

The National Guard Educational Foundation

Preserving the Heritage and Legacy of the National Guard



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Dear Friend,

As President of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) and The National Guard Educational Foundation (NGEF), I invite you to join us in an important mission.

The history of the National Guard transcends all eras of our nation's history, encompassing millions of Citizen Soldiers, who have, and continue to represent the best America has to offer. Now, more than ever, our Guard men and women are being asked to do more, both domestically and abroad. Honoring their service and heroism for present and future generations is our duty and our calling.

Through our portfolio of work, a greater appreciation of the Guard's role in the history and development of our great democracy is forged. One of my proudest moments was participating in the opening of the National Guard Memorial Museum in 2002 while serving as Chairman of the NGAUS Board of Directors. Today, I am even more proud of our sparkling venue, and humbled by the rich history housed within its walls.

The National Guard is not comprised of *Weekend Warriors*, but *American Heroes*, who collectively have important stories to tell - stories that preserve legacies of service, sacrifice, patriotism, and honor. With the help of our benefactors and donors, we can do just that.

As you will see, we offer several ways you can get involved. From our exclusive Legion de Lafayette, to Annual Fund opportunities, to individual giving, there is something for everyone. I urge you to get involved as you will receive tremendous return on your charitable dollar. On behalf of the brave and dedicated men and women whose Guard experience has shaped The National Guard Memorial Museum, thank you for your support and we hope that our efforts will continue to inspire your involvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gus L. Hargett, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Major General (Ret.) Gus L. Hargett, Jr.
President

The National Guard Educational Foundation (NGEF), located in the heart of our nation's capital, was established in 1975 with the mission to educate the public and foster awareness about the myriad contributions of the National Guard of the United States. In short, we tell the Guard's story, highlighting its roles in the birth and growth of our nation. NGEF achieves this vital mission through a diverse programmatic portfolio.

The National Guard Memorial Museum

The National Guard's rich history is that of dynamic change and continual evolution. Since 1636, Guardsmen from all walks of life have answered the call in both peace and war. As the nation's only national museum dedicated to the Citizen Soldier, the National Guard Memorial Museum takes visitors through 6,000 square feet of images, artifacts, and interactive exhibits all telling the story of ordinary men and women who have made extraordinary contributions to their communities and their country. The museum is a gem within our nation's capital and is free and open to the public.



The National Guard Memorial Library

Located adjacent to the museum, the National Guard Memorial Library is a comprehensive research library comprising more than 6,000 bound volumes, 30,000 photographs, and tens of thousands of historical documents. Like the museum, the library is open to the public and free of charge.

The Guard Muster

Telling the stories of our dedicated Guardsmen and units, preserving their legacies for present and future generations, and registering their service are the goals of the Guard Muster. This permanent register, including photos, is an interactive experience and displayed electronically at a kiosk within the museum, as well as in a searchable format on www.ngef.org.

The National Guard Monument

Located on hallowed ground in Vierville-sur-Mer, France, on Omaha Beach, the National Guard Monument sits on the spot where the 29th National Guard Division broke through German defenses on D-Day, June 6, 1944. The monument and the original bunker which it sits atop are maintained by NGEF to preserve the legacy and pay honor to all of the National Guardsmen that have fought in the European Theater.

Education Programs

As an independent element of the National Guard Association of the United States, NGEF serves to educate the more than 45,000 NGAUS members about the rich heritage of their shared service. Additionally, the Foundation offers substantial public outreach initiatives, seminars, lectures for students, clubs and general public.

As a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization, The National Guard Educational Foundation (EIN # 52-1038433) depends on the philanthropic efforts of corporations, foundations, and individuals to tell the Guard's story. All donations to NGEF are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. To become engaged, we offer several options.

The Legion de Lafayette A Legacy of Commitment

The Legion de Lafayette is reserved for The National Guard Educational Foundation's major donors and benefactors. Legion members comprise leaders representing industry, the National Guard, associations, and private philanthropists who care deeply about telling the Guard's story. Members receive myriad recognition and benefits for their commitment to our work.



Order de Compagnon (\$10,000 - \$29,999)

Name inscribed on Legion de Lafayette Wall in the National Guard Memorial Building, Washington, D.C.
Presented with special medal and ribbon by NGAUS Chairman, Major General Frank Vavala
Reception in your honor at NGAUS Board of Directors meeting, Washington, D.C.
Press release announcing gift
Hyperlink on www.ngaus.org and www.ngef.org
Distinguished Guest status at 134th NGAUS General Conference in September 2012, Reno, NV
Two Invitations to Chairman's Head Table Reception at 134th NGAUS General Conference
Seating for Two at Head Table during States Dinner at 134th NGAUS General Conference
Twosome at 14th Annual NGEF Golf Tournament, Washington, D.C. area
Complimentary registration for one and prominent recognition at NGAUS Industry Day
Invitations to exclusive events and receptions at the National Guard Memorial Building

Order of Patrick Henry (\$30,000 - \$49,999)

All benefits listed above plus...
Multiple Invitations to Chairman's Head Table Reception at 134th NGAUS General Conference
Foursome at 14th Annual NGEF Golf Tournament, Washington, D.C. area
Presented replica of Minuteman statue

George Washington Presidential Order (\$50,000 and above)

All benefits listed above plus...
Naming opportunity in National Guard Memorial Museum or Library
Two foursomes at 14th Annual NGEF Golf Tournament, Washington, D.C. area
Participation and recognition during Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 134th NGAUS General Conference
Prominent recognition at NGAUS booth during trade show at 134th NGAUS General Conference
Speaking opportunities at select NGAUS and NGEF events

Additional Charitable Opportunities

The Annual Fund

Take the first step toward becoming a Legion de Lafayette! The following donor levels provide unrestricted operating funds for the foundation.

The Patriot Society ***(\$5,000 - \$9,999)***

Members of The Patriot Society receive an array of benefits including exclusive invitations to NGAUS and Foundation events and recognition in NATIONAL GUARD Magazine and on www.ngef.org.

The Minuteman Society ***(\$2,500 - \$4,999)***

The Minuteman Society provides critical operating support to the Foundation so that we can achieve our mission and tell the Guard's story.

Friends of NGEF ***(\$1,000 - \$2,499)***

Friends of NGEF donate charitable funds to support the Foundation's special educational events and the preservation of artifacts and historical documents.

The Guard Muster **(\$25 for on-line entry; \$40 with photo)**

DONATE BY CHECK

Please make checks payable to The National Guard Educational Foundation (NGEF) and send to:

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DONATE BY CREDIT CARD

To make donations on-line, simply visit www.ngef.org/donate for our secure donation form. Should you prefer to donate by phone, please call Luke Guthrie at (202) 408-5886. You may also use your credit card by completing the enclosed Donor Information form and submit it via fax, email or mail.

Fax: (202) 682-9358

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SPONSOR AN EVENT

Each year, The National Guard Educational Foundation hosts a number of events ranging from museum exhibitions, educational seminars and symposiums, to charitable golf tournaments. For details about upcoming events and opportunities for participation, please contact Luke Guthrie at (202) 408-5886 or luke.guthrie@ngaus.org.

PLANNED GIVING

A planned, or deferred gift to The National Guard Educational Foundation is a meaningful way to create a lasting legacy of support. Planned giving enables you to arrange charitable contributions in a manner that maximizes your personal objectives while minimizing your tax burden. A planned gift may help you reduce, or even eliminate capital gains, gift and estate taxes. The most common and simplest form of planned giving is a bequest – a gift that is made through a donor’s will. Individuals may include NGEF in their will by designating a specific amount, or a percentage of their aggregate estate. Donors may also name NGEF as a residual beneficiary of their estates after payment of bequests to others. We encourage you to consult your attorney and/or financial advisor to determine your best course of charitable action.

MATCHING GIFTS

If your company is a participating matching gift employer, you could double or even triple your gift to NGEF. Please check with your company’s Human Resources department to inquire about matching your gift. If your company is a participating employer, simply send us the completed matching gift form and we’ll do the rest!

GIFT OF STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS

To facilitate a gift of stock or mutual funds, please contact Luke Guthrie at (202) 408-5886 or luke.guthrie@ngaus.org.



To develop a charitable plan that is right for you, please contact Luke Guthrie at (202) 408-5886 or luke.guthrie@ngaus.org

DONOR INFORMATION

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