



## EANGUS Legislative Priorities 1st Session, 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

Our primary mission is to safeguard the enlisted Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard. The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) works to improve and protect the benefits of the men and women serving in the National Guard, veterans, retirees, and their families.

Since 1972, EANGUS has been the only voice wholly advocating for the enlisted men and women of the National Guard. EANGUS and the National Guard are strong because of the participation of our members and because Guardsmen live in every state, territory, and Congressional district.

Below are the issues our members have identified as critical areas that could be improved.

- **National Guard educational program parity and employment issues**
  - GI Bill parity for National Guard and Reservists
  - Civilian licenses and certificates are given for military training
  - Pursue legislation to support fully funding States for personnel attendance at Army and Air Force Schools
  - Tuition Assistance parity between Active Duty and all Reservists
- **Improve Reserve Component medical readiness & TRICARE expansion**
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  - TRICARE Reserve Select (T.R.S.) Extension for Surviving Families
  - Improved access to mental health care and treatment
  - Automatic re-enrollment in TRICARE Reserve Select (T.R.S.) after Active Duty (A.D.) when TRICARE Prime was in effect
  - Provide TRICARE Coverage for Infertility Treatments
- **Legislate Tax incentives**
  - for employers to hire members of the National Guard and Reserves
  - change to the above-the-line deduction
  - tax penalties waver
- **Equity of benefits for Guard/Reservists who perform a duty under Titles 32, 10, and State Active duty**
- **Revise USC Title 5, allowing service under Title 32 to be treated as Title 10 with regard to Federal Civilian Employees**
- **Monitor Legislation on Equal Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay for NG/RC members**
- **National Guard performs cyber security, focusing on state government, infrastructure, and financial institutions, including funding.**
- **Increased funding for National Guard Counterdrug Programs**
- **Legislation improving National Guard Family programs**
  - To include but not limited to:
    - Child care assistance programs
    - Maternity Leave
    - Spouse Employment
    - Dependant Flex Savings funds



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- National Guard Childcare Navigator Position Proposal
- **Support modernization and improvement of Training simulators like the “Call-For-Fire” Trainer**
- **Space National Guard**
- **Codify DD 214 for NG/RC upon separation and career milestones with Legislation**
- **Legislate changes for increased USERRA protections for Guard/Reserve**
- **Legislate increased SCRA protection for Guard/Reserve**
- **Army & Air Force Appropriation request**
- **Increased funding for National Guard Youth Challenge Program**
- **National Guard Veterans Affairs concerns**
  - Supporting improved veterans’ healthcare
  - Supporting veteran’s employment and housing programs for Guard/Reserve
  - Toxic exposure issues with a focus on after-service care
  - Guard/Reserve access to mental healthcare
  - Eliminate 5-year requirement for VA healthcare
  - VA infrastructure concerns
- **National Guard Retiree Legislation**
  - TRICARE coverage with early retirement
  - Elimination of the Concurrent Receipt offset for all classes of retirees
  - Retiree continued contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan (T.S.P.)
  - Affordable Healthcare for Gray Area Reserve Retirement
  - N.G./Res Retiree Transition Assistance Program at separation
  - Limited Federal Retirement Points for Non-Federal Service
- **National Guard Physical Fitness**
  - ACFT
  - Fitness program access
- **Up-Date Total Force Policy**
- **Report on the Lifecycle cost comparison of G&R to Active Duty**
- **Support increased AGR (Active Duty Guard & Reserve) End Strength**

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