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# NGAOK Newsletter

## Scholarship Foundation

The 2010 Scholarship Applications are due 31 January 2010. Applicants or their sponsors must be current members of NGAOK to qualify.

For more information on the scholarship program and applications go to our website at [www.ngaok.org](http://www.ngaok.org)

NGAOK presented the Scholarship Foundation a check for \$7,850.00 during the October 1<sup>st</sup> BOD Meeting. The money was donated through Corporate Sponsors and is the largest check that NGAOK has ever presented to the Scholarship Foundation.



Left to Right: LtCol Spencer, LTC Altebaumer, MAJ Bohlman, TSgt Franco, LTC Harrison

### 53rd NGAOK Annual Conference/Ball

Mark your calendar for the 53rd NGAOK Annual Conference & Ball, March 26-27, 2010. It will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Downtown OKC. You will be able to register online this year at [www.ngaok.org](http://www.ngaok.org). Hotel reservations must be made prior to 22 February 2010 to receive the conference rate of \$84 + Tax (Single), \$114 + Tax (Double). After deadline room rates increase to full price.

**NO EXCEPTIONS**



#### Upcoming Events:

November 17th NGAOK BOD Meeting @ JFHQ Classroom in USPFO Building.

November 11—Veterans' Day

November 26— Thanksgiving (The NGAOK Office will be closed November 26-27)

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# LTC John Altebaumer Resigns As Vice President

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LTC John Altebaumer resigned from the NGAOK Vice Presidency during the Board Meeting on October 27, 2009 due to an upcoming mobilization. In accordance with NGAOK Constitution and By-Laws, LTC Jon Harrison (who serves as the association's Treasurer) was nominated for the position and was voted to replace LTC Altebaumer.

With LTC Harrison moving into the Vice President slot, a vacancy for the Treasurer position remained. SFC Penny Johnson, who serves as the 90th TRP CMD Representative, was nominated for the position and was voted to replace LTC Harrison as Treasurer.

The Board of Directors has two vacancy's open, 45th INF BDE—Enlisted

and 90th TRP CMD—Enlisted

We would like to wish LTC Altebaumer a safe journey and many Thanks for all that he has done while he has served on the board.

*"It is with the deepest regret that I submit my resignation."*



## 2010 NGAOK Membership Drive September 1st through December 31st 2009

We are in the beginning of the 3rd month of our annual membership drive and it is off to a slow start. NGAOK's strength comes from its members and without the members we don't have a voice. With that voice we have been able to lobby our State Congress and get results like:

- \$195 per year to pay for life insurance
- Exemption of 75% of retired military pay, or \$10,000 (whichever is greater) from your State Income Tax Return
- Exemption of the first 60% of retired pay for retired Civil Service (CSRS) Federal Workers from your State Income Tax Return
- Car Tags for \$20 for Soldiers and Airmen on Active Duty

And our Federal Congressional lobbying resulted in:

- Increased educational benefits for Guardsmen who have been mobilized and extend to 10 years the time limit for mobilized Guardsmen and Reservists to use their educational benefits.
- A 3.4% pay raise for all military personnel beginning 01 January 2010

As we approach a new year, NGAOK will continue to foster and work to improve the National Guard of Oklahoma and the United States as a component of the total Armed Forces of the United States. NGAOK will constantly look toward the future to find ways and benefits to enhance the quality of life for all association members. Please visit [www.ngaok.org](http://www.ngaok.org) and become a member today.

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## Thanksgiving Funnies

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**Teacher:** "Why do we have a Thanksgiving holiday?"

**Student:** "So we know when to start Christmas shopping!"

### How To Cook A Turkey:

1. Go buy a turkey
2. Take a drink of whiskey
3. Put turkey in the oven
4. Take another 2 drinks of whiskey
5. Set the degree at 375 ovens
6. Take 3 more whiskey s of drink
7. Turk the bastey
8. Whiskey another bottle of get
9. Ponder the meat thermometer
10. Glass yourself a pour of whiskey
11. Bake the whiskey for 4 hours
12. Take the oven out of the turkey
13. Floor the turkey up off of the pick
14. Turk the carvey
15. Get yourself another scottle of botch
16. Tet the sable and pour yourself a glass of turkey

Bless the dinner and pass out



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## **Retirees, We Need You!!!**

During the 2009 NGAOK Business Meeting in April, we only had 5 of the 833 retired members participate in the meeting. The Retirees were allotted 83 delegates. Without more retiree participation in the Business Meeting, we may not be able to have enough members to form a quorum. Without a quorum, we won't be able to conduct the business of the NGAOK (vote in new officers, board reps, etc...)

Please reach out to your fellow retirees. Let them know that they are important to the organization and we need their support.

# *Happy Thanksgiving*



### Officers Of The Board

Joe Franco—President (Air-E)  
Jon Harrison—Vice President for Army (Army-O)  
Tracy Spencer—Vice President for Air (Air-O)  
Penny Johnson—Treasurer (Army-E)

### Board Of Directors

Scott Houck (45th INF-O) (45th INF-E)	Chris Davis (WRANG-O)
Steven Stanford (90th TRP-O) (90th TRP-E)	Jeff Elders (WRANG-E)
Charles Neely (45th FA-O)	Rita Miller (TULANG-O)
Mike Bray (45th FA-E)	Mandy Lonsdale (TULANG-E)
Kelly Cobble (JFHQ-Air-O)	Ted Newbury (Army RET-E)
Nani Myers (JFHQ-Army-E)	Lloyd Smithson (Air RET-O)