

Iowa National Guard Officers Association

Vision: The vision of INGOA is an Iowa National Guard that is mission ready and future relevant.

Mission: To realize our vision, INGOA will be the lead professional organization for the Iowa National Guard enhancing all aspects of unit readiness through legislation, professional development and lasting partnerships with our stakeholders and collaborative members.

What an honor it is to be serving as the INGOA President. We have an amazing team here working to make the Iowa Guard better through Association efforts.

My vision and focus over the next year is as follow:

1) Membership - The greatest source of strength in the association is its members. INGOA has been able to keep 100% NGAUS membership for 31 years. Membership ultimately translates to influences regarding legislative matters. This is a key point as legislative activities remain a core competency of organization. Iowa is placed as a leader in the nation on legislative involvement and membership participation; however, more can and should be done.

2) Legislative Involvement - At its most core function INGOA is an entity that seeks to influence legislation and policies to increase the readiness of the National Guard and enhance the well-being of the members. As members of the military, there are restrictions on seeking changes to legislation outside the established legislative process. However, this process often lacks proper consideration on the impacts on National Guard. INGOA provides that avenue to establish priorities from grass roots efforts and take them with a united voice to our policy makers at the state and national level.

3) Professional Development - Professionals join professional organizations. INGOA is the National Guard Officers professional organization. There is a primary focus on the development of company grade officers. This is currently being done by providing an avenue of communication with peers from different organizations. Through constant networking and member development we will build the foundation of professional officers within the Iowa National Guard and strengthen our future leaders.

Through strength in numbers we can continue to make the INGOA a great organization, and truly have an impact on the issues affecting our members.