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### We Remember...



We remember the following members or the family members of the NC National Guard Association or NC National Guard Soldiers and Airmen that have passed away since our last magazine publication. Listed below are those members (and non-members), spouses and dependent children that have recently passed away. If we have missed someone, please contact Rhonda Mooring at rhonda@ncnga.org or 919-851-3390 ext 1.

Paul E. Gray, Air Otumwa, IA January 4, 2021

Norwood H. Bowen, Army Whiteville, NC March 12, 2021

> Bryan F. Streans, Air Marion, Il April 22, 2021

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James T. Carper, Army Wilmington, NC September 28, 2021

Michael L. McCoy, Army Monroe, NC October 8, 2021

William L. Lovin, Jr., Army Mount Olive, NC October 21, 2021

> Steven Bushey, Army Winston Salem, NC October 21, 2021

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Alton Ratliff, Army
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Judy G. Waldroop Spouse of James C. Waldroop, Army Franklin, NC November 6, 2021

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Alfred L. Glover, Army Durham, NC November 13, 2021

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Charles M. Putnam, Army Statesville, NC December 11, 2021

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Stephan G. Rhudy. Air Winston Salem, NC December 15, 2021

Bernard A Miller, Amry Fleetwood, NC December 16, 2021 Nicholas J. Siciliano, Army Zebulon, NC December 17, 2021

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Jameel T. Holms, Army Fayetteville, NC January 1, 2022

Wilbur D. Griffin, Jr., Army Wilmington, NC January 3, 2022

Lanford E. Jenkins, Army Advance, NC January 6, 2022

The Association would like to thank everyone who donated in memory of Bernie Williford, Jr.

### President's New Years Message



It has been another year of what I wish I could call unique. We are now 2 years into COVID and am grateful for how our Guard family has continued to support each other and the community we live in. This has been an incredible year for our Association and would like to extend an invitation to attend our conference in March to review our accomplishments and safely engage in fellowship with our other members. We were unable to have an in person event last year, so many are looking forward to meeting this year and getting back to some normalcy.

Your Association is working on some exciting projects and making a true impact on the members of the North Carolina National Guard. As some are already aware, this year we were able to get signed into NC Law that military retires federal pension will not be taxed by the State. That's just over a 5% savings for every retired SM living in the State. It was a joint effort from a number of organization and law makers, but your Association was in the middle helping to organize the effort. Military Pension Tax Exemption will have a lasting effect on North Carolina for decades to come as our state will attract military industry. Currently, the Association is in the process of transitioning the Educational Foundation with the Minuteman Foundation, meaning that we will have the primary role of awarding scholarships annually. If you are interested on serving on this new committee, reach out to the

fulltime staff. Additionally, here are some other benefits or projects that we are currently working on.

- Improvements in the NCNG pension plan that will include an increase in payment and a survivor benefit plan for that pension.
- Discounted Hunting and Fishing license rates.
- Partnership with the NCNG Museum.
- Improvements to our application database and processes.
- Revamping and updating our website.
- Improving article content for our magazine.
- Working with SM's and/or dependents on internship credit for working with the NCNGA (contact Larry Coleman for information).
- Membership Drive with our membership Chair John Brady and benefits administrator Tim Bates.

I will be providing a more in depth report at the Conference, March, and hope to see you there. On behalf of the North Carolina National Guard Association and the Executive Council, I wish you all a healthy and successful 2022. Feel free to reach out to me or the staff if you have any questions, need assistance, or would like to volunteer.

#### Sincerely,

Scott Schnack.

President, North Carolina National Guard Association



## The NCNGA participates in NCNG Angel Tree

NCNGA Staff



This Christmas season, the Association continued its standing tradition of participating in the Angel Tree Gifting Project. Each year, we have had the amazing opportunity of supporting more families and purchasing a larger number of gifts than the year prior. This year we supported seventeen families and were able to boost the Christmas spirit for over 30 children. Our Executive Assistant, Erin Jordan, along side our intern, Kiara Riley, spent days planning how to efficiently shop for this many children and spent two days tirelessly shopping to make it happen. The kids ranged from 6 months all they way up to nineteen years old. Our elves worked everywhere including places such as Target, Michaels, Walmart, and PetSmart.

Gifts varied from art supplies, gift cards, PS4 remotes, sports equipment, videogames, clothes, toys, hygiene supplies, and pet care. Kiara Riley mentioned "just how rewarding the experience the was" and hopes "the gifts bring a smile to the kids' faces Christmas morning." Erin Jordan disclosed that participating in this tradition each year is her favorite part of the job, and she "wishes to continue expanding the Associations role within this project." This year was the Association's most successful year when it comes to the Angel Tree Project, and we feel so rewarded knowing that we could lend a helping hand this Christmas season.

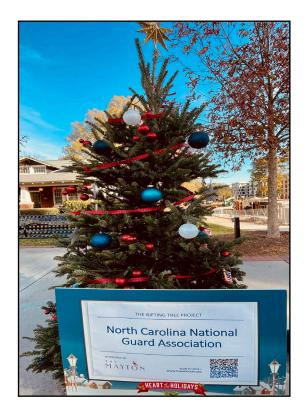
## 10th Annual Gifting Tree Project

NCNGA Staff

For the first time, the Association participated in the Town of Cary's 10th Annual Gifting Tree Project, a tree decorating contest. The winners, decided through public vote, had donations made in their honor. Third place had \$100 donations made, second, \$250 donations, and first had \$500 donations made to the non-profit of their choice. The Gifting Project is hosted in downtown Cary, North Carolina and was Saturday, December 4 until Saturday, January 2, 2022.

The trees were located on S. Academy Street and inside the Downtown Park. The Gifting Tree Project was open to families, organizations, schools, and more. This year, around 75 different organizations participated, including Churches, local businesses, and even a Girl Scout Troop. Organizations involved in the project provide their own decorations and solar powered lights, while being aware of weather conditions.

The Association worked to come up with a theme for our tree. We decided on a red, white, and blue and military theme. We worked to find blue ornaments and red accents to complement our white lights and we were able to find a few military themed ornaments as well.





### **NC National Guard Association**

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# 2022-2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION





The Scholarship Application is now open!

All applications must be postmarked by 1 February 2022 for college students and 1 March 2022 for high school students. The scholarships range in value from \$600 for Community College attendees, to \$10,000 scholarship we award in partnership with the SECU Foundation. Most Community College scholarships are \$600, while the typical four-year college scholarships are \$1,200. There are two categories of scholarships. Each applicant can and is encouraged to apply for both categories.





https://www.edfoundationofncnga.org/about-our-scholarships









# NCNGA Educational Foundation Transitions to the Tarheel Minuteman Foundation

Altasia Johnson

The North Carolina National Guard Association Educational Foundation, Inc. (NCNGAEF) will transition to the Tarheel Minuteman Foundation, effective June 30, 2022, increasing scholarship opportunities for Soldiers, Airmen, and their Families.

The North Carolina National Guard Association Educational Foundation Inc., established in 1968, has awarded \$1.6 million dollars in scholarships to 2,000 students over the last 50 years. With the establishment of the Tarheel Minuteman Foundation, the NCNGAEF board decided to enact its dissolution clause and transition their scholarship program and make it part of the Tarheel Minuteman Foundation efforts.

The Tarheel Minuteman Foundation, established in 2017, exists to support the programs of the North Carolina National Guard Association as it provides support to the Soldiers, Airmen, Retirees, and families of the North Carolina National Guard.

As the official charity of the North Carolina National Guard Association and nonprofit organization, the Tarheel Minuteman Foundation (TMF) relies solely on individual donations and corporation sponsorships, thus increasing scholarship opportunities for Soldiers, Airmen, and their Families due to the broader scope of memberships in the Association.

Sue Hardison, Board Member of the Educational Foundation, and current volunteer is optimistic that the transition to the TMF will benefit the Soldiers, Airmen, and their Families.

"Their [Tarheel Minuteman Foundation] fundraising resources are much broader because of the scope of the Association membership. So, I think the opportunity for that tie in with the Minuteman Foundation could really do well because of the reach," Hardison said. Ken Tyndall, Administrator of the Educational Foundation is confident the Tarheel Minuteman Foundation staff will continue to provide scholarship opportunities.

"I think Larry [Coleman] and his staff and the Association will do a great job at administrating scholarships," Tyndall said.

The scholarships will continue to consist of three categories, the Regular or General Scholarship, the

Academic Excellence/Leadership (AEL) and the Special Memorial Scholarship, with the updated application forms available after the transition is completed. The board members consist of six volunteers and will grade the scholarship packages anonymously, eliminating bias or favoritism.

Applications packages are due for High School Seniors applying to college March 1st and for new or returning college students February 1st.

Gloria Fields, Board President of the Educational Foundation, and long-term volunteer is confident the transition of the educational foundation will be a smooth process.

"I think it'll be a great merger and that they'll do well by the foundation. Everything will run basically the same way it's running now, just with some new eyes and ears and new people taking care of it," Fields said.

Erin Jordan, Executive Assistant of the North Carolina National Guard Association, is hopeful the transition will ensure more applicants receive scholarship funding.

"I believe it will increase because it will give us a chance to get the information to more people. Recently, at an event, we talked to a lot of people who didn't know that they were eligible to apply for a scholarship. So, I think that it'll really increase visibility for the program," Jordan said.



2018 Scolarship Recipient Alexandra Webb is presented with the Elmer C. Hardison Memorial Scholarship by MSG James McKeeJames.

The scholarship opportunities are available for students applying to both undergrad and graduate programs.

Eleanor Hodge, Occupational Therapist, and current scholarship recipient for both undergrad and graduate studies, is grateful the scholarship opportunities were available to her and wants others to take advantage of the scholarships as well.

"I would encourage anyone and everyone to apply for these scholarships, because as with all scholarships, there's no hurt in applying. I was always surprised and grateful to get them," Hodge said.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please visit edfoundationofnenga.org or call 919-851-3390 for more information.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### 1. Where do applicants apply?

Applications can be found at edfoundationofnenga.org.

#### 2. Is there an application fee?

No, there is no application fee.

### 3. Do I have to apply every year or is submission automatic after the first submission?

Applicants must apply for scholarships each year.

#### 4. When is the submission deadline?

Scholarship applications must be postmarked for high school senoirs, 1 March and college students, 1 February.

### 5. When and how will scholarship awardees receive funding?

At the beginning of the semester, funds are sent directly to the educational institution.

#### 6. Is there an application essay?

No, a personal letter is required with the application.

#### 7. When does the board meet to review the applications?

The board meets at the end of March/1st of April.

## 8. Do the board know who the applicants are or are packages graded anonymously?

The packages are graded anonymously to eliminate bias or favoritism.

# 9. Do I need to fill out a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application/form?

No, this scholarship is not tied to the FAFSA.



2018 Scolarship Recipient Marcos Edge is presented with the Outstanding High School Senior Scholarship by CW4 (R) Terry Westbrooks

# 10. Are there scholarships for community college or technical/vocational college?

Yes

#### 11. Do the scholarships apply to only soldiers?

Scholarships are open to Soldiers, Airmen, Retirees, and their family members.

#### 12. What is the max amount of funding each year?

\$600 – Community/Technical College \$1,200 – 4 Year College/University

#### 13. Is there a specific rank requirement needed for applicants?

No, all ranks, retirees, and family members are eligible to apply.

# 14. Is there a GPA requirement to receive and/or maintain scholarship funding?

Yes, applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA

## 15. Is there a credit hour requirement to receive and/or maintain scholarship funding?

Yes, applicants must enroll in 15 credit hours per semester.

# 16. Do I have to be a member of the North Carolina National Guard Association to be eligible?

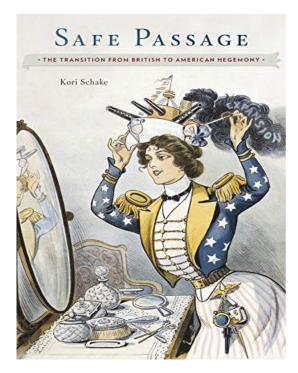
Yes, the applicant can be a member themselves or the immediate relative of a member.

#### 17. Do I have to be a North Carolina resident to apply?

No, applicants do not need to be a North Carolina resident to apply.

## Looking to the Past for Indications of the Future, Book Review and Commentary

COL Dana L. Tucker, Ph.D., NCNG



Cover of Safe Passage: the Transition from British to American Hegemony by Dr. Kori Schake

As we continue to hear of various tests of will in the INDOPACOM region, such as recent China incursions into the Taiwan defense zone, the U.S. national security community continues to work to analyze the threats of conflict in the region. How might this play out over time? The United States has been asserting itself in the INDOPACOM region to ensure freedom of navigation and keeping commerce open and flowing, and China has been increasingly pushing back.

Kori Schake provides a historical comparison point with clear arguments that the future will probably not be like the past in her 2017 book, Safe Passage: The Transition from British to American Hegemony. Specifically, she argues that there were many unique aspects of that hegemony transition and that made that transition unique relative to past historical hegemony transfers. Importantly, we should expect less harmony in a future transition from the United States as the dominant power to some other major hegemon. Put more bluntly, don't expect it to be conflict-free. Rather, prepare for a transition which inflicts substantial costs on both the United States and the rising

power. Additionally, we are put on notice that other countries have to make their own decisions of how they participate in these conflicts and what costs they will bear in strong or weak alliances.

Dr. Schake helpfully starts with a defining statement of hegemony as "the ability to set the rules of international involvement, and to create order among states by enforcing those rules." She walks through some of the key elements of hegemony and transitions in power in both theory and practice, and then uses various periods of evolution in the relationship between Great Britain and the United States, showing how events during those periods served as signs of shifts in power dynamics between the two countries. She concludes with lessons learned from this peaceful transition and warns that the conditions which lead to that peaceful transition are unlikely to apply in the next hegemony transition.

Some of the evolutionary episodes were familiar to me, even though I did not put this analytical lens to them before. Others were much less familiar, but Schake draws out how each example contributed to the overall transition. They included how Great Britain chose to respond to Monroe's Doctrine as it continued to be the dominant sea power in the world at the time. This spans over both disputes with Russian interests in the 1820s and then more direct conflict between Great Britain and the United States about the Oregon boundary in the 1840s. Great Britain then had to work through balancing internal domestic politics and conflicting interests with both Northern and Southern states as America went through the Civil war in the 1860s. The Monroe Doctrine played a role in the evolving relationship as Venezuela appealed for protection from the U.S. in the mid-1890s into the first few years of the 1900s as European powers sought to be made whole on debt repayments, including Great Britain in two related debt crises. At about the same time, the two countries' engagements with each other during Spanish-American War, and their publics' perceptions are seen as cementing a growing reciprocal affection between Great Britain and the United States. World War I and the Washington Naval Treaties which followed, and then World War II showed what might be considered the final transition as the United State more fully asserted power as the dominant hegemon in the world.

In looking at the evolved relationship between Great Britain and the United States, Dr. Schake points to a number of factors which contributed to the relatively peaceful hegemony transition. While not identical in all respects, there was a substantial shared culture, language and heritage. She illustrates also that over time, their democratic systems of government became increasingly similar. That Great Britain seemed to be losing its taste for empire about the time that the United States seemed to be more willing to do empire-like things also made for a smoother transition.

Her warning is that we should see this Great Britain-U.S. transition as the exception, not the rule. Most large powers do not readily or willingly give up their power. As our national security community looks to China, Russia, North Korea and Iran, Schake's focus in discussion is of China as the most likely threat to our hegemonic power. While there are debates as to how real or significant that

threat is, it is clear that China continues to assert itself more aggressively in the international arena, especially as it looks to dictate terms in the South China Sea., And there are clear signs that the United States along with others are actively working to counter that threat. In sum, we need to prepare to protect U.S. national interests with a clear expectation of conflict as rivals jockey to unseat the U.S. as the dominant hegemon.

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Nine Dash Line

# 2022 NCNGA Chaplain's Message



We all get discouraged from time to time. However, we should never allow our discouragement to produce itself into depression. Many times we may let small things that produce negative feelings inside of us fester to the point that the discouragement turns into depression. It is this depression that really sets us back from what we need to do to be successful.

Discouragement is a feeling of despair, sadness, or lack of confidence; and there are three underlying causes that contribute to this discouragement:

- Lack of confidence in ourselves.
- Lack of confidence in God.
- Lack of hope for the future.

Because discouragement is an emotion, it can wreak havoc on our minds due to the feeling we get when we are under its spell. If you allow discouragement to get a grip on you it can stop you in your tracks.

Here are 7 steps you can use to beat discouragement in your life and keep it from developing into depression.....

#### 1. Be Realistic.

Realize that discouragement is a part of life and is usually a result of things that are out of our control and it does not mean that we are a failure.

#### 2. Give Discouragement to God.

We gain confidence in ourselves when we have confidence in God. Remember that God sees events before we do, so we can trust in Him.

#### 3. Rethink Goals.

Make sure you are asking for Gods direction about the goals in your life. If your goals are not matching what God's goals are for you then there will not be harmony in your life.

#### 4. No "What Ifs"

Do not focus on what "might have been" because in this line of thinking you will always feel defeat.

#### 5. Don't Focus on Feelings.

Stop using feelings to decide how to handle discouragement. Feelings can change based on our mood which is always directed by outside means.

#### 6. Keep a Journal.

Write down opportunities you see that will allow you to turn discouragements into encouragements. Focus on the positive and move in a positive direction.

#### 7. Be Ready.

Be ready for what God may have in mind for you. When you have confidence in God you will develop confidence in yourself. This will be a huge step in overcoming discouragement.

Don't let discouragement overwhelm you and become the main focus of your life which will turn into depression. Maintain a strong mind and focus on the positive!

All the best,

Chaplain John Mozingo

### 1454 TC Host Christmas Meal

1SG (Ret) EddieM. Kluttz

n December 5th, 2021, the Soldiers, and Families of the 1454th Transportation Company, Concord, NC were welcomed with open arms to host their annual Christmas meal at Scoggins Farm in Monroe. A big thanks to the owner, Mr. Paul Scoggins and his farm foreman, Floyd for making this day special for the Soldiers and their families. The day on the farm consisted of horse rides, a bounce house, cow-train rides, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

CPT John F. Tkach and 1SG Aubrey K. Barnhardt presented State Active-Duty ribbons to Soldiers who supported Hurricane Ida when Louisiana was hit in August of this year. Soldiers receiving the award were; SSG Christopher Ferguson, SSG Joseph Masek, SSG Kenneth Coleson, SGT Jermaris Hamilton, SGT Damion Whitley, and SPC Daniel Giles. The North Carolina Accommodation Medal was awarded to SGT Brandon Padilla for his quick response to protecting two lives while on the rifle range during a live fire exercise.

The 1454th TC would also like to recognize and say a special "Thanks" to the Cabarrus Baptist Association for providing the meal and serving the members. The association has been doing this for the past fifteen years for the unit during their December drill. The unit is also appreciative of the coordination of the unit's Family Support Leader, Mrs. Lori Kluttz as well as the work provided by the full time staff, SFC Stephanie Reynolds and SSG Maria Leary. The unit plans to continue to work with the same team to host the 1454th annual Christmas party at Scoggins Farm.



Soldiers and Families



CPT John Tkach & 1SG Aubrey Barnhardt



Stephanie Reyonolds & SSG Maria Leary



Floyd & Mr. Paul Scoggins with SFC

Mr. and Mrs. Claus



Kids enjoying cow train rides provided by Paul Scoggins



Soldiers receiving awards from CPT John Tkach

# **2021 Tarheel Retiree Homecoming**













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### **Retiree Corner:**

On August 4th nearly 40 individuals had a great time catching up at the Cracker Barrel in Durham for a lunch gathering for CW4 John (JT) Roberts and 732nd Maintence Company. This great event started with a simple discussion about a friend at the NAPA auto parts store in Oxford.

"Thank God for your life and friends along the way in the Guard. Next step pick up your phone and call a friend. You have not heard from in 20, 30, 40+ years. Everyone has a phone these days walking around with it to their ear." - Connie Mack







690th North Carolina National Guard Reunion January 29, 2022

King's Restaurant in Kinston, NC Doors open at 5:00 PM

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