



# Area V Is Alive!

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## Illinois



### State Conference:

April 19-21, 2013

Eaglewood Resort, Itasca, IL

<http://www.ngai.com/>

## Indiana



### State Conference:

April 19-21, 2013

French Lick Resort

French Lick, IN

*Special invited Guest of Honor this year is  
GEN Frank Grass,*

*Chief of the National Guard Bureau  
(due to schedule, will not be  
able to confirm until later)*

14th Annual NGAI Car Show

July 6, 2013

Indianapolis, IN

<http://www.ngai.net/>

## Iowa



### State Conference:

April 12-14, 2013

Marriott Downtown,

Des Moines, IA

<http://www.eangi.org/>

Texas Hold'em Fundraising Poker

Tournament

April 12, 2013

## Michigan



### State Conference:

April 12-13, 2013

Treetops Resort, Gaylord, MI

<http://www.ngam.org/site/>

## Minnesota



### State Conference:

April 26-27, 2013

Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

<http://www.mngea.com/>

### Operation Purple Camp - McGregor, MN

*A Program of the NMFA and Hosted  
by Catholic Youth Camp!*

June 30- July 5, 2013

<http://www.cycamp.org/>

## Nebraska



Legislative Session Wrap-up:

April 13, 2013

### Spring Conference:

April 26-27, 2013

Camp Ashland, Ashland, NE

<http://www.neguard.org/>

## North Dakota



### Combined Conference:

February 22-24, 2013,

Bismarck, ND

<http://www.ndngea.com/>

## South Dakota



### State Conference:

April 19-20, 2013, Holiday Inn  
City Center, Sioux Falls, SD

### Black Hills Veterans March

is on facebook. Anyone interested in  
helping out in any way for preparation  
for the march, the first meeting is 13  
February at 2:30 PM MT. Contact Josh  
at [joshua.j.wermers.mil@mail.mil](mailto:joshua.j.wermers.mil@mail.mil)

### Area V Caucus:

May 17-18, 2013, Downtown  
Holiday Inn City Center  
Sioux Falls, SD

Black Hills Veterans March,  
Saturday, 21 September 2013

<http://www.sdngea.com/>

## Wisconsin



### State Conference:

April 26-29, 2013

Ho-Chunk, Wisconsin

Dells/Baraboo, WI

<http://www.wngea.org/>

Download the entry form for the  
1636 Massachusetts Bay Colony  
Sweepstakes. Must be mailed By  
April 15th or bring to State  
Conference

<http://musket.wngea.org/>

Wisconsin Spring Primary

*February 19, 2013: State offices to be  
elected include Superintendent of Public  
Instruction, Supreme Court Justice, Court  
of Appeals & Circuit Court February 19.  
Wisconsin Spring Election April 2, 2013:*

*State offices to be elected include  
Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals,  
Circuit Court and State Assembly District.*

## 113th Congress – Area V Congressional Members

### Illinois


**Senators:**

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Kirk, Mark - (R - IL)  
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**District**

- 1 Rush, Bobby L. (D)
- 2 **Vacant** - Special election April 9, 2013
- 3 Lipinski, Daniel (D)
- 4 Gutierrez, Luis (D)
- 5 Quigley, Mike (D)
- 6 Roskam, Peter J. (R)
- 7 Davis, Danny K. (D)
- 8 Duckworth, Tammy (D)
- 9 Schakowsky, Jan (D)
- 10 Schneider, Brad (D)
- 11 Foster, Bill (D)
- 12 Enyart, William (D)
- 13 Davis, Rodney (R)
- 14 Hultgren, Randy (R)
- 15 Shimkus, John (R)
- 16 Kinzinger, Adam (R)
- 17 Bustos, Cheri (D)
- 18 Schock, Aaron (R)

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**District**

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- 2 Walorski, Jackie (R)
- 3 Stutzman, Marlin (R)
- 4 Rokita, Todd (R)
- 5 Brooks, Susan (R)
- 6 Messer, Luke (R)
- 7 Carson, André (D)
- 8 Bucshon, Larry (R)
- 9 Young, Todd (R)

### Iowa


**Senators:**

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Harkin, Tom - (D)  
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**District**

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- 2 Loebsack, David (D)
- 3 Latham, Tom (R)
- 4 King, Steve (R)

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**Representatives:**
**District**

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- 2 Huizenga, Bill (R)
- 3 Amash, Justin (R)
- 4 Camp, Dave (R)
- 5 Kildee, Daniel (D)
- 6 Upton, Fred (R)
- 7 Walberg, Tim (R)
- 8 Rogers (MI), Mike (R)
- 9 Levin, Sander (D)
- 10 Miller, Candice (R)
- 11 Bentivolio, Kerry (R)
- 12 Dingell, John (D)
- 13 Conyers Jr., John (D)
- 14 Peters, Gary (D)

**Minnesota**



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Representatives:

**District**

- 1 Walz, Timothy J. (D)
- 2 Kline, John (R)
- 3 Paulsen, Erik (R)
- 4 McCollum, Betty (D)
- 5 Ellison, Keith (D)
- 6 Bachmann, Michele (R)
- 7 Peterson, Collin C. (D)
- 8 Nolan, Rick (D)

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Representatives:

**District**

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- 2 Terry, Lee (R)
- 3 Smith, Adrian (R)

**North Dakota**



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Representative:

At Large Cramer, Kevin (R)

**South Dakota**



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Thune, John - (R - SD)  
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Representative:

At Large Noem, Kristi (R)

**Wisconsin**



Senators:

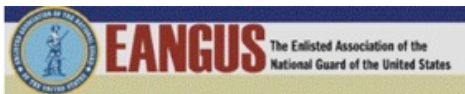
Baldwin, Tammy - (D - WI)  
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Johnson, Ron - (R - WI)  
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Representatives:

**District**

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- 2 Pocan, Mark (D)
- 3 Kind, Ron (D)
- 4 Moore, Gwen (D)
- 5 Sensenbrenner, F. James (R)
- 6 Petri, Thomas (R)
- 7 Duffy, Sean P. (R)
- 8 Ribble, Reid (R)



**Legislative Matters - The National Guard Needs Your Support**

To view all The Calls use this link:

<http://capwiz.com/eangus/issues/?style=D>

On January 23, 2013, the House of Representatives authorized a suspension of the nation's debt limit through May 18 and requires both the House and the Senate to produce and pass a budget resolution in the meantime, with a deadline of April 15. If either chamber fails to pass a budget, its pay would be put into escrow – “No Budget, No Pay.” On January 31 the Senate voted to temporarily suspend the debt ceiling until May. A provision in the legislation would prohibit lawmakers from getting paid if Congress fails to pass a fiscal 2014 budget by April 15. Salaries would be held in escrow until lawmakers agreed on a fiscal 2014 budget; if Congress fails to do so, then salaries would resume in January 2015, the end of the current congressional session. Bill on way to President for signature (he has indicated he would sign it).

Is "No Budget, No Pay" unconstitutional? From GovExec: "The 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits a sitting Congress from increasing or decreasing its own pay, although it can change the pay of future legislative bodies. Supporters of the provision argue that placing salaries in escrow does not change the rate of lawmakers' pay, and therefore is constitutional. Rank-and-file lawmakers earn an annual salary of \$174,000 while party leaders make more. **Some lawmakers have said they could not afford a pay delay.**" [Emphasis added]

**CHECK THE NEXT ISSUE OF *THE SIGNAL* REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP**

**THE FIRST PROCESS OF HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW.** A member of Congress introduces a bill and it is then referred to a committee. *The committee chair decides where the bill goes next, if the committee chair feels it requires further action!* Then it is submitted to a subcommittee which holds hearings on the bill and amends and sends back to the full committee. The full committee may make further changes. The committee chair The full committee then issues a committee report on the bill and sends to the floor of the Senate or House where it originally was introduced. Once the bill reaches the floor, it is debated and perhaps amended further before a final vote is called. If the bill passes, it is then sent to the other chamber where the identical process begins again.

**113TH CONGRESS** - Legislation Referred to Committees - <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

**NEW BILLS OF INTEREST** - Ask Your Representative/Senator to Co-Sponsor Bills Than Have Been Introduced

**H.R. 55: *Don't Let A Funding Gap Stop Military Pay***

*In the event that the debt ceiling is reached or that there is a funding gap, this bill would prioritize the payment of pay and allowances to members of the Armed Forces and Federal law enforcement officers.*

**H.R. 55 – SHIELD Act of 2013** - To prioritize the payment of pay and allowances to members of the Armed Forces and Federal law enforcement officers in the event the debt ceiling is reached or there is a funding gap. H.R. 55 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Armed Services, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**HR 32:** Write to your congressional representatives and urge them actively support the passage of H.R. 32, the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act. This legislation would repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans Dependency and Indemnity compensation. This unfair offset has existed for far too long, and with 19 cosponsors, this bill has a great deal of bipartisan support from the House and should be brought to the floor for a vote.

**H.R. 42:** To amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit certain increases in fees for military health care before fiscal year 2016. "Military Health Care Affordability Act". Referred to Committee on Armed Services.

**H.R. 235:** *Amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.*

**H.R. 257:** *Amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State.*

**H.R.32 -- Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act** - To amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan for military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation.

**H.R.153 -- Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2013** - To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**H.R.164 -- To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.** - To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

**H.R.179 -- Franchise Education for Veterans Act** - To amend title 38, United States Code, to allow certain veterans to use educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for franchise training.

**H.R.183 -- Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act** - To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy.

**H.R.241 -- Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act** - To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish standards of access to care for veterans seeking health care from Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 258 Stolen Valor Act** - To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

**H.R.303 -- Retired Pay Restoration Act** - To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt.

**H.R.333 -- Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act** - To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to eliminate the phase-in period for concurrent receipt, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 357 -- GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act** - To amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate.

**H.R. 411** -- To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and for other purposes.

**S.6 -- Putting Our Veterans Back to Work Act of 2013** - To reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

**S. 46** -- To protect Social Security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

**S.49 -- Veterans Health Equity Act of 2013** - To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State, and for other purposes.

**S.62 -- Check the Box for Homeless Veterans Act of 2013** - To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions and to make additional contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund, and for other purposes.

**S.131 -- Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act of 2013** - to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes.

**CDL Test** – 34 states waive the skills test for veterans and servicemembers who have military training that would entitle them to a commercial driver's license. State driver licensing agencies have the authority to substitute two years of commercial motor vehicle safe driving experience in the military equivalents of commercial motor vehicles for the skills-test portion of the commercial driver license. This rule applies to active duty, Reserve, Guard and Coast Guard members, and veterans within 90 days of separation. Contact your state's motor vehicle department of transportation.

**LEAVE CARRYOVER** - The policy allowing service members to carryover up to 75 days of leave from one training year to another has been extended until Sept. 30, 2015 (was set to expire this September).

**Veterans Designation on Driver's License or State ID Cards**

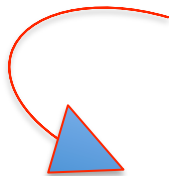
Ever need ID to get that veterans discount at restaurants and retailers? Do you carry your DD214 to show proof that you have ever been in service? With identify theft, you shouldn't carry the DD214 because it contains your social security number; also it doesn't have a photo ID on it so it may not be acceptable at some establishments. The following is the status for Area V states on veterans designation on your driver's license or non-driver's license ID cards (check with your local DMV for any additional charge for the designation/logo, 28 States currently offer the veterans designation on driver's license and the cost ranges from free to about \$15 although even if free there most likely is fee to re-issue a card if not already up for renewal).

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| <b>Iowa</b> - Available July 1, 2013     | Provide proof of veteran status when applying for or renewing their license or non-operator ID   |
| <b>Illinois</b> - Available July 1, 2015 |  |
| <b>Indiana</b> - Available               | To purchase a new veteran's license plate or drivers's license for the first time, a discharged veteran must present a DD214 (discharge summary) or other military documents issued by the Department of Defense verifying a veteran's honorable discharge from the armed forces. Active duty personnel must present a military identification card and a current leave and earnings statement to purchase a license plate |
| <b>Minnesota</b> - Available             | A veteran may request the designation of veteran on his or her Minnesota Drivers. License & ID card. In order to obtain the designation, the applicant must request the designation  |
| <b>Michigan</b> - Pending Legislation    | (House Bills HB 4022 & HB 4037, Senate Bill SB 0082)   |
| <b>Nebraska</b> - No Legislation Pending |  |
| <b>North Dakota</b> - Available          | Adequate veteran or military service documentation   |
| <b>South Dakota</b> - Available          | Veterans who wish to add the designation to their driver license or non-driver ID card may visit any South Dakota driver license office  |
| <b>Wisconsin</b>                         | At this point it has not been reintroduced in this session! (Last session it was AB 292)   |

**2013 Area V Caucus  
17-18 May 2013**

**Downtown Holiday Inn City Centre**

**1-605-339-2000  
Sioux Falls, SD**



Room Rates \$77.00 per night plus tax (also available the day before and day after)  
 Registration Fee is \$35.00 per person (includes lunch, snacks and hospitality room)  
 Meetings Saturday 0800-1600 with lunch provided  
 Register no later than 14 May 2013

Registration form is available on <http://sdngea.com/>

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**EANGUS 42nd Annual Conference**

**"Fun at the Falls"**

Sioux Falls, South Dakota - The Heart of America

**August 18-21, 2013**

Register Online at <http://eangus.org/>

**POP TABS**



FISHER HOUSE is the philanthropic project for the proceeds from the recycling of pop tabs this year. Sell/recycle the pop tabs and bring the proceeds to National.



**TOILETRIES**

There will be a collection box at National for toiletries. Bring your toiletries to National!



**On Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 2:00 A.M.  
Spring Ahead One Hour**

Day Light Saving Time Ends November 3, 2013



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Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin



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