



GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY SUPPORT FOUNDATION, INC.

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FOUNDATION REPORT ~ 2017

Governed by a Board of Directors, the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation established in 1994 to provide emergency relief assistance during times of financial crisis to the members and families of the Georgia National Guard, and federal/state civilian employees of the Georgia Department of Defense. Although not a military organization, the Foundation is recognized as an official support organization of the Georgia National Guard.



POYTHRESS, Lt. Gen. Ret. David Bryan

Lt. Gen. (Ret) David B. Poythress was a great friend and supporter to the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc. He passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2017.

BG Joe Jarrard shared the following message: It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of Georgia's 39th Adjutant General, Lt. Gen. David Poythress. From 1999 – 2007, Lt. Gen. Poythress oversaw the growth of the Georgia National Guard during one of our country's most challenging eras. Through 9/11 and into the War on Terror, he ensured our Guardsmen were ready and prepared to face a new enemy in an evolving battlefield. As the TAG, Georgia Secretary of State and Commissioner of Labor, he always served our state with distinction and honor. Lt. Gen. Poythress was 73 years old. We will all miss him dearly, and the leaders who served under him will humbly continue his legacy of service to our Nation.

Through the National Guard Association of Georgia, "Mrs. Elizabeth Poythress asked that we thank you for all the kind words of sympathy and fond remembrances of David. The family will share details of his memorial celebration at a later date."

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to consider a gift in his memory to the State YMCA of Georgia (ymcaga.org/donate) or the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation (georgiaguardfamily.org/donate).

In 2005, it was Lt Gen Poythress who met with business leaders, the Governor's office and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce when they worked together to determine ways to help the members and families of the Georgia National Guard during the first deployment of the 48th Brigade. Lt Gen Poythress mentioned that the Georgia National Guard Foundation, a non-profit 501-C (3) organization established in 1994, was already in place to help military members with financial assistance.

Accepting the challenge, the Georgia Chamber designated the Foundation as the recipient of its major statewide campaign to raise One Million Dollars in 2006. The campaign was led by Mr David Ratcliffe, President of the Southern Company and the 2005 Chair of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, as he and others rallied business leaders throughout the state behind the cause.

At the January 2007 *Issues and Eggs Breakfast* sponsored by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, **the goal of One Million Dollars was recognized as of the end of calendar year 2006.** Support from the Southern Companies and many other corporate benchmark organizations and individuals helped reach this important milestone for the Foundation with their significant and ongoing donations and community support.



Pictured here: Lt. Gen. David Poythress and Governor Sonny Perdue, accepted a check for \$1,017,107.68 from George Israel, President of the Georgia Chamber, and Mike Worley, Assistance to Vice President, External Affairs of Georgia Power Company on behalf of the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation.

As a result of this donation and many other initiatives and contributions in the past 10 years, the Foundation has been able to provide more than \$2.6 million dollars in financial assistance to over 3,000 Guard Members and their families. Lt General Poythress was a wonderful and gracious man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. On behalf of BG Carden and the Board of Directors of the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc., special thanks and appreciation to the Poythress Family for their generosity and ongoing support to the Foundation.

**March 10, 2017 \$1,000.00 Donation
from the Hillgrove High School Baseball Team
Powder Springs, GA
to the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation!**

Mrs. Barbara Brown approached MSG Shannon Richardson about making a donation to a military support organization from funds that were raised from a percentage of gate fees from her son's Hillgrove High School baseball games and other fundraisers. MSG Richardson, a friend and supporter of the Foundation, discussed our military relief program and the decision was made to donate funds to our organization.

Event was held on 10 March 2017 for public acknowledgement of the donation. MSG Richardson and CPT Craig Henderson were available to attend and conveyed their appreciation for the warm reception, hospitality and generosity to support our cause. On behalf of the Foundation, THANK YOU, to all involved in this effort!



Hillgrove High School Hawks - Region Winners-2016!



Taste of the South-April 1, 2017
 Washington Hilton
 1919 Connecticut Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20009
 7:00 pm VIP Admission
 8:00 pm General Admission

Taste of the South celebrated 35 years with *A Salute to the Stars and Stripes Gala* on Saturday, April 1, 2017. This very special event supported military and veterans based charities and was sponsored by GPHA, the Coca-Cola Company, Southern Company, Volkswagen Group of America and many other dedicated contributors.

This year's featured charity was the **Patriot Foundation**, located in Pinehurst, NC. Established in 2003, the Patriot Foundation is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit committed to providing college scholarships to children of servicemen and women who have been killed, wounded, or injured since 9/11. TOTS also supported a DC based charity, **Hero Dogs, Inc.**, which is committed to improve the quality of life of our nation's heroes by raising, training and placing service dogs and other highly skilled canines, free of charge, with lifetime support of the partnerships.

A portion of the proceeds raised at this awesome event was donated to 12 additional charities across the South and includes the **Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc.** as the designated charity partner in Georgia! The Foundation is honored to be selected by the 2017 State Committee and greatly appreciates the opportunity to be part of the Taste of the South! In August 2017, a contribution of \$8,105.00 was received from the TOTS event! Huge thanks to all involved in this effort!



COL Reg Neal attended the Gala on behalf of the Georgia National Guard Foundation! Thank you, COL Neal!

The Marietta Business Association and Georgia Veterans Association partner to host the
2nd Annual Military Appreciation COOK-OUT on 18 May 2017,
Clay National Guard Center
\$1,000.00 in Kroger Gift Cards donated to the
Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc.



A great turn-out of Georgia National Guard members and civilians were able to enjoy a bounty of hot dogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings at cook-out today! **Healing Our Heroes**, represented by Melissa Herbert Thiel, served as the Corporate MBA Partner and provided the food for the fun event!

Dave Young presented \$1,000 in Kroger Gift Cards to Harriet Morgan, Program Manager for the Georgia National Guard Foundation, which will be distributed by the Foundation and the Military Family Support Branch of the Georgia National Guard to soldiers and airmen in need.

COL Randall Simmons thanked everyone for attending and the “wheels are turning” about the possibilities of future opportunities to work with the Marietta Business Association and their patriotic members!

Special thanks to the volunteers attending today, including Nancy Couch, Kristen Dominquez, Jeff Garland, Katara Nix, Teresa Jones, Keith Ivey, Vicki Aghajanian and Beau Varnedeau!

20 May 2017: The 4TH Annual Half-Marathon, Ruck Run and the 5K in Memory of MAJ Kevin Jenrette to support the Georgia National Guard Foundation!



4th Annual Half Marathon and Ruck Run and 5K was held on 20 May 2017 at Etowah River Park in Canton! In August 2017, a donation in the amount of \$9,500.00 was received from the 20 May event! HUGE Thanks to Patty Baker, Scott McElroy, members of the GA National Guard, participants and sponsors for their support!

Again this year, the 5K was dedicated to the Memory of MAJ Kevin Jenrette (kia Afghanistan 6/4/2009). Shannon Jenrette stepped back from organizing the Some Gave All5K in Lula, GA last year, but she has approved and supports this event! We hope many of the Some Gave All participants from previous years participated as well!

The Ruck is a true ruck - 35 lb pack, 12 miles. Pack filled with dry goods (beans, rice, etc.) and at the end of the race, items donated to local food pantries!

This year's Ruck is in Memory of 1SG John Blair with an awesome trophy awarded to Nick Cox as the 1st Place Ruck Overall Male. 1st Place Ruck Overall Female award went to Isabelle Prance.



Patty and Scott McElroy, Organizers Extrordinaire!

1st Place Overall Female for Half Marathon went to Marisol Odom. 1st Place Overall Male for Half Marathon went to SFC David Krempa.

Half Marathon and Ruck received custom finisher's medals. All runners received AWESOME tech shirts!

5K Age Divisions, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, Male & Female, won by 30 participants from ages '10 and Under' to ages '70 and Over'!

For all 311 pictures and two videos of the start, please visit:

<http://www.studio660photography.com/p682151318/slideshow>

27 May 2017 - The American Legion's 3rd Annual Veterans Memorial 5K Run, 1K Run/Walk and Tot Trot was a BIG SUCCESS ON Saturday, with a start/finish at Marietta Square!

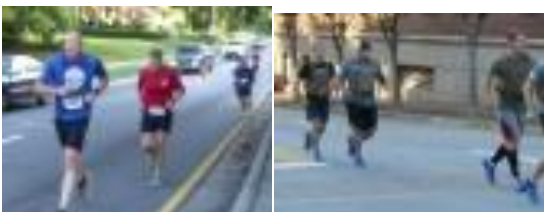
3 August 2017---\$20,000.00 DONATION was presented to MG Joe Jarrard for the Foundation at American Legion dinner from the proceeds of this awesome event!

This family-friendly event was well organized with generous sponsors, many supporters, participants, volunteers, music, free parking and more!

Members from the Georgia National Guard Recruiting team participated in the run and were also on site with a gaming trailer!



Proceeds are designated for the Commander's Fund of the American Legion, the Shepherd's Men and the GA National Guard Foundation! Military leadership from the GA National Guard, including MG Joe Jarrard, BG Tom Carden, COL Randall Simmons, CSM Jason York, CW2 Amanda Justus and many others led the way! A team from the Shepherd's Men participated in the 5K race after laying a wreath at the Marietta National Cemetery.





A Military Appreciation Celebration featuring the Georgia Symphony Orchestra performed after the race at 10:30 am in the Marietta Square! The 40 piece orchestra provided an outstanding concert with members of the GSO Youth Orchestra and the Marietta High School Band!

Special Thanks to American Legion Post 29 and all the organizers, sponsors, participants and supporters for designating the GA National Guard Foundation as a charity partner for the 3rd year to this awesome event!



**National Memorial Day Ceremony
Marietta National Cemetery
Marietta, Georgia
May 29, 2017, 12:00 Noon**



The National Memorial Day Association of Georgia and The Avenue of Flags, Inc., was founded on March 16, 1946, in Atlanta, Georgia. It is composed of individual Patron Members and of Member Organizations who wish to remember and honor the men and women who have served in the United States of America Armed Forces, the many who have given their lives to protect our freedom, the many who are now deceased, and those currently serving in the Armed Forces. According to its website, www.nmdaga.org, the specific objective and purpose of the organization, is to plan for, organize, support, and conduct annually, the Memorial Day Ceremony and The Avenue of Flags at the Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia.



This year's event, which was held on **Monday, May 29, 2017 at the Marietta National Cemetery** was the 72nd consecutive ceremony planned and conducted by the NMDA. Support for this ceremony comes from individuals, veterans' organizations and other patriotic groups, the local military bases, the staff of Marietta National Cemetery, local Scouts and High School JROTC and several interested companies, local Police, and city and county officials. Memorial Day is one of the best opportunities for all of us to express our gratitude for those who have and are serving our country and to honor their sacrifices.

Major General Joe Jarrard-Adjutant General of Georgia gave the Memorial Day address and The National Memorial Day Association of Georgia President, **Brig Gen Tom Blackstock**, was the Master of Ceremonies. The Atlanta Concert Band performed patriotic music against a backdrop of the graves of more than 10,000 veterans from 23 states. Posting of the colors, inspiring speakers, prayers and the presentation of floral wreaths highlighted the event along with a 21-gun salute and Echo Taps, per article written by John Spink @ ajc.com.



Additionally, this year's event honored the **Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc.**, with a **\$500.00 donation!** The Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation established to provide emergency relief assistance during times of financial crisis to the members and families of the Georgia National Guard. Although not a military organization, the Foundation is recognized as an official support organization of the Georgia National Guard.

31 May 2017 ~ Honor of Gabriel's First Birthday!



Gabriel's parents, Stephanie, and her husband, Tom, decided to Honor their son's first birthday by requesting that family and friends not purchase toys and gifts for his party, but to consider making a contribution to the GA National Guard Foundation in his Honor. Stephanie shared some of her thoughts with us about the decision:

"Tom has been in the Guard since before we met in 2010, and we're about to embark on our first deployment adventure. While the Guard has continued to increase in importance to me over the past few years, it is now becoming an especially significant piece of my life. I think what a lot of civilians fail to understand is the huge sacrifice that soldiers' families make while their sons, daughters, husbands, wives, fathers, and mothers are on the other side of the world defending our country and our freedom. To think that they sacrifice so much for our country, it seems rather important to me that we, as a nation, take care of those soldiers and their families. I am thankful that Tom and I have never encountered financial hardships, but I know so many soldiers do. There are several organizations that seek to contribute to soldiers in many different ways, but what the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation does for our soldiers and their families seems to be the most profound, in my opinion. It's awesome that other organizations donate specific items to the soldiers on a regular basis, but that doesn't help pay the bills. It doesn't put food on the table or a roof over the heads of the families who sacrifice so much."

Family and friends have supported their request with donations and we have established a special account in Honor of Gabriel's First Birthday! The Foundation is truly honored to be recognized by their kindness and generosity in such a special and unique way and we all wish Gabriel a fun filled year of being ONE!



Vivian Fay Poythress (1938 - 2017)

Vivian Fay Poythress died late Thursday night, May 18, 2017 at Candler Hospital after a long illness.

Vivian was born August 31, 1938 in Rio Grande City, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clemente de la Fuente and Floriene Cooper de la Fuente. Also by her oldest daughter, Sandra Poythress Harvey.

At an early age, she and her parents moved to McAllen, Texas. It was while she was living in McAllen, her older sister, Pat, arranged a blind date for Vivian with a young Second Lieutenant, Carl Poythress who was attending Navigator Training at Harlingen AFB, Texas. It was love at first sight and when Carl graduated and was transferred to Charleston AFB, S.C., Vivian and Carl were married at the Charleston AFB Chapel on Nov. 2, 1957.

After Carl was released from active duty, they moved to Savannah, GA in December, 1960. Because of their desire to be on the water, in March, 1967 they built their future and lifelong home on Betz Creek, Wilmington Island.

Vivian loved shopping, fishing and boating, especially cruising with Carl in their boat nearly every year to St. Augustine, Fla. for several days as well as taking weekend trips to Hilton Head and Beaufort, S.C. They also cruised to the Bahamas and to Key West Fla.

Vivian was also an active member of St. Francis Episcopal Church, looking forward each Sunday morning to see her wonderful friends at the eight o'clock service.

She is survived by her husband **BG (Ret) Carl C. Poythress, Jr**, her daughter Kimberly Garcia (Angel) and grandson Angel Garcia III. Also, her sisters Patricia Kristek (Bob) of McAllen, Texas, and Frances Russell of San Antonio, Texas, as well as a brother Mike Mason (Gloria) of San Antonio, Texas.

Graveside service will be held on Sunday, 21 May at 3 PM in the Greenwich section of Bonaventure Cemetery. Reception to follow at 4 PM at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 590 Walthour Road, Savannah, GA.

Remembrance of \$ 500.00 from St. Francis Episcopal Church, to the Georgia National Guard Foundation in Memory of Vivian Fay Poythress.

Fox & Weeks Funeral Directors Hodgson Chapel
7200 Hodgson Memorial Drive Savannah, GA 31406
(912) 352-7200

Published in Savannah Morning News from May 20 to May 21, 2017

3 June 2017, NGAGA CONFERENCE:

On June 3, 2017, the Oglethorpe Award was presented to **Mr David Golden** by MAJ General Joe Jarrard and the National Guard Association of Georgia at the 69th Annual NGAGA Banquet Dinner at the Evergreen Marriott-Stone Mountain. The Oglethorpe Award is designed to provide recognition to civic leaders, local and state officials, who distinguish themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to Georgia Nation Guard military services.



COL Reg Neal, BG (Ret) Marshall Kennemer, Mr. David Golden, Mr. Randy Wiggington, MAJ GEN Joe Jarrard

Mr. Golden has voluntarily served on the Board of Directors of the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc. since 2006. As a Partner with Troutman Sanders LLP, his area of practice includes Tax Exempt Organizations. He has been instrumental in providing advice, experience and support to the Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation. The primary purpose of the Foundation is to provide emergency relief assistance to the Soldiers and Airmen of the Georgia National Guard facing serious financial hardships.

His generosity to help other support organizations of the Georgia National Guard included determining eligibility and making or renewing applications to the Internal Revenue Service for approval of tax exemption non-profit status for the Peach State Star Base Foundation, Inc. and the Freedom Calls Memorial Foundation, Inc. Each of these applications were successful and performed on a pro bono basis.

David has assisted the Foundation with agreements to secure donations from external resources. In addition to his time and efforts, he has personally contributed donations of support during the annual Georgia Gives Day for non-profits and through other means.

BG Tom Carden, Foundation President, and the military leadership of the Georgia National Guard fully supported the nomination of David F. Golden to receive the James Edward Oglethorpe Award for 2017 for outstanding and exceptional service to the Georgia National Guard.



Harriet Morgan, David Golden and BG Tom Carden

2017 Family Readiness Conference 14-16 July

Rock Eagle 4-H Center

Eatonton, Georgia

Theme for this year's event was "Light the Way" to Honor the Family

During the event, a "silent auction" was held with proceeds in the amount of \$1,221.00 donated to the Georgia National Guard Foundation!



Join us for the 2nd Annual MBA


2017


NETEXPO

Meet. Mingle. Motivate.

Thursday, August 10, 2017
4:00pm - 8:00pm
 250 Cobb Parkway N #100 • Marietta GA 30062

Meet and mingle with 500+ awesome people
DRESS Casual! Have FUN! Contest for
 “Most FUN/CRAZIEST T Shirts” with voting by attendees!
 Exciting and Fun events to watch and cheer on participants
 Public Safety/Military/911 “Cook Off” with Celebrity Judges
 Celebrity “TAKE THE PLUNGE” FLUME RACES for Charity
 DJ/Live Music throughout the exhibit area.
 Meet our local “First Responders” with their vehicles on display

Giveaway Drawings at end of evening
 Register to attend: \$10.00 per person which includes entrance, two drink tickets,
 hors d'oeuvres on Hospitality Row, featuring local hotels and restaurants.
 Register as an Exhibitor: See Details @ www.mariettabusiness.biz
 Event is held rain or shine


A Joint Event


For more information:
 Visit www.mariettabusiness.biz
info@mariettabusiness.biz

www.mariettabusiness.biz   

The Marietta Business Association’s NetExpo 2017 “Celebrity Take the Plunge” Flume Race Charity Event took place on August 10, 2017 at White Water Park!



MG Joe Jarrard joined BG Tom Carden to “take the plunge” for the Georgia National Guard Foundation as they competed with celebrities representing eight other deserving charities!



BG Tom Carden – FIRST PLACE WINNER! “Winners Win”!!!



The Green and Gold Cooking Teams with BG Carden and MG Jarrard

1st and 2nd place winners

of the “It’s All About the Sauce” Cook-Off Competition!

GO GUARD!!!

GEORGIA TAXPAYERS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO



"PICK AN AMOUNT & MAKE IT COUNT"

**FOR THE GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY SUPPORT FOUNDATION, INC.,
a non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation,
WHEN THEY FILED THEIR INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR 2016!**

**Referred to as a simple "check-off" box,
the tax-deductible donation was added to the Georgia State Income Tax Form 500
by the Georgia Legislature in 2005 as a show of support
for members of the Georgia National Guard.**

WE JUST RECEIVED \$ 34,079.54 FOR TAX YEAR 2016!

**\$ 107,559.40 for tax year 2005 returns;
\$ 114,195.41 for tax year 2006 returns;
\$ 104,038.71 for tax year 2007 returns;
\$ 80,777.66 for tax year 2008 returns;
\$ 102,389.55 for tax year 2009 returns;
\$ 77,823.27 for tax year 2010 returns;
\$ 72,752.28 for tax year 2011 returns;
\$ 66,004.70 for tax year 2012 returns!
\$ 65,822.07 for tax year 2013 returns!
\$ 46,839.97 for tax year 2014 returns!
\$ 42,300.79 for tax year 2015 returns!
\$ 34,079.54 for tax year 2016 returns!**

THIS BRINGS OUR CUMULATIVE TOTAL TO: \$ 914,583.35

The Foundation provides financial assistance to the soldiers and airmen of the GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD facing an emergency or crisis situation for basic needs.

As a result of these contributions and others, the Foundation has been able to provide more than \$2.7 million dollars in emergency relief assistance to more than 3,170 Georgia National Guard Members and their families throughout the State of Georgia.

We need your help to do more!

**PLEASE "PICK AN AMOUNT AND MAKE IT COUNT"
WHEN YOU FILE YOUR GEORGIA TAXES ON FORM 500 for 2017!**

Change of Command Ceremony
Between
BG Thomas M. Carden, Jr. (Outgoing ATAG) and
COL (P) Randall V. Simmons, Jr. (Incoming ATAG)
Thursday,
28 September 2017, 1400 hours
Clay National Guard Center



MG Joe Jarrard, COL Randall Simmons and BG Tom Carden

BG Tom Carden began his new duties as Deputy Commander

NATO Multi-National Division, Southeast

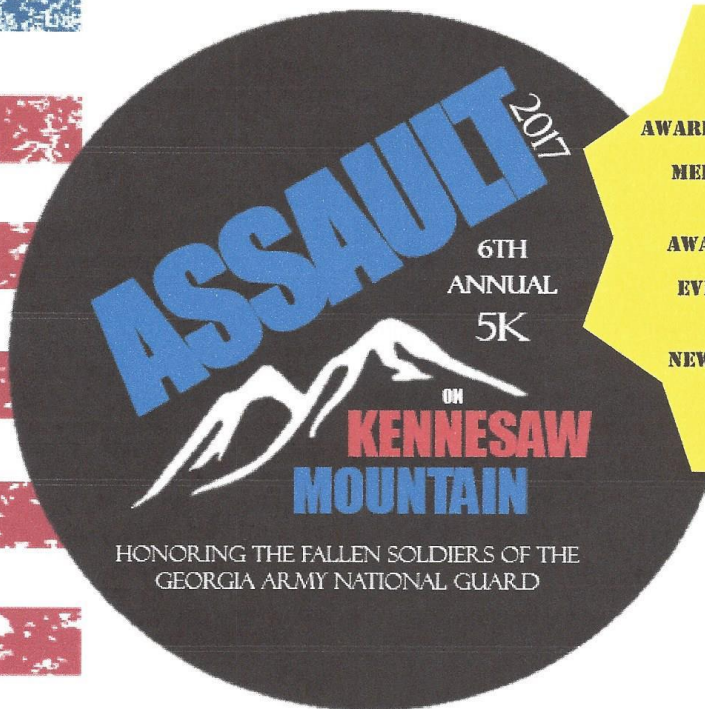
headquartered in Bucharest Romania

on October 1, 2017

Assault on Kennesaw Mountain

September 30th 2017

Honoring the Fallen Soldiers of the Georgia Army National Guard



- \$30 REGISTRATION FEE
- AWARDS FOR TOP 3 FEMALE/MALE FINISHERS
- MEDALS FOR TOP 3 IN EACH AGE GROUP FEMALE/MALE
- AWARD FOR FIRST GUIDEON TO THE TOP
- EVERY RUNNER RECEIVES A FINISHER ATHLETIC T-SHIRT
- NEW FOR 2017: ALL FINISHERS RECEIVE A COMMEMORATIVE 2017 FINISHER DOG TAG



ASSAULT ON KENNESAW MOUNTAIN 5K RUN

Like us on Facebook for updates

ON LINE REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

active.com/marietta-ga/running/distance-running-races/assault-on-kennesaw-mountain-2017

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE FAMILIES OF THE GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD



VOLUNTEER

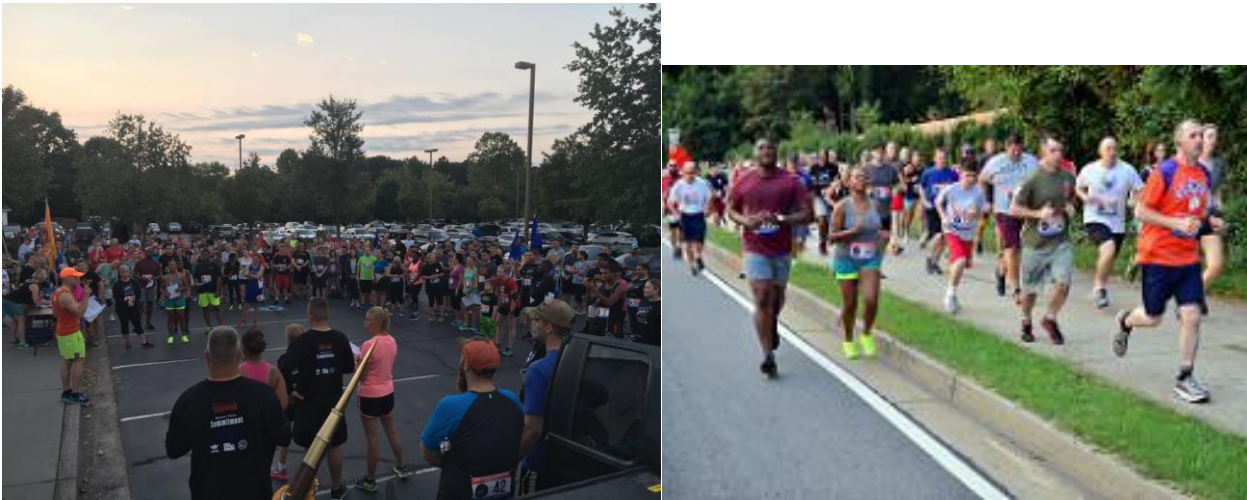
**LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP
AOKM5KRUN@GMAIL.COM**



**6th Annual Assault on Kennesaw Mountain 5K
DONATES \$2,600.00 to the GA National Guard Foundation!**

On Saturday, 30 September 2017, Atlanta's ONLY organized run up the historical Kennesaw Mountain was held in the Memory of the 42 Fallen Soldiers of the Georgia Army National. The traveling "Memorial Wall" of pictures was constructed by CSM Jason York for all to view and reflect.

Registrations and packet pick-up started at 6:00 am and the Opening Ceremony took place at 7:30 am at the Grace Community Church. MSG Andy Keene, organizer extraordinaire of this great event, welcomed the crowd with cheers and good humor!



The National Anthem was performed and after the Invocation by CH Mize, the name of each of the 42 fallen soldiers was called out in remembrance.

MG Joe Jarrard led the way as the Assault got started UP the mountain at 8:00 am with almost 300 runners joining members of the Georgia National Guard for this awesome event!

The Awards Ceremony took place at 9:00 am at the top of the Mountain! Awards were given for the Top 3 Female/Male Finishers. Medals were given to the Top 3 in each age female/male age group.



Every runner received an awesome athletic t-shirt and all finishers received a Commemorative 2017 Finisher Dog Tag!



It was a great day and we want to offer up our special thanks to the National Park Service, and to our sponsors, participants and volunteers for making the event a big success for the sixth year!

We also want to send a big 'Shout Out' to everyone that answered the call to bring donations and supplies for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Porch Light Latin and Buen Provecho, two restaurants in the Marietta/Smyrna area, joined forces and secured a cargo plane to transport donated goods to Puerto Rico on October 1st, 2017. CPT Michael Echevarria loaded up his truck to capacity and delivered the goods from Kennesaw Mountain!



Like us on Facebook for updates: [Assault on Kennesaw Mountain 5K Run](#)



Welcome to the 2017-18 **State Charitable Contributions Program** Annual Campaign, now commonly referred to as **The Campaign!**

The 2017-18 Annual SCCP campaign begins on September 5, 2017 and we are looking forward to another great year of charitable giving! We kicked off the 2017-18 Campaign on August 16, 2017 and Commissioner Amy Jacobs of the Department of Early Care & Learning, this year's Chair, shared her vision on why state employees should state change by making contributions to organizations such as yours and provided our roadmap for giving! Your organization, and the work that you do each and every day, is life changing for those in need and while we continue to try and make a difference by helping others, this year gives us another opportunity to do more in our communities. Our campaign will run from September 5 until November 17, 2017.



opm.gov/ShowSomeLoveCFC

The 2017 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) application for **GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY SUPPORT FOUNDATION** (CFC #70602) has been approved by the Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) of the Peach Belt CFC Zone.

The ATLANTA HAWKS



The Georgia National Guard Foundation



TEAMING UP for the 2017-2018 Hawks Season!

To purchase your discounted tickets

***click on the link below from a non-military computer
OR copy and paste to your browser!***

www.nba.com/hawks/gaguardfamily Promo Code: **GAGUARDFAMILY**

****Tickets are based on availability and prices are subject to change.
Games may sell out prior to the deadline. Sales are final, no refunds or exchanges.**

**Questions? Please contact LUKE WILLIS, GroupSales
Phone 404.878.3846 Email luke.willis@hawks.com**

**A portion of each ticket purchased through this link will be donated to the
Georgia National Guard Foundation!**

Thank you for your support!!



Members of the New Echota United Methodist Church in Calhoun, GA donated \$255.00

to the Georgia National Guard Foundation in Honor of Veterans Day.

Check was presented on 15 November 2017 by MAJ Darrel Geving

to COL Michael Maddox, Foundation Board Member

for the 201st RSG, and to Harriet Morgan, Program Manager for the Foundation.

Special Thanks to MAJ Geving and the congregation for their support

to the soldiers and airmen of the Georgia National Guard.

**Morgan Stanley Military Appreciation Luncheon
16 November 2017**

Morgan Stanley is a proud sponsor of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation which pays tribute to the living recipients of the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for valor while in military service. First awarded during our country's Civil War under the presidency of Abraham Lincoln, today there are fewer than 90 living recipients of the Medal. The Morgan Stanley Team in Alpharetta is very proud of the firm's commitment and organized an Appreciation Luncheon on November 16, 2017 for their clients that have served in the military.

The Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, an official support organization of the Georgia National Guard, has a 10-year relationship with the Mixon Smith Thomason Group of Morgan Stanley. They invited BG Tom Blackstock to be their guest speaker and he did a wonderful job of raising awareness about the Georgia National Guard and its statewide commitment of service to the community.



BG Tom Blackstock, Tim Mixon, Shannon Thomason and Scott Smith



The Atlanta Falcons organization has been a strong supporter of the Georgia National Guard Foundation since 2009. Their leadership and group sales staff have been generous to a fault in recognizing the Foundation as a charity partner with discounted ticket offerings each season. This year was no exception at the new and exciting Mercedes Benz Stadium! Our military members and supporters were provided a direct link and promo code to purchase tickets to select Falcons home games.

Special thanks to the Falcons Group Sales Staff for their efforts on our behalf! Rise Up for 2018!



**EXCLUSIVE ATLANTA UNITED TICKET PRICING
FOR THE GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION**

Atlanta United FC is an American professional soccer club based in Atlanta, GA. Through its association with the Atlanta Falcons, the Georgia National Guard Foundation, has been approved for exclusive pricing for select home games during the 2018 season at the new Mercedes Benz Stadium! After their high-energy and exciting performances last season, we are excited about this opportunity!

Please see attached flyer for link to **BUY TICKETS** with Special Offer Code: **GUARD**

OR copy and paste link to your browser on a non-network computer or mobile phone!

<https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/atlantaunited/EN/link/promotion/home/9fc4053180b961dc2c92fee2b63e184999154a8d>

A portion of each ticket sold will be donated to the Georgia National Guard Foundation! Thanks to all for your interest and support!

**GEORGIA GIVES DAY is now GA Gives on Giving Tuesday
NOVEMBER 28, 2017**



Georgia Gives Day is a collaboration of the Georgia Center for Nonprofits, in partnership with participating nonprofits, state agencies, corporations and businesses, associations, foundations, public relations and advertising firms to support the state's nonprofit organizations. It is an opportunity to fund the causes that are important to you!

The Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation is a participating non-profit charity in GA Gives on #Giving Tuesday 2017! It is a "flashmob of giving" the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving so please update your calendars!

- 1) Visit www.GAgivesday.org
- 2) Type the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation in the search bar.
- 3) Click on Donate Now!

Share this flyer with your friends, family and co-workers. Post information about GA Gives on #Giving Tuesday on your social media sites!

The primary purpose of the Foundation is to provide emergency relief assistance to the Soldiers and Airmen of the GA National Guard facing serious financial hardships, i.e. payments to avoid eviction, foreclosure, utilities disconnection and repossession of vehicles. Throughout inception, the Foundation has assisted victims of house and apartment fires, tornados, floods and other natural disasters. Eligible members have received emergency travel and funeral expenses assistance. The Foundation has supported Guard members injured during deployment and training or those experiencing temporary pay problems. These are examples of the multiple requests the Foundation receives each week. **We need your help to do more!**

More than 3,200 soldiers and airmen of the Georgia National Guard have received over \$2.7 million in assistance. We need your help to do more!

Please donate to the Foundation on GA Gives on Giving Tuesday!

Thanks for your support!

We are glad to report that a total of \$ 4,760.00 was donated to the Foundation this year for Georgia Gives Day! SPECIAL THANKS to our donors for recognizing the importance of this annual event!

Marietta Business Association Luncheon-11 December 2017

Presentation of 2017 Awards

**MARIETTA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
2017 MILITARY/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

SERVICE - COMMITMENT - SACRIFICE

**MAJOR GENERAL GA
JOSEPH F. JARRARD**

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL GEORGIA

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The MBA'S Meeting and Special Awards Luncheon was enjoyed by all! The tributes and recognition to MG Jarrard, BG Randall Simmons, BG Tom Carden and our military teams is greatly appreciated.

In addition, a generous financial gift of \$1,000.00 was presented to the Georgia National Guard Foundation which was a great surprise!

Special Thanks to Nancy Couch, President of the MBA for 2017, for her ongoing enthusiasm, tireless efforts and organizational skills in leading the way to make each and every MBA event a great success!



Chapel in the snow at the Clay National Guard Center

December 11, 2017

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DONORS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY SUPPORT FOUNDATION, INC.! We know you have many choices for your gift-giving dollars and the fact that you chose the Foundation is greatly appreciated by all of us as we continue our efforts to provide emergency relief assistance to the soldiers and airmen of the Georgia National Guard when faced with financial hardships.

To summarize calendar year 2017, the Foundation approved **162 applications** (155 Grants and 7 interest-free Loans) to our military families in the total amount of **\$ 129,669.00**. This brought our cumulative totals to more than **3,214 Grants and Loans** and over **\$ 2,799,133.00** in emergency relief assistance since 2004. **We received contributions in the amount of \$126,346.00 for 2017 from the following generous donors:**

165 AW CES RIB COOK OFF NOV 2016	420.00
AMAZON SMILE	251.00
ASSAULT ON KENNESAW MOUNTAIN 5K	2,600.00
ATLANTA HAWKS TICKET SALES	355.00
ATLANTA UNITED FC, LLC	186.00
BARBARA BLUE CHARITABLE GIFT	3,000.00
COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN	1,468.00
DUE WEST UMC CHURCH	1,000.00
FAMILY READINESS CONFERENCE	1,221.00
GA DEPT OF REVENUE TAX CHECK-OFF	34,080.00
GA NATIONAL G GUARD HALF MARATHON	9,500.00
GEORGIA GIVES DAY	4,760.00
GEORGIA POWER FOUNDATION	10,000.00
HILLGROVE DUGOUT CLUB, INC.	1,000.00
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MEMORY OF LOUISE ALEXANDER	200.00
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MEMORY OF MRS VIVIAN POYTHRESS	500.00
MEMORY OF WILLIAM F. FRIX, JR.	200.00
NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY ASSOCIATION	500.00
NEW EXCHOTA UNITE METHODIST CHURCH	275.00
PP3 PRODUCTIONS LLC	2,040.00
RATCLIFFE FAMILY GIFT FUND	1,000.00

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STATE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN (SCCP)	2,827.00
TASTE OF THE SOUTH	8,105.00
TRUIST CONNECT	50.00
UNITED WAY	4,117.00
VETERANS MEMORIAL 5K	20,000.00
WEBSITE-GEORGIAGUARDFAMILY.ORG	1,050.00
WOW-WOODMEN OF THE WORLD	300.00
	\$126,346.00

Some appreciation comments to share from 2017 ~

January 3, 2017

Happy New Year,

I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the assistance. This will greatly help my current family situation, and I can guarantee you that when I get everyone healthy and back on track I will be making contributions to this fund. I will also advocate to everyone else I know about what a great program this is and ask for contributions from them as well. When everything comes down on you at one time, it is hard to imagine what is next and how can we get through this. This was outstanding news and invaluable help that my family will never forget. Thank you so much!

April 2017

I want to thank you and your organization for helping my family. Words cannot describe our gratitude, and we look forward to reciprocating this blessing. Your contributions allowed us to pay April's rent and to keep our much-needed gas utility on. It is a blessing to have a good organization, spearheaded by best people, helping today's Guardsman and their family. I pledge to be a constant contributor to this great organization and its programs.

August 2017

Thank you for your kind assistance during this difficult time of going through a financial hardship. I will definitely make sure we give back when we are in a place to do so. May God bless you and the Foundation.

December 20, 2017

Wow, I cannot express how thankful I am. I appreciate you all and everything you do. This is going to help me in so many ways.