

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS


## EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

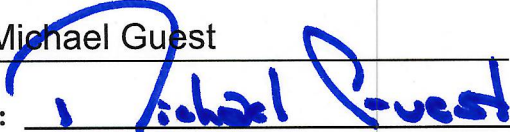
**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Elizabeth Joseph
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 24, 2024 Return: August 26, 2024  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Detroit, MI Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: National Guard Association of Mississippi (NGAMS)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: I attended the 146th General Conference and Exhibition of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) in Detroit, MI.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a.  I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*  
b. If not, explain: The agenda for August 26, 2024, was adjusted, as former President Trump spoke at the conference.  
Therefore, the logistics and schedule shifted that day. However, I was at the conference a portion of the day and had productive meetings.

**I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature of Traveler:  Date: September 9, 2024

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Michael Guest Date: September 9, 2024  
Signature of Supervising Member: 

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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- Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: National Guard Association of Mississippi (NGAMS)
- Travel Destination(s): Detroit, MI
- Date of Departure: 8/24/2024 Date of Return: 8/26/2024
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Elizabeth Joseph

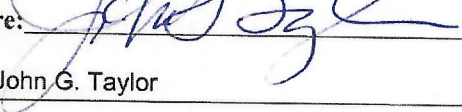
**Note:** You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

- Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$467.40	\$549.70	0.00	\$180.00 (waived conference fee)
Accompanying Family Member				

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

**I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: 9/3/2024  
 Name: John G. Taylor Title: Membership/Conference Manager

Organization: National Guard Association of Mississippi

*I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.*

Address: 120 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39201

Telephone: 601-354-7555

Email: gtaylor@ngams.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

**If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.**

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Elizabeth Joseph
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: National Guard Association of Mississippi (NGAMS)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Detroit, Michigan
4. a. Date of Departure: August 24, 2024 Date of Return: August 26, 2024  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
  - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
~~The National Guard Association of Mississippi (NGAMS) nominated me for a Patrick Henry Award from the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) for efforts on behalf of the National Guard, and I am grateful to have been selected for one of these honors. I plan to travel to NGAUS's national conference to receive the award. Additionally, as Policy Director for Congressman Michael Guest, my portfolio includes defense issues; and I work closely on National Guard matters. Attending the conference and learning more about issues of importance to the National Guard would be valuable to my work.~~
9. **Yes  No  Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

## ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: 

Date: August 5, 2024

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: \_\_\_\_\_

2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**

b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**

c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_

7. a. City of departure: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_

c. City of return: \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. \_\_\_\_\_
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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
  - b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
- \_\_\_\_\_
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14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
  - b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
    - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	375.00	550.00	192.00
For each Accompanying Family Member			


	<b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	87.00 185.00	Airport Parking Waived Conference Fee
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: 8/12/24  
 Name: David Barton Title: Executive Director  
 Organization: National Guard Association of Mississippi (NGAMS)  
 Address: P. O. Box 627, Jackson, MS 39205-0627  
 Email: david.barton@ngams.org & gtaylor@ngams.org Telephone: 601-354-7555

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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August 23, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth Joseph  
Office of the Honorable Michael Guest  
450 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Joseph:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Detroit, Michigan, scheduled for August 24 to 26, 2024, sponsored by National Guard Association of Mississippi.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

David P. Joyce  
Acting Chairman

Susan Wild  
Ranking Member

DPJ/SW:tn

## Joseph, Elizabeth

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**From:** Thomas, Christopher M COL USARMY NG MSARNG (USA)  
<christopher.m.thomas36.mil@army.mil>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2024 4:56 PM  
**To:** Joseph, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: 2024 NGAUS Awards Announcement

In furtherance of our phone call. I've shared your contact info with them, so they should be reaching out shortly.

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**From:** C.M. THOMAS <chrsmthms@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2024 3:52 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Christopher M COL USARMY NG MSARNG (USA) <christopher.m.thomas36.mil@army.mil>  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2024 NGAUS Awards Announcement

Chris Thomas  
601 594 7953

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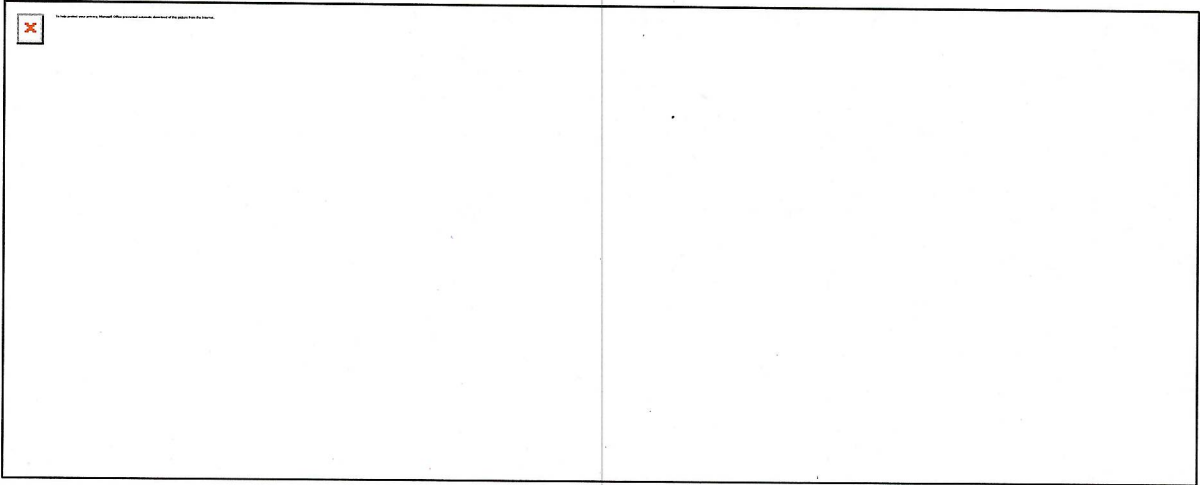
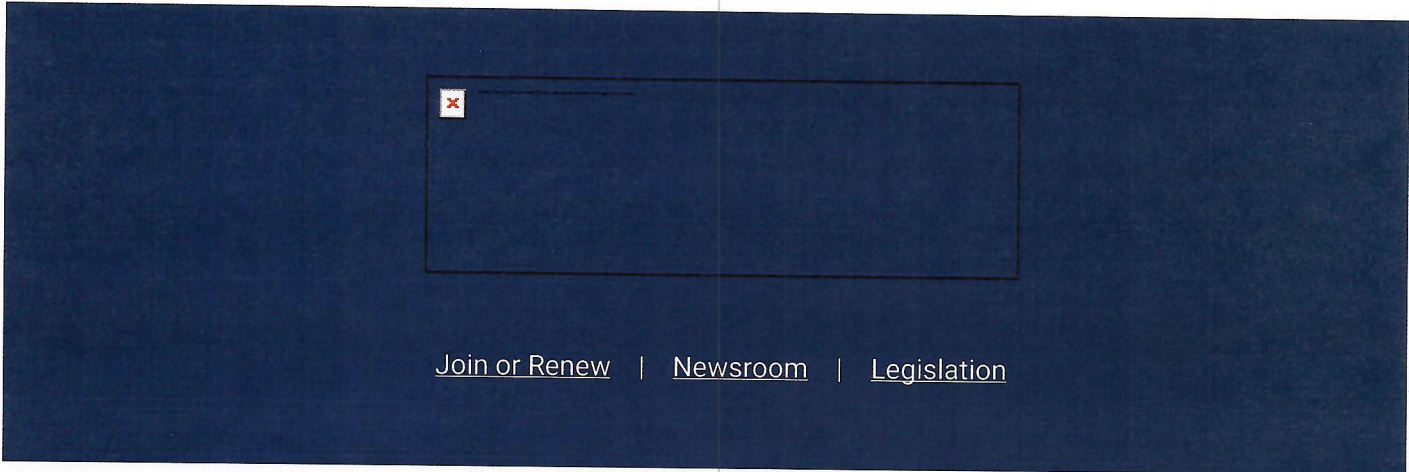
**From:** David Barton <[david.barton@ngams.org](mailto:david.barton@ngams.org)>  
**Date:** July 15, 2024 at 15:42:42 CDT  
**To:** [chrsmthms@hotmail.com](mailto:chrsmthms@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** FW: 2024 NGAUS Awards Announcement

Good afternoon Chris,  
The awards are officially official now. Elizabeth was approved for the Patrick Henry Award. As you can see below, Sunday (8/25) and Monday (8/26) are the planned awards times. If you can let Elizabeth know she is receiving the award and we just need to link her up with Greg who can get her registered and hotel, etc if she is going to be able to attend. If she can not attend, we will receive on her behalf and can organize a presentation back here in Mississippi when it works for her!

Thanks,  
David

David Barton  
Executive Director  
National Guard Association of Mississippi  
Office: 601-354-7555  
Cell: 601-955-4345  
Fax: 601-353-1207

**From:** NGAUS <[ngaus@ngaus.org](mailto:ngaus@ngaus.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2024 1:45 PM  
**To:** David Barton <[david.barton@ngams.org](mailto:david.barton@ngams.org)>  
**Subject:** 2024 NGAUS Awards Announcement



# **NGAUS Awards Program**

## **Notification of Recipients**

Adjutants General  
State Association Presidents & Executive Directors

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the [2024 NGAUS individual awards](#). On behalf of the Association, please pass along congratulations to the honorees for their outstanding performances and accomplishments.

Please notify award recipients and encourage them to attend the conference. NGAUS will reimburse the \$180 conference registration fee, if applicable, for individual award winners. Names of individual honorees planning to receive their awards in person should be provided to Rich Arnold via email at [richard.arnold@ngaus.org](mailto:richard.arnold@ngaus.org) by Aug. 1.

[Please complete the information request form for each recipient.](#)

NGAUS individual awards will be presented at the 146th General Conference in Detroit, Aug. 24 to 26, 2024, in order of precedence. We have adopted this process to give honorees more flexibility in planning to attend the conference, and will make every effort to accommodate their request.

Harry S. Truman Award  
Montgomery Medal  
Charles Dick Medal of Merit  
Patrick Henry Award  
Distinguished Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Award  
Valley Forge Cross for Heroism  
Garde Nationale Trophy

Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Award for Company Grade Officers  
Eagle Rising Award for Warrant Officers

Due to time constraints, certificates will not be presented at the conference. Instead, they will be forwarded through the states for local presentation.

The schedule for presenting the individual awards is as follows:

Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024 – Second Business Session\*

Monday, Aug. 26, 2024 – Third Business Session\*

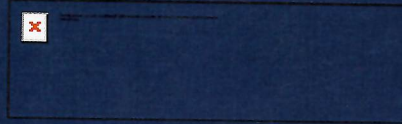
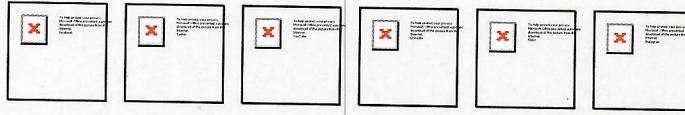
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While NGAUS invites all award recipients and their families to attend the conference, only *individual* award recipients' registration fees (if applicable) will be reimbursed. In addition, all award recipients must pay for their transportation and hotel accommodations.

Safe travels and we will see you in Detroit!

[Learn More About NGAUS Awards Program](#)



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## 2024 Award Recipients

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

#### Harry S. Truman Award

Gov. Gretchen E. Whitmer, Michigan  
GEN Daniel R. Hokanson, Oregon

#### Montgomery Medal

Gen. Michael A. Minihan  
Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Minnesota

#### Charles Dick Medal of Merit

Gov. Albert Bryan Jr., U.S. Virgin Islands  
U.S. Rep. Tom Emmer, Minnesota

#### Patrick Henry Award

Matt Bower  
Connor Jeffers, Colorado  
Nate Guajardo, Connecticut  
Erum Ali, Illinois  
Richard St. Onge, Kentucky  
Ben Donovan, Michigan  
Minnesota Twins Baseball Club  
Serving Our Troops, Minnesota  
Elizabeth Joseph, Mississippi  
Bill Foley, Nevada  
Frank Greenwood, Nevada  
Nevada Gold Mines  
Theresa V. Martinez, New Mexico  
LTC Fritz McReynolds (Ret.), Oregon  
Pat Thompson  
Steve & Shannon Leclair, Vermont  
Stanley Jones, U.S. Virgin Islands  
LTC John Wason (Ret.)  
State Senator Tara Nethercott, Wyoming

#### Distinguished Service Medal

Lt Gen Michael A. Loh, Colorado  
COL Rusty Spray, Hawaii  
MAJ Christine Hurley, Illinois  
LTG Jon A. Jensen, Minnesota  
MG Alan S. Dohrmann, North Dakota  
MG Jimmie L. Cole, Tennessee  
LTC Samuel W. Gould (Ret.), Vermont  
Brig Gen Harold "Cec" Reed (Ret.), Wyoming

#### Meritorious Service Award

CPT Rasheeda I. Bilal, California  
Maj Paul Hauter, Illinois  
Col George H. Imorde, Kentucky  
COL Gregory D. Fix, Minnesota  
Chief Master Sgt. Angela Ash, Nevada  
LTC Benjamin Barille, North Dakota  
Maj Kimberly R. Nelson, North Dakota  
Maj James D. Watson, Tennessee  
Lt Col Holli R. Nelson, West Virginia

## 2024 Award Recipients

### Meritorious Service Certificate

LTC (Dr.) Geoffrey Ball, Kentucky  
Lt Col James D. Campbell, Kentucky  
Maj Andrew Kochman, Kentucky  
CPT Cassandra Mullins, Kentucky  
1st Lt Ben Sewell, Kentucky  
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Catherine Strobel, Kentucky  
Ashley Jonkey, Nevada

### Valley Forge Cross for Heroism

1st Lt Bradley R. Scott, Alabama  
1LT Apiwit Chulawan, Wisconsin

### Garde Nationale Trophy

1LT John J. Brent, Kentucky

### Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Award for Company Grade Officers

CPT Michael A. Cofield, Alabama  
Capt Richard B. Edwards, Alabama  
1st Lt Ashlyn Garrett, Arkansas  
CPT LaPortia Jackson, Arkansas  
CPT Christian Duplessie, Idaho  
CPT Thaddaeus J. Carr, Illinois  
Capt Amanda J. Barton, Indiana  
CPT Elissa R. Hall, Indiana  
Capt Dylan J. Staples, Iowa  
CPT Benjamin A. Harrell, Kansas  
Capt Brandon M. Hossain, Kansas  
CPT Bryan Fuller, Kentucky  
Capt Richard A. Swink, Mississippi  
Capt Mariah Connell, Nevada  
CPT Sierra Leonard, Nevada  
1LT Jason Boring, New York  
Capt Sophia M. Mantzouris, New York  
Capt Mitchell A. Mazaheri, North Dakota  
CPT Amanda S. Tang, North Dakota  
Capt Adam W. Gonce, Ohio  
Capt Joseph J. Leeman, Utah  
Capt Christen A. Bloomfield, Wisconsin  
CPT Angelea Campione, Wisconsin  
Capt Cassandra O'Connor, Wyoming  
CPT Wyatt J. Winget, Wyoming

### Eagle Rising Award for Warrant Officers

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Adam D. Motes, Alabama  
Warrant Officer 1 Anthony J. Richardson, Arkansas  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Steven Davis, Connecticut  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Dustin Huerta, Idaho  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Zachary J. Stillions, Indiana  
Chief Warrant Officer 2 William L. Komma, Kansas  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael B. Lona, Kentucky  
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Erin L. Cogswell, Michigan  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher R. Cox, Mississippi  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Anthony Brooks, Nevada  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lee V. Renner, North Dakota  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher R. Ravis, Ohio  
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Emmanuel G. Medina, Puerto Rico  
Warrant Officer 1 Tyson L. Redford, Utah

## 2024 Award Recipients

Warrant Officer 1 Daniel Jones, Wisconsin  
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bryan C. Berry, Wyoming

### UNIT AWARDS

#### *Army National Guard*

#### **Major General Milton A. Reckord Trophy**

1st Battalion, 194th Armor Regiment  
Minnesota Army National Guard

#### *Air National Guard*

#### **Spatz Trophy**

143rd Airlift Wing  
Rhode Island Air National Guard

#### **Mission Support Trophy**

110th Wing  
Michigan Air National Guard

#### **William W. Spruance Safety Award**

119th Wing  
North Dakota Air National Guard

#### **Winston P. Wilson Trophy**

114th Fighter Wing  
South Dakota Air National Guard

#### **Curtis N. "Rusty" Metcalf Trophy**

123rd Air Refueling Wing  
Kentucky Air National Guard

#### **Major General John J. Pesch Flight Safety Trophy**

193rd Special Operations Wing  
Pennsylvania Air National Guard

# National Guard Association of Mississippi (NGAMS) Trip to Detroit, Michigan

August 24 to 26, 2024

**Background:** *Elizabeth Joseph was nominated and chosen for the Patrick Henry Award, which will be presented at the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) Conference. The NGAUS General Conference is the Association's annual business meeting for Army and Air National Guard officers from all 50 states, three territories, and the District of Columbia. The National Guard Association of Mississippi has invited Ms. Joseph to participate in this trip to accept the award and to attend the NGAUS conference.*

**RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES:** Elizabeth Joseph serves as Policy Director and principal military affairs advisor to Congressman Michael Guest (MS-03). In these roles, Ms. Joseph provides advice on issues related to policy, authorization and funding of the National Guard of the United States. Because of Congressman Guest's membership on the House Appropriations Committee, including the Subcommittee on Homeland Security as well as the Subcommittee Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, Ms. Joseph occupies a unique vantage point from which she helps ensure that the needs of the National Guard are met. Mississippi's Third Congressional District is home to two (2) Air National Guard Wings including the 172<sup>nd</sup> AW and the 186 ARW. It is also home to several Army National Guard entities including Air Defense Artillery, Aviation, Field Artillery, Engineers, Logistics, and Military Police. As a result, Ms. Joseph manages a broad portfolio of defense issues on behalf of Congressman Guest.

Ms. Joseph's deep dedication to the servicemembers of the National Guard are reflected in her selection for the Patrick Henry award. The Patrick Henry award recognizes those individuals who have distinguished themselves with outstanding and exceptional leadership to the National Guard of the United States. In order to be considered and approved for the award, a nominee must have demonstrated exceptionally strong support to the National Guard including ensuring the current and future readiness of the National Guard. Ms. Joseph's unwavering support of the legislative priorities to the Mississippi National Guard and the National Guard of the United States made her a clear selection for the Patrick Henry Award.

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August 24, 2024 (Saturday)

*AA flight 978 departs Washington, DC at 9:14 am. Flight arrives in Chicago at 10:33 am.*

*AA flight 2932 departs Chicago at 2:17 pm. Flight arrives in Detroit at 4:39 pm.*

**5:00 pm - 5:30 pm:** Travel to hotel.

**6:30 pm – 10:30 pm:** Governor's Reception at Henry Ford Museum (part of conference)

*Overnight at Westin Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan*

## August 25, 2024 (Sunday)

### **8:00 am - 8:30 am (Call to order, various committee reports)**

Maj. Gen. Janson D. Boyles, Mississippi - Chairman of the Board

### **8:30 a.m. Membership Awards Ceremony**

Maj. Gen. Randall Simmons (Ret.), Georgia - Membership Committee Chair

\*\*Elizabeth Joseph receives the Patrick Henry Award\*\*

### **8:45 a.m. An Introduction: Center for the Study of the National Guard**

Dr. Andrew Wiest - The University of Southern Mississippi

Dr. Richard Clark - Chief, National Guard Bureau History Office

### **9 a.m. BRIEF Communicators: Cutting through the Clutter**

Joe McCormack, Author, BRIEF: Make a Bigger Impact by Saying Less

### **9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Exhibit Hall Break**

### **10:15 a.m. Second Individual Awards Ceremony**

Lt. Col. Seana Eason, Arkansas Awards Committee Chair

### **10:40 a.m. Special Address**

The Honorable Gary Peters, D-Mich. - Senate Armed Services Committee

### **10:55 a.m. Presentation of the NGAUS Harry S. Truman Award**

Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson (Ret.), Oregon - 29th Chief of the National Guard Bureau

### **11:15 a.m. Keynote Address with Q&A**

Gen. David W. Allvin, Air Force Chief of Staff)

Official Duty Relevance: The 0800-1200 timeframe includes call to order, opening of the session, award presentations, remarks from Congressional leadership on issues of national defense and professional development sessions centered around enhancing communications skills for those persons serving in the legislative, executive and defense leadership functions and their support staff. This time period also includes an update on the new Center for the Study of the National Guard located at the University of Southern Mississippi.

### **Noon Recess to Luncheons & Other Sessions**

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm:** Lunch

**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm:** Company Grade Officer Professional Development

**5:30 pm – 7:00 pm:** NGAMS Meet and Greet

Official Duty Relevance: The Company Grade Officer (Captain and below) development sessions are geared towards highlighting and discussing topics, issues and ideas that impact the daily operations at the company level. These discussions will provide a unique learning experience for attendees. This will further enhance Ms. Jospeh's understanding of issues at the junior level particularly related to MILCON and VA concerns. The NGAMS social function will allow officers of the MS National Guard to engage in discussions related to contemporary items that impact Mississippi servicemembers including domestic operations and homeland security facilitating civil-military relationships.

**7:00 pm – 10:00 pm:** Hospitality Night at The Firebird Tavern (part of conference)

*Overnight at Westin Cadilla Hotel, Detroit, Michigan*

**AUGUST 26, 2024 (Monday)**

**8:30-10:30 – “Separate Sessions” for Army and Air National Guard**

**Lt. Gen. Duke A. Pirak, Oregon**

- Acting Director of the Air National Guard

**Gen. James E. Rainey**

- Commanding General, Army Futures Command

**Lt. Gen. Mark H. Landes**

- Commanding General, First U.S. Army

**Maj. Gen. Joseph R. Baldwin, Arizona**

- Acting Director, Army National Guard

OFFICIAL DUTY RELEVANCE: These sessions allow National Guard leadership and guests to hear directly from senior U.S. military leaders on a broad array of issues directly affecting national defense and security and items of significant importance to MS-03.

**10:30-11:30 – Exhibit Hall Break**

**11:30 am – 3:00 pm – Roundtable discussions with MS National Guard Leadership**

OFFICIAL DUTY RELEVANCE: The roundtable discussions will include MG Bobby Ginn, Adjutant General, MS National Guard as well as several other senior leaders within the MS National Guard. The intent of the session is to discuss MSNG priorities and other topics of national security that impact MS-03.

**3:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Travel to airport.**

*AA flight 4713 departs Chicago at 5:23 pm.*

*Flight arrives in Washington, DC at 6:59 pm.*