB.

Maj. Johns praised Cleghorn's leadership and impact within the squadron.

"His experience is so valuable for our squadron, and it shows during field training, classroom instruction, and in his leadership qualities," Johns said. "This is a great honor to award this to a very deserving Airman."

A NATIONAL ENLISTED TRADITION

THE 54TH ANNUAL EANGUS CONFERENCE CONVENES IN RENO, NEVADA



The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) hosted its 54th Annual Conference from Monday, 11 August through Thursday, 14 August 2025 at the Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, Nevada. This highly anticipated gathering is one of the most important annual events for enlisted members of the National Guard, providing opportunities to shape legislative priorities, celebrate service, and strengthen the bonds of camaraderie among Guard members and their supporters from across the nation.

Since its founding, the EANGUS conference has been a traveling tradition, moving each year to different parts of the United States. This model ensures that Guard members from every region have the opportunity to participate in a major national

event without always traveling across the entire country. The 2025 conference in Reno promises to be one of the largest yet, drawing around 2,000 attendees, including enlisted leaders, elected officials, and private industry partners.

Participants included Guard members representing all 54 states and territories, senior leaders from the National Guard Bureau (NGB), and decision-makers from the Department of Defense (DoD). In addition, private industry representatives displayed innovative equipment, supplies, and services used by the over 450,000 members of the Army and Air National Guard and their families.

More than just a meeting, the EANGUS Annual Conference is a forum where members evaluate proposals, discuss pressing challenges, and vote on

legislative priorities of the association for the coming year. These priorities serve as the foundation for advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill, where EANGUS works to ensure Guardsmen receive the resources, recognition, and support they deserve.

This year, 24 Iowans made the trip to Reno to represent the interests of the Iowa Army and Air National Guard. Their delegation included both junior and senior enlisted leaders, reflecting the full spectrum of Guard service and ensuring that the voices of all enlisted personnel new Soldiers, Airmen, and seasoned NCOs alike were heard in the national conversation.

Iowa's participation shows the state's strong tradition of involvement in EANGUS. From championing legislation to

improve healthcare benefits for Guard families to advocating for modernized training and equipment, Iowa delegates have consistently played an outsized role in shaping the future of the National Guard at the national level.


The 54th Annual EANGUS Conference in Reno offered a dynamic mix of professional development, service, and celebration. The week began on August 11 with the Junior Enlisted Council's Welcome Night at the LEX Nightclub, a "Vegas Nights" themed kickoff that celebrated the energy and contributions of the Guard's newest members. The following morning, August 12, attendees gathered before sunrise for a 5K run and walk, reinforcing the Guard's culture of fitness and camaraderie. Later that day, service and sacrifice took center stage with a community blood drive an opportunity for Guardsmen to extend their ethos of giving beyond the uniform.

As the week progressed, Guard leaders and industry partners enjoyed opportunities to connect in less formal settings. On August 13, the 152nd Airlift Wing hosted the popular All-Area Hospitality Night, welcoming conference guests onto base for an evening of fellowship and Nevada hospitality. The conference concluded on August 14 with the prestigious Awards Banquet, where attendees came together to recognize

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READ OUR STORY 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Reading our story is essential to understanding the purpose and progress of our organization—and the incredible leadership behind it. The Adjutant General and Senior Enlisted Leader are making significant strides to strengthen the Iowa National Guard through bold vision, clear priorities, and genuine care for our Soldiers, Airmen, and Families. Their leadership sets the tone for excellence, readiness, and resilience across our force. By staying informed, you stay connected to the mission and the momentum driving our success.



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FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Dear Fellow Iowans,

As I reflect on the past year and the many accomplishments of the Iowa National Guard, it is my honor to share this annual report, which highlights the dedication and commitment of our service members, their families, and our civilian employees. Throughout the year, our Soldiers and Airmen have answered the call, making a direct and lasting impact across our state and nation.

At the heart of our success is our people. We are a professional force, composed of citizen Soldiers and Airmen from every corner of Iowa who have volunteered to serve. Whether called upon to respond to a natural disaster, protect our borders, or support national defense, the efforts put forth through our training, discipline, and commitment ensures the Iowa National Guard is always prepared to respond.


Readiness of the Iowa National Guard remains unwavering as we continue to evolve and adapt to the demands of an ever-changing world. In 2025, we will again strive to improve upon the lessons learned this past year. Our focus will remain on improving the skill and resiliency of our Soldiers and Airmen, developing competent leaders, and building units with the collective capability and agility to fight and win.


In 2025, the Iowa Air National Guard will continue to provide constant operational support to U.S. Air Force missions directly from our bases in Des Moines and Sioux City while providing individuals for small scale deployments around the world. The Iowa Army National Guard will conduct a demanding 21-day rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Johnson, Louisiana. This training event will involve nearly 4,000 Iowa Soldiers and replicate the rigor and stress of combat through a continuous high-paced exercise against the U.S. Army's world class

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Stephen E. Osborn
Maj. Gen. Stephen E. Osborn





PRISTINA, Kosovo - Members of the Iowa National Guard and Kosovo Security Force conduct a radio operations and cyber defense training, Sept. 9-11, 2024. The training was part of an ongoing relationship through the State Partnership Program to enhance military readiness.

By Sgt. 1st Class Jason Everett

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excellence across the force and honor those who exemplify service to state and nation.

Threaded throughout these events were powerful addresses from distinguished guest speakers. General Steven Nordhaus, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, set the tone with a strategic vision for the Guard's role in national defense and homeland security. Senior Enlisted Advisor John Raines spoke directly to the enlisted ranks, urging them to continue shaping policy through advocacy and professional excellence. From the Army side, Lieutenant General Jonathon Stubbs and Command Sergeant Major Brian Kendrick offered perspectives on readiness, modernization, and the evolving role of the Army National Guard. Complementing them were Major General Duke Pirak, Acting Director of the Air National Guard, and Chief Master Sergeant Joshua Moore, who highlighted the importance of innovation and enlisted leadership in the Air Guard.

The conference also paid tribute to Nevada's proud Guard heritage, with remarks from Major General (ret) Ondra Berry, former Adjutant General of Nevada, and Mayor Hillary Schieve of Reno, who welcomed thousands of Guardsmen to her city. Together, these voices reminded attendees that the strength of the Guard lies not only in its size and capability, but in the relationships it fosters between soldiers, airmen, communities and civilian partners.

One of the most important

aspects of the EANGUS Annual Conference is the process of debating and adopting resolutions that guide the association's legislative work for the year ahead. These resolutions—carefully reviewed in committee and then voted on by the general body—reflect the real needs of enlisted members and their families, ensuring that grassroots voices shape national policy.

In 2025, the resolutions emphasized several critical priorities. Delegates strongly supported initiatives to improve

healthcare access and TRICARE coverage, particularly for Guard families balancing the demands of part-time service with civilian careers. Proposals also called for expanding education benefits, protecting GI Bill eligibility, and ensuring tuition assistance programs keep pace with rising costs so that Guardsmen and their dependents can pursue higher education without financial hardship.

Modernization and readiness featured prominently as well. Resolutions urged investment in updated equipment and training platforms, ensuring the Guard remains interoperable with active-duty forces and prepared for both domestic emergencies and overseas deployments. Delegates also emphasized the need for robust cyber defense capabilities and better access to modern communication tools, recognizing the Guard's growing role in safeguarding critical infrastructure at home.

Equally significant was the attention given to mental health resources and suicide prevention programs. Recognizing the unique pressures Guardsmen face when moving between military *cont'd on Page 20*



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and civilian life, the body pushed for expanded counseling services, stronger reintegration programs after deployments, and targeted support for families.

Finally, the conference reaffirmed long-standing EANGUS priorities such as equitable retirement credit, increased funding for family support initiatives, and protections for employers who continue to support Guard service. Taken together, these resolutions create a clear, unified agenda for EANGUS to bring before Congress and the Department of Defense in the coming year—an agenda built directly from the concerns and ideas of enlisted members themselves.

For the thousands of Guardsmen, families, and partners who traveled to Reno, the significance of the EANGUS conference extended far beyond the agenda. At its heart, the gathering served as a platform

for enlisted members to influence the very policies and legislation that shape their daily lives. By voting on resolutions and setting priorities for the year ahead, attendees ensured that the voices of those who serve on drill floors, deployment lines, and disaster-response missions were heard all the way to Capitol Hill.

Beyond the legislative process, the conference fostered invaluable professional networks. Guardsmen from all 54 states and territories connected with one another, sha

sharing experiences, challenges, and best practices. Senior leaders from the National Guard Bureau and the Department of Defense listened directly to enlisted members, creating a rare opportunity for dialogue across ranks and geographies. For junior enlisted Soldiers and Airmen, this meant exposure to mentors and role models who could guide their careers; for senior NCOs, it meant engaging with peers and policymakers to chart the Guard's future.

The event also reinforced the Guard's culture of service and

readiness. From the early-morning 5K run to the life-saving blood drive, attendees demonstrated their commitment to fitness, resilience, and giving back to their communities. Hospitality nights and the Awards Banquet provided moments to celebrate achievements and recognize the sacrifices of Guardsmen and their families. These gatherings strengthened bonds within the Guard family and reminded participants that service is not just about duty, but also about belonging. Most importantly, the conference underscored



that the National Guard's strength lies in its people. Whether in uniform, at home supporting loved ones, or in the halls of Congress advocating for change, Guardsmen are part of a tradition that blends military readiness with community responsibility. The 54th Annual EANGUS Conference was not simply a four-day event in Reno—it was a reaffirmation of the Guard's enduring role in defending the nation and supporting its citizens in times of need.

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