

President's Welcome

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Greetings National Guard Association of Michigan (NGAM) members, guests and families. On behalf of the NGAM Board and our volunteers, I want to welcome you all to our 2021 Annual Conference and Business meeting. We are excited to be gathering in person and have a very exciting and busy weekend planned. It's my hope that you will walk away from this year's conference feeling re-connected and with a renewed sense of purpose and a strengthened commitment to support our organization as we look forward to what we have planned over the next 3 years, to include NGAUS 2024 that we will be hosting in Detroit Michigan. Our Board and committees have worked very hard this year, not just to put together a great conference but also to re-focus our efforts on rebuilding our organization in order to better support every Airman and Soldier in Michigan. Given the constrained COVID environment, I'm happy to report that we have still been able to continue helping our veterans through the Veteran's Support Grant and we are continuing to make great strides in our rebuilding efforts along the way. I'm confident that we will see the tangible benefits of our collective efforts as we continue to drive forward to NGAUS 2024. Our work doesn't stop there, however. I truly believe with YOUR support we can leverage our organization to become one of the top Veteran's Associations in the United States. We believe in our Board, in our volunteers, in our members and in what we can accomplish when we all come together on behalf of our Michigan Airmen and Soldiers.

I hope that you take time to enjoy the weekend, but I also hope this conference rekindles your belief and support for what we do. It is time for us to be strong in our voice, our cause, and our purpose. Leave knowing that we are "Taking care of the few who take care of the many"! You are the driving force behind what we do and how we do it. Thanks for sharing your time with us this weekend and for continuing to be a part of what we do.

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