

Foundation Report 2023

The Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc. was established in 1994 and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) charitable corporation in 1996. Governed by a voluntary Board of Directors, its primary mission is to provide financial assistance on an emergency relief basis to current members of the Georgia National Guard and eligible full-time federal/state civilian employees of the Georgia Department of Defense facing unexpected hardships. The Foundation is not a military organization but is recognized as an official support organization of the Georgia National Guard.

TAX CHECK-OFF in 2023!! Since 2005, a simple "check-off" box on Georgia Income Tax Form 500 and 500EZ allows individual taxpayers to make donations that will be automatically deducted from their refunds or included in their payments to the Georgia Department of Revenue. The Foundation is one of ten organizations designated as a Checkoff Georgia Charity!



This is a GREAT opportunity for every taxpayer in Georgia to support the Soldiers & Airmen of the Georgia National Guard when faced with unexpected emergencies or financial hardships! \$83,245.00 was contributed from 2022 Tax Returns! **\$1,341,826.00 has been donated since 2005!**





January 24, 2023-Burns & McDonnell \$5,000.00 Check Presentation for 2022 Donation.

Maj Gen Grabowski, Kent Henson & Shawn DeKold



February 2, 2023: American Legion Post 29 presented \$20,000.00 to the Foundation from the proceeds of its November 12, 2022, 8th Annual Veterans Memorial 5k Run/Walk prior to the Post's General Meeting. COL Barry Simmons, Col Ron Speir, Col Roger Brooks, 1SG Tyler Lawver and Harriet Morgan attended the event. As a show of appreciation, the Foundation presented a framed photo of UH-60 Blackhawk Flyover to Commander Walt Cusick to recognize Post 29 as Champions of the Soldiers & Airmen of the Georgia National Guard.





February 28, 2023-Major General Thomas "Gasket" Grabowski Retirement and Change of Command Ceremony for the Georgia Air National Guard



Major General Carden, State Command Chief Washington, Major General Crumbly and Major General Grabowski.



March 8, 2023-Leadership Cobb Armed Forces Day @ Clay National Guard Center



March 25, 2023-EANGGA Conference in Savannah, GA. Represented by Jenn Steele and Veronica Waters.



April 21, 2023-NGAGA Conference at Westin Hotel, Atlanta, GA. Represented by Harriet Morgan.



May 4, 2023-Falcons Fiesta! The Foundation has a relationship with the Atlanta Falcons that dates to 2009 with discounted ticket sales and promotions of selected games. This year, Molly Olsoflka, Group Sales Executive, invited us to the Falcons Fiesta! Martez Fuller and Bobby Carver were available to attend on behalf of the Foundation! A good time was had by all!









May 15, 2023-Clay National Guard Center in Marietta







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Today the Georgia National Guard held its annual Memorial Day observance at the Clay National Guard Center Memorial Wall in Marietta, Georgia. During the event, 43 Georgia Guard members, who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, were honored with words of sentiments from the Adjutant General of Georgia and the local community and musical selections from the 116th United States Army Band. The observance was concluded with a fly over from the 78th Aviation Troop Command.

U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Amari Johnson



Christopher Willougby -Foster Pinkston - Dennis Boles - Charles Gillican -Chad Mercer - Jacques Brunson - Carl Fuller - James Kinlow - John Thomas - Victor Anderson - Jonathon Haggin -David Jones - Ronnie Shelley - Jerry Ganey - Matthew Gibbs - Charles Warren - Joshua Dingler - Paul Saylor -Thomas Strickland - Michael Stokley -George Draughn Jr - Robert Hollar -James Grilava - Dennis Merck - Phillip Dodson Jr. - Marcus Futrell - Philip Travis -Myla Maravillosa - Amos Edwards Jr. -Channing Singletary - Christopher Boone -



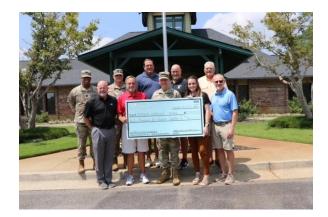
- Christopher Boone -Davy Weaver - John Beale - Kevin Jenrette -Jefrey Jordan - John Blair - Brock Chavers - Isaac Johnson - Raymundo -Morales - Alex French - David Holmes -Edgar Roberts Jr. -Mark Allen



June 13, 2023, HAWKS Group Leader Appreciation Night. Special thanks to Britt Obi-Tabot, Manager, Group Experiences for the Hawks for invitation to attend Group Leader Appreciation Movie Night on June 13th! Viewing of new movie, "AIR," was included with food, drinks, raffle prizes and time with Hawks representatives. The GA National Guard Foundation has been a charity partner with the Hawks since 2009! Some of our Team Players, Martez Fuller and Byron McDowell attended the event, met Britt, and had a great time! Everyone is gearing up for the 2023-2024 Season and discounted ticket opportunities!



July 21-23, 2023-Monroe Golf & Country Club held its annual Craig Hunter Memorial Monroe Golf Classic tournament. Huge shout-out of appreciation to the members, sponsors, donors, and participants of the Monroe Golf & Country Club! Since 2019, the GA National Guard Foundation has been a designated charity partner for this awesome event. On August 23, 2023, the Monroe Classic Committee hosted a lunch, along with a check presentation for the Foundation, in the very generous amount of \$12,500.00! Special thanks to CSM (Ret) Keith Glass for his friendship and support and to all involved for being champions of the Soldiers and Airmen of the Georgia National Guard! We can't thank them enough for making a difference with their ongoing support and cumulative donations in the amount of \$42,500.00!





August 14, 2023– Indian Hills Country Club in Marietta, Georgia, held its annual Charity Golf Tournament. Vacation for Vets, the Georgia National Guard Foundation, and the Air & Space Forces Association, Dobbins Chapter 331 AFJROTC Scholarship Fund were the designated beneficiaries.

A team of "Guard Golfers" included COL Chris Powell, State CSM John Ballenger, LTC Greg Koester and Mr. Thomas Meeks! A good time was had by all and IHCC donated \$ \$2,937.00 to the Foundation for a cumulative contribution of \$16,727.00 that dates to 2018. Special Thanks to Mike Wilkins, Lance Cantrell, and the IHCC members, donors, and sponsors for their ongoing support!



Team Chinook 47 DONATES \$3,362.00 to the GA National Guard Foundation from charity raffle at Boeing's annual Program Management Review Conference at Hunter Airfield held on August 15-27, 2023.

The Georgia National Guard assists with Readiness with meetings, static displays, and tours to Chinook suppliers. As in years past, they showed the true spirit and character of the National Guard and went above and beyond with their support.

Each year a raffle is held at the opening reception of the conference and the proceeds are donated to charity. Happy to report that the GA National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc. has again been designated as the recipient of this year's event!

Special Thanks to Team Chinook and Ryan Blue, Team Chinook Manager c/o The Boeing Company! Team Chinook is a confederation of H-47 program stakeholders. Its members include the U. S. Army and Suppliers that provide parts and service for the Chinook Helicopters.





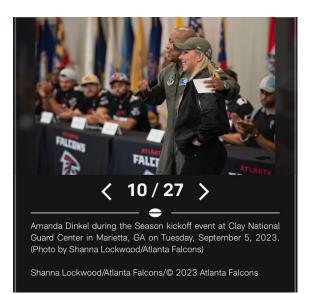
LOCKHEED MARTIN

'Thank You' for the generous donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for our Campaign 2023. The keywords, "benchmark citizens" resonates as it dates to 2005-2006 when the Governor's office, the Chamber of Commerce and a statewide business community initiated the charge to raise One Million Dollars for the Foundation! That goal was met and announced at the Issues & Eggs Business Breakfast in January 2007. It has been a remarkable journey and Lockheed Martin has been steadfast in its support by donating more than \$105,000.00 to help members of the Georgia National Guard and their families.

September 5, 2023 *"The Falcons are coming!"* to the Clay National Guard Center for a Season Kick-Off Event! A GREAT day for all Georgia DOD Personnel and their families! Many opportunities for the Atlanta Falcons players to meet/greet and experience the Georgia National Guard!

Falcons players and Legends visit Georgia National Guard

To kick off the season, Atlanta Falcons players and Legends visited Clay National Guard to show appreciation to military members. The players and Legends encouraged local high school JROTC students through a fitness test, rode in Black Hawks throughout the city, enjoyed lunch with select military members and participated in a meet and greet with military families. To kickoff the season, Atlanta Falcons players and Legends visited Clay National Guard Center to show appreciation to military members. The players and Legends encouraged local high school JROTC students through a fitness test, rode in Black Hawks throughout the city, enjoyed lunch with select military members and participated in a meet and greet with military families.



Major General Crumbly presented an Appreciation Award from the Foundation to Amanda Dinkle, Falcons Community Rep, for the Group Sales Team. Since 2009, the Foundation has been a designated charity partner for select games and opportunities. More than \$77,605.00 has been donated to the Foundation from ticket offerings! RISE UP!

From the Georgia National Guard Foundation with Appreciation and Gratitude to the Atlanta Falcons: Champions of the Georgia National Guard.





HAWKS THEME NIGHTS – 2023!



The season is here, and so are **THEME NIGHTS!** Each night includes a unique offer and a seat to the game with our special ticket package, click on the night to learn more and grab your tickets!

For groups of 10 or more or for tickets to a different game, please contact at <u>britt.obitabot@hawks.com</u> or at 404-878-3256. Ticket prices and availability are subject to change, so order your tickets today! <u>TICKETS WILL SELL OUT!</u>

September 16-November 16, 2023-Georgia State Charitable Contributions Program (GASCCP) approved 2023-2024 Application. The SCCP is an employee benefit that makes it easy for State of Georgia and University System Employees to approve charities of their choice by payroll deductions or a one-time donation. Go to https://gasccp.americascharities.stratuslive.com and select Agency Code # IN000600 for the GA National Guard Foundation!



September 25, 2023-Special Thanks to Patrick Guthrie, Special Assistance to Commissioner Tyler Harper, Georgia Dept of Agriculture, for a "meet and greet" visit with Major General Konata "Deuce" Crumbly, CMSgt Lynda Washington, Col David Smith, Col Ron Speir and Harriet Morgan. Today the mission included Georgia Grown Peanuts for an upcoming event!



Photo Credit SSG Rydell Tomas, PAO.



October 7, 2023-Atlanta United Military Appreciation Tickets



October 14, 2023-US Military Vets-GA MC 5 held its 3rd Annual Fall Risk Festival and 18th Annual Charter Party on October-13-14, 2023, at the Navy Lake Site Allatoona in Cartersville, GA this year. It was a fun weekend and Melissa Prigmore, the Soldier & Family Readiness Specialist that works out of the Rome Armory, and her husband, Mark, were up for attending the festivities on Saturday, the 14th. They are both Riders and enjoyed meeting Clutch (aka Brad Vawter) and the rest of the crew! A donation in the amount of \$3,400.00 was presented for the GA National Guard Foundation for a cumulative contribution of \$13,000.00 that dates to 2011. In addition, they are a charity partner for families in the Cartersville area needing some extra help through Christmas Assistance Program.



October 21, 2023-the 12th Annual Assault on Kennesaw Mountain 5K was a great success!

CSM Kevin McMakin and SGM Meara Brown led the way! The Grace Community Church approved use of its pavilion and parking lot for the event and Chief Anthony Winegar, Kennesaw Mountain Park, coordinated everything needed to meet the Park requirements. Sloan Ware with Horizon Race Solutions did a great job with the Chip-Timing and the GAARNG Recruiting & Retention Team did all the heavy lifting! **Since 2012, this event has donated almost \$48,000.00 for the GA National Guard Foundation!**



Photo credit Robert Lannom, PAO



Appreciation Award to CSM Brown

MG Carden: Remember



November 6, 2023-Military Appreciation Luncheon-ARMAC, in partnership with the Cobb Chamber, hosted military and community leaders, at the Cobb Galleria Centre. The Speaker Panel included Major General Tom Carden, Adjutant General of the GA Dept of Defense.

The Foundation, a member of the Cobb Chamber, hosted a table and invited MS Nancy Couch (GA Natl Guard Foundation Board) TSgt Debra Martin (Air & Space Forces Association) MS Harriet Morgan (GA Natl Guard Foundation Board) MR Tem Morgan (Via Path Technologies) MR Jack Norton, Consultant, Marine Veteran MR Dan Oliver, (GA Natl Guard Foundation Board), MSG Tyler Lawver, CPT Joe Thompson, COL Barry Simmons, COL Jason Fryman, CPT Robbie Russell, GA Army National Guard, and Col David Smith, GA Air National Guard.







CPT RUSSELL & COL SIMMONS

CPT THOMPSON & MR OLIVER

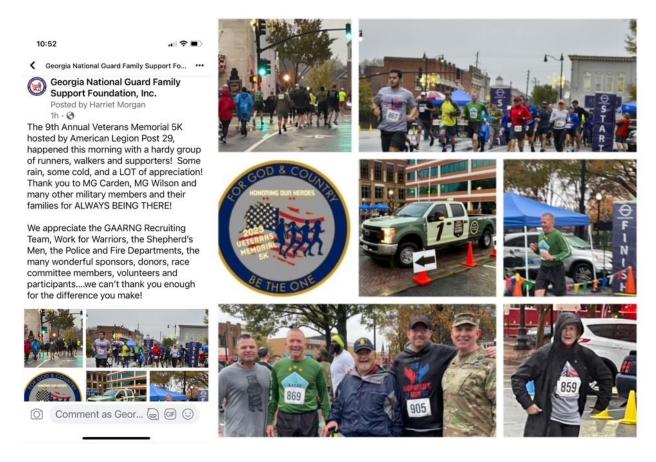
November 8, 2023-Morgan Stanley hosted a Veterans Appreciation Luncheon at Season 52 at Perimeter. Nancy Couch and Benita Scott Orr were able to attend on behalf of the Foundation. This year their special guest speaker was Major General Kevin Huyck, USAF, Retired, who provided valuable insights and perspectives about his remarkable career and assignments.





November 11, 2023- 9th Annual Veterans Memorial 5K/1K Race/Walk organized by American Legion Post 29: Months of planning went into organizing the Run/Walk dedicated to the Memory of Major Billy J. McAlister. Members, sponsors, and volunteers stepped up to coordinate the Race Start at 7:30 AM which was to be followed by the Marietta Veterans Day Parade at 10:00 AM! The GA National Guard Recruiting Team was on hand with a wrapped R&R vehicle and a Blackhawk Fly-Over event was approved for the Parade at 11:11 AM!

The weather turned out to be a cold and rainy day. A hardy group of runners, including Maj Gen Carden, braved the elements for the Race! Unfortunately, the decision had to be made to cancel the Parade, but plans are already underway for 2024!!



Net proceeds from the Veterans Memorial Race have been designated for the Service Office of American Legion Post 29, the Shepherd's Men SHARE Military Initiative at the Shepherd Spinal Clinic in Atlanta and the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc. American Legion Post 29 is the oldest (104 years!) and largest Post in Georgia. The leadership, members, sponsors, donors, and participants are involved in countless efforts to benefit the community.

The Foundation received a \$20,000.00 donation from the 2023 event for cumulative contributions of more than \$236,000.00 since 2015! The two most important words: THANK YOU



November 13, 2023-State Personnel Office hosts Chili Cook-Off at the Clay National Guard Center as part of the State Charitable Contributions Program. The Foundation is an approved charity for SCCP 2023 (Agency Code #IN000600) and the net proceeds from the competition will be donated to the Foundation as part of the 2023-2024 Campaign. The SPO Team did a great job organizing this event! MG Wilson, Col Speir and Mr. Ferrero were the taste-testing judges!



November 15, 2023-Civic Leaders Event organized by Nancy Couch and Leslie Hammond. **"Meet the Leadership"** with MG Tom Carden started at the Memorial Wall. Command Brief included refreshments provided by the GA National Guard Foundation before JOC Briefing and Hangar Rotary Wing Display.





Cobb County Public Safety Post about "Meet the Leadership" 2023: We were honored to attend the meet/greet and briefing with Adjutant General Tom Carden of the Georgia National Guard on November 15, 2023. The event was organized by the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc. Other community & civic leaders were in attendance also. Adjutant General of Georgia General Carden gave a briefing on National Guard resources and capabilities and encouraged continued partnerships with businesses, local government, and first responders. We got a behind the scenes tour of the Joint Operations Center & a tour of some helicopters in their hangar where the pilots explained the missions and capabilities of the aircraft. Thank you to Nancy Laura Couch, Benita Cotton-Orr & others for your community leadership!



November 28, 2023: Georgia Gives Day is an annual 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 of Georgia's nonprofit organizations!

The Georgia National Guard Foundation is a participating charity, designated by the IRS in 1996 as a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation and is recognized as an official support organization of the Georgia National Guard. **\$2,895.00 was donated to the Foundation for GA Gives 2023! THANK YOU!**





COL Jean-Paul Laurenceau, Commander, 201st Regional Support Group announced the 'Welcome Home Ceremony' for HHC, 201st RSG (FWD) on Friday, December 1st, 2023, at Hangar 5 after supporting their mission to manage Base Camp and operation support for more than 60,000 personnel in Poland, Lativa, Lithuania, and Estonia for the past nine months.

True to form, Nancy Couch and Leslie Hammond, Board Members of the GA National Guard Foundation, and other community leaders stepped up and organized a great "welcome home" for the returning Soldiers and their families as evidenced by these great pictures!



As shared by Nancy Couch, "The love, smiles, and tears of joy on each face of the Soldiers, the families, friends, and fellow serviceman is a blessing beyond words. Welcome Home!"



The Military Family Support Branch Tammy S. McEver Christmas Assistance Program 2023

The Georgia National Guard MFSP offers Christmas Assistance to Guard Members in need of a little extra help with holiday gifts. CAP 2023 is meant to supplement gifts for families with dependent children, ages 0-15, with a qualifying need. This Program is made possible through the generosity of community partners, donors, and military supporters! It is a statewide event coordinated regionally by the Soldier and Family Readiness Specialists.

The Georgia National Guard Foundation established a restricted access account for CAP donations in 2007. Individuals, corporations, community groups and organizations support this event each year with monetary donations and gifts!

Special shout out of appreciation to BEKO Technologies; Donna Hanrahan and the members of The Country Club of the South; Melissa Krudwig and Team, aka "The Bear of Real Estate"; Marietta Rotary Foundation; Operation Santa Charities; Tim Stewart Funeral Home; and The Warrior Alliance.









A great day at the Country Club of the South for Christmas 2023 Military Family Support Branch Leadership & CAP Volunteers!







Team Melissa Krudwig, "The Bear of Real Estate", long-time supporters of the Georgia National Guard! Care package drives, gift cards, deployments, school supplies, Annual Military Toy Drive!!



Operation Santa Charities, Inc. presents \$20,000.00 donation to the Georgia National Guard Foundation for the Christmas Assistance Program!

L-R: Jim Davis, Harriet Morgan, Veronica Waters, Ron Cowan.



Christmas elves packing individual gift bags for statewide distribution!







The ATLANTA FALCONS offered the GA NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION the opportunity to purchase tickets for the following games in 2023!!!

Atlanta Falcons vs Carolina Panthers on Sunday, September 10, 2023

Atlanta Falcons vs Green Bay Packers on Sunday, September 17, 2023, to all Military, Veterans and First Responders!

Atlanta Falcons vs Houston Texans on Sunday, October 8, 2023

Atlanta Falcons Military Appreciation Game vs Minnesota Vikings on Sunday, November 5, 2023

Atlanta Falcons vs New Orleans Saints on Sunday, November 26, 2023

Atlanta Falcons vs Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday, December 10, 2023.

Atlanta Falcons Holiday Pack Game vs Indianapolis Colts on Sunday, December 24, 2023

A portion of each ticket purchased through special link is donated back to the Foundation after the season ends! We have an established relationship with the Falcons that dates to 2009 and we greatly appreciate the ongoing opportunities and support!

Special Thanks to Molly Olsofka, Group Sales Executive, Atlanta Falcons!



ANNUAL REPORT RECAP: For calendar year 2023, the Foundation approved 147 applications (142 Grants and 5 short term interest-free Loans) to our military families in the total amount of \$144,906.00. This brought our cumulative totals to over 3,954 Grants and Loans and more than \$3,544,266.00 in emergency relief assistance since 2004.

Contributions in the amount of \$ 185,600.00 from the following generous donors:

AMAZON SMILE	370.00
ASSAULT ON KENNESAW MOUNTAIN 5K	5,328.00
ATLANTA FALCONS TICKET SALES	2,550.00
ATLANTA HAWKS TICKET SALES	530.00
BARBARA BLUE CHARITABLE GIFT	3,000.00
BENEVITY GIVING PLATFORM [Morgan Stanley]	1,240.00
BURNS & MCDONNELL FOUNDATION (2022)	5,000.00
CCRWO CARING FOR AMERICA PROJECT	540.00
CFC-COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN	384.00
COBB COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	1,000.00
CRAIG HUNTER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT	12,500.00
GA DEPT OF REVENUE TAX CHECK-OFF	83,245.00
GEORGIA GIVES DAY	2,895.00
HONOR OF KIM D. WHITE BIRTHDAY	50.00
HONOR OF SUE DANIELL BIRTHDAY	50.00
HONOR OF MSG (R) MARK MCDANIEL	1,500.00
INDIAN HILLS CC PRO MEMBER GOLF	2,937.00
INDIVIDUALS Contributed Support	648.00
JACK C GRIFFIS CHARITABLE GIFT	4,000.00
JOACHIM P FERRERO FAMILY	2,400.00
KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS	230.00
WAYNE & MIRIAM LANCASTER	250.00
LINNEA AND DENNIS JOHNSON	10,000.00
LOCKHEED MARTIN	10,000.00
MEMORY OF CMSgt PAT SULLIVAN	1,000.00
MEMORY OF DAVID KENNEMER	50.00
MEMORY OF DELMUS "DEL" WILLIAMS	200.00
MEMORY OF ERIC JAMES MERCER	250.00
MEMORY OF LOUISE ALEXANDER	100.00
MEMORY OF MARJORIE CARDEN	200.00
MEMORY OF RICHARD & JUANITA NEAL	100.00
MEMORY OF WILLIAM F. FRIX, JR.	500.00
NETWORK FOR GOOD RE FACEBOOK	325.00
NEW ECHOTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	686.00
STATE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN (SCCP)	2,920.00



TEAM CHINOOK CONFERENCE	3,362.00
U.S. MILITARY VETS MC GA5 CARTERSVILLE CHAPTER	3,400.00
VETERANS MEMORIAL 5K (2022)	20,000.00
WEBSITE-GEORGIAGUARDFAMILY.ORG	1,860.00
TOTAL INDIV/BUSINESS CONTRIBUTIONS	185,600.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY SUPPORT FOUNDATION, INC. Never forget the difference you make!

Prepared by: Harriet Morgan, Program Manager

Appreciation Comments:

Good afternoon, I truly appreciate your collective assistance regarding my situation. All the resources I have received are extremely helpful! I plan on reaching out this week regarding work opportunities. Thank you all again for your continued support in this process.

Thank you so very much. I really, really appreciate this grant. You have saved me from being displaced and I am very grateful. Thank you again! God bless you and your team for being there for soldiers in need.

You have no idea how much this means to me and my family, thank you very much!

Good morning, I can't express my gratitude for all the help and support. This will help tremendously. Thank you so much.

Thank you all for the help. The resources and people were top notch at every level, couldn't be any better.