

NGAUS  
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JOINT RESOLUTIONS  
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RESOLUTION-J #0

RELATING TO THE LEVEL OF DEFENSE SPENDING AS A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

**Recommendation**

To ensure an appropriate level of defense spending, the National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Defense budget of no less than 4% percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

NGAUS LEADERSHIP

RESOLUTION-J #1

RELATING TO ENHANCING THE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR ALL  
DOMESTIC OPERATIONS MISSIONS

**Transportation**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Debris clearance and route opening prime movers. (2015)
- B. Route opening package augmentation. (2015)
- C. Each state's civil engineering unit be provided with Dynamic Cone Penetrator equipment, software and required training in order to assess runway/ramp/taxiway serviceability after catastrophic events. (2018)
- D. The National Guard requires a container moving capability with a single-Soldier mechanism to significantly improve rapid deployment capabilities by resolving issues with materiel handling equipment (MHE) availability, MHE operator availability, and improving operational readiness by reducing time and improving safety. (2024)

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RESOLUTION-J #2

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**Communications**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. NIMS-compliant base and mobile communication and data interoperable systems that enhance shared situational awareness including voice, data and maps information. Also the creation of a user-defined operating picture that shares actionable knowledge with civilian authorities during domestic response operations, which include the following:
  - 1. Geographical Information systems that publish, edit and consume data and map services.
  - 2. Interoperable cross-banding systems that enhance C4 emergency response.
  - 3. Field surge/emergency Dual Band SAT-COM systems.
  - 4. Procure and fund mobile mesh self-healing networking systems for all National Guard Civil Support Teams. (2015)
  - 5. Joint Incident Site Communications Capability Block 3 Network Management Enhancement Tool upgrades. (2015)
  - 6. Tactical Communications Path Diversity Suite. (2015)
- B. Providing Mission Critical Push-to-Talk (PTT) deployable kits for each FEMA Region for Domestic Operations communication-fielded surge/emergency mobile SATCOM systems to enable satellite voice and data, as well as cross banding for cellular and land mobile radios, to ensure always on, always available communications. (2017)
- C. Equipping the National Guard with an interoperable end-to-end platform, which can provide secure, unified, real-time communications, situational awareness and emergency response coordination capabilities for the public safety, local, state and national security capabilities. (2018)
- D. Direct funding to outfit border-deployed guardsmen with the same, compatible equipment as the Border Patrol and Local Law Enforcement and utilization of Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network to Support Domestic Operations. (2023)
- E. Modernization and sustainment of the National Guard lacks a light weight, portable and expedient antenna system that provides rapid deployment and rapid line of sight communications at the squad and platoon levels while also providing domestic support operations in response to local communities. (2024)
- F. Investment in resilient timing signals for operational commanders and the C2 of non-federalized forces to execute missions in support of civil authorities. (2024)

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**Public Works and Engineering**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Environmentally friendly, operationally effective alternative back-up power supplies, to provide state operations centers with uninterrupted power for continuous operations.
- B. Lightweight, man portable and battery-operated contingency airfield lighting systems for quick deployment and redeployment in disaster and relief areas. (2016)
- C. Light weight, battery operated large area light kits. (2016)
- D. Mobile Electrical Power to sustain field operations. (2016)
- E. Distributed, remote, mobile power systems that harness solar and wind energy. (2015)
- F. Continued funding for National Guard Civil Support Teams, Homeland Response Forces and CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Packages. (2017)
- G. Support the utilization of renewable energy. (2016)
- H. Purchase battery powered generators to augment legacy diesel generators footprint within the National Guard's inventory. (2024)
- I. The National Guard Energy Resiliency Initiative (NGERI) is a program to enhance the energy security and Resilience of National Guard armories and installations throughout the United States. NGB should seek to collaborate with the Department of Defense, Governor, and State National Guard Adjutant General to develop a Microgrid system proof-of-concept (\$10mil) composed of a Combined Heat and Power solution for the State National Guard Headquarters and local National Guard armories supporting our local communities capable of operating independently of the local power grid in times of emergency, disaster, or power outages. (2024)
- J. Ensure Department of Defense procurement agencies remove silica based absorbents from sourcing lists and catalogs and replace with biobased absorbent alternatives. (2024)

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**Firefighting**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Enacting legislation to prevent the department of defense from federalizing historic National Guard modular airborne fighting systems missions to Title 10 forces, honoring capitol state flexibility to conduct the mission with military support they deem the most effective and appropriate. (2016)
- B. Codifying the operational firefighting mission for the National Guard in USC Title 32, provide survivor benefit parity between Title 10 and Title 32, and adjudicate firefighting services by allowing immediate employment of MAFF. (2014)
- C. Providing funding for COTS mobile fire suppression and extinguishing systems for National Guard platforms performing domestic emergency response. (2015)
- D. In support of current and future domestic operations, the National Guard Association of the United States supports the procure of the Internal Aerial Wild-land Fire Suppression System, in an effort to combat the proliferation of wildfires that have devastated the Western North American Region as a result of drought, urban sprawl, and climate change. (2022)

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**Information and Planning**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Using FEMA's Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment processing to enhance state-level planning and interoperability.
- B. Equipping National Guard with extended cold weather clothing systems, and other items needed for winter storm, flooding, tornadoes and hurricane response and recovery efforts.
- C. Developing Geographical Information Systems which enable awareness and provide actionable knowledge for decision-making.
- D. Increasing joint and civilian emergency response exercises and emergency management staff training.
- E. Securing fully mission capable Incident Awareness and Assessment platforms to provide National Guard and civilian authorities with improved situational awareness during homeland support missions.
- F. Establish a National Guard Federal Emergency Response Fund. (2022)

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**Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Procuring multi-weather pre-engineered tension fabric structures, with reusable covers, for equipment and mobile living support amenities modules used in support of the National Guard's homeland emergency response efforts.
- B. Procuring a readily available, mobile and temporary all-weather holding shelters/billeting systems with life support amenities modules for emergency and mass patient care and housing of National Guard responders. (2014)
- C. Funding for Radiological Screening Portals for National Guard Homeland Response Forces (HRFs) and CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Packages (CERFPs). (2019)

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**Logistics**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Mobile loading dock for offloading of equipment, vehicles and supplies. (2015)
- B. Equipping states that have lost their Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) capability with a commercial off-the-shelf forward refueling point system solution for use in Domestic Operations. (2018)
- C. Providing Domestic Operations packages to states with a commercial off-the-shelf UAV to provide “over the horizon” visibility/capability. (2018)

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**Public Health and Medical Services**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Making available telemedicine technology for Army and Air National Guard Medevac Units.
- B. The modernization and funding of National Guard medical equipment sets for ambulances using FEMA and American Medical Response Standards including Cardiac Defibrillator/Vital Monitor/Resuscitation Devices.
- C. Portable Electrostatic (Induction Charged) Decontamination/Disinfecting Sprayers and Associated Electrostatic Compatible Disinfectants (EPA Category IV) for optimal protection of Armories, Hangers, Maintenance Facilities, Living Quarters/Barracks and Office Facilities. (2020)
- D. The National Guard lacks readily deployable, self-contained, portable medical clinics are a multipurpose and agile asset ideally suited to support several different types of National Guard missions. These medical clinics are an effective solution to overcoming community or regional health care capability gaps in the Homeland when natural or man-made disasters significantly stress or destroy existing health care resources and infrastructure. They provide the National Guard with a means of maintaining troop health and preserving medical skills retention for all levels of National Guard medical professionals, thus enhancing overall unit medical capability and mission readiness. (2024)

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**Search and Rescue**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Funding to equip search and extraction elements of the Army National Guard and rescue technicians of the Air National Guard with modern, interoperable rapid extraction technology and equipment to assist civilian authorities with saving lives under any physical conditions.
- B. Procuring search and rescue (SAR) electronic tracking and monitoring electro-optical infrared sensors. (2015)
- C. Procuring light and secure all-terrain vehicles to include over-snow and/or amphibious capability if necessary, and which are equipped with thermal sighting to assist in search and rescue, and move wounded civilians, personnel and supplies to and from disaster areas where larger vehicles cannot reach. (2015)
- D. Providing each state with necessary cold weather transportation systems including composite vehicle covers and a mobility enhancing system that installs quickly and directly to each wheel hub on commercial pickup trucks, ATVs, HMMWVs, and FMTVs.
- E. Full funding for the Armored Security Vehicle (Image Intensified Sight Upgrade Program) for the homeland response forces in each Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) region.
- F. Sufficient funding to fully equip Army National Guard Aviation Units and Air National Guard Pararescue units with a high-capacity extraction, insertion, personnel recovery, equipment, and cargo hoist system. (2017)
- G. An AN/PVS-14 Night Vision Monocular refresh that addresses older/lower Figure of Merit (FOM), blemished, or defective night vision tubes with latest high-performance white or green phosphor tubes and integrates the upgrade through the Guard's traditional maintenance program. (2018)
- H. Upgrading the Homeland Response Force and National Guard CERP, with a kit (in a transit case) that includes commercial off-the-shelf advanced night vision, thermal, and fused enablers to see in all blackout and extreme weather conditions. (2018)
- I. Army and Air National Guard helicopters conducting MEDEVAC, SAR, and Domestic Operations lack hoist stabilization systems, resulting in increased risk, increased training requirements, and environmentally induced inefficiency in a time critical mission set. (2022)
- J. Create the requirement and provide funding for small individual personal light beacon capable of marking a soldier or location with both visible and/or infrared spectrum lighting in order provide Soldiers and Commanders the ability to mitigate hazards in low-to-no-light conditions, or to aid in personnel recovery. (2024)
- K. Modernization and sustainment of the National Guard rescue capability by sponsoring the qualification and upgrade of the UH-60, HH-60, and H-60 Black Hawk helicopters with an enhanced rescue hoist to significantly improve combat and domestic incident response capabilities by resolving issues with cable looseness, bird caging, cable misalignment, as well as reducing oscillations, and improving operational readiness by reducing maintenance and extending overhaul times. (2024)

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**Oil and Hazardous Materials Response**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Making the Common Analytical Laboratory (CALs) National Guard variant 1, (Field Confirmatory) the first fielding priority "Priority of Fill" of the three variants, provide funding for the CALs three-year fielding plan, and maintain the current CALs schedule with no further delays. (2014)

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**Strategic**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Requiring DoD to fully consider the role of the National Guard in performing its homeland defense and state missions as defined by the governors when developing its force restructuring plans.
- B. Requiring DoD to assure Congress and the governors that potential changes in National Guard force structure will not impact the safety and security of the citizens of the United States.
- C. Updating statutory guidance for the funding, requirements and employment of National Guard forces performing homeland emergency response missions.
- D. Budget actions and authorization language that supports the full range of equipment, training and modernization needed by National Guard Civil Support Teams and CERF-P units responsible for protecting Americans during chemical, biological or nuclear events.
- E. Insuring comprehensive state National Guard input into the Base Realignment and Closure and Commission (BRAC) process.
- F. A National Security Reform Act modeled after Goldwater-Nichols Act, for a whole-of-government approach between the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- G. Urging Congress to authorize and appropriate funds to eliminate the National Guard critical dual-use equipment shortages required to perform the responsibilities of the National Guard, pursuant to Section 331, 332, 333, 12304(b), and 12406 of Title 10 United States Code, in response to an emergency or major disaster.
- H. Congressional recognition of the National Guard as an “operational force,” and federal investment in the Guard as a critical, cost-effective and combat-effective component of national defense; and calling on Congress to sustain force structure and ensure that the Guard is fully equipped to perform its missions. (2015)
- I. Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams with funding and policy for Unmanned Aircraft Systems equipped with Chemical, Biological, Radiological sensors, and Light Detecting And Ranging mapping technology in order to meet the demands of the current operational environment, maintain relevancy, and provide enhanced situational/domain awareness tools for incident commanders. (2019)
- J. Congress amending 10 U.S.C. §10171 to retain the statutory rank, roles, responsibilities, and functions of the Director, Army National Guard, and Chief of the Army Reserve but disestablish the U.S. Army Reserve Command. The Army should align remaining U.S. Army Reserve Operational, Functional, Support and Training Commands under appropriate Regular Army higher headquarters, and eliminate those considered redundant. The roles, responsibilities, and functions of disestablished and realigned organizations should be assumed by the Secretary of the Army, Headquarters Department of the Army (HQDA), and Army Commands (e.g., FORSCOM [U.S. Army Forces Command], IMCOM [Installation Management Command], MEDCOM [U.S. Army Medical Command], OTJAG [Office of the Judge Advocate General]), all of which will have increased representation by Reserve Component Soldiers, as determined by the Secretary of the Army. (2021)

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- K. Pursue Legislation urging the Department of Defense (DoD) to prioritize and allocate the necessary resources to streamline contracting procedures and support small businesses, which will foster a more accessible and welcoming environment for small businesses, thereby ensuring that the DoD maintains a robust and dynamic national defense industrial base in the future. (2024)

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RESOLUTION-J #12

RELATING TO ENHANCING THE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE  
COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

**National Guard Counterdrug Program**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. The unmatched successful partnership between the National Guard and local, state and federal law enforcement inherent in the National Guard Counterdrug Program. This partnership, executed under USC Title 32 Chapter 112 allows National Guard soldiers and airmen to protect and secure our communities, states, and the nations in support of our brothers and sisters in law enforcement. (2014)
- B. To allow for more effective planning and execution, providing a minimum of \$300 million dollars in annual funding to National Guard Counterdrug Program State Plans. Furthermore, Congress should fund the National Guard Counterdrug program state plans with a distinct line item in the Department of Defense Counternarcotics Central Transfer Account (CTA), and not as project code (PC7403). Setting a minimal level of baseline funding and distinct line items in the appropriations will stabilize this critical homeland defense mission and will ensure Congressional intent is executed once appropriated. (2020)
- C. To allow for more effective planning and execution, providing a minimum of \$30 million in annual funding to National Guard Counterdrug (NGCD) Training Centers. Furthermore, congress should fund NGCD Training Centers with a distinct line item in the Department of Defense Counternarcotics Central Transfer Account (CTA), and not as a project code (PC 7415). Setting a minimum level of baseline funding and distinct line item in the appropriation will stabilize this critical homeland defense mission and will ensure congressional intent is clearly executed once appropriated. (2020)
- D. Enhancing the National Guard Counterdrug Program USC Title 32 Chapter 112 with language that more appropriately addresses the expanded threat to our nation from Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs). (2014)
- E. Codifying in law the National Guard Counterdrug Schools mission to include COCOMs, military to civilian, military to military, and civilian to civilian, but not at the expense of traditional Law Enforcement Agency customers.
- F. Amending public law Section 1004, 1991 National Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 101-510), to change additional support for Counterdrug activities language from “may” to “shall” ... “the Secretary shall provide support to Counterdrug schools to train local, state, federal, tribal law enforcement, and community-based organizations using subject matter experts and the most cost-effective means possible to include contracting services consistent with DOD practices.”
- G. Changing the law to allow the availability of annual congressionally-appropriated National Guard Counterdrug funds to change from one year to two years. (2016)

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**Public Safety**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Funding for light-weight armors, approved by the National Institute of Justice, in support of law enforcement. (2015)
- B. Funding, procuring and fielding modernized non-lethal capability kits to National Guard Reaction Forces. (2015)
- C. Funding semi-mobile security measures for stand-alone recruiting and retention storefronts across the National Guard enterprise to ensure protection of those inside the facilities and make the areas Department of the Army- compliant. (2017)
- D. Funding for color night vision imaging systems to support the National Guard during border patrol, counter drug, and emergency response operations in the United States. (2016)
- E. Support modernization and innovation by procuring and/or establishing funding to field the fully mobile high definition thermal imagery system to the National Guard mission in support of Defense of Civil Authorities (DSCA). (2019)
- F. Accelerate the fielding of Modular Scalable Vest Generation II equipment and plates in replacement of the Improved Outer Tactical Vest. (2023)
- G. Recommend fielding Dual Purpose Small Power Unit Systems to mirror current Army program of record for compo 1 units. (2023)

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**Installation Security**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Funding for security and barrier upgrades to access/entry gatehouses and visitor inspection areas, and purchase perimeter fencing for National Guard installations in order to meet current Department of Defense and Service protection standards. (2016)
- B. Funding for acoustic hailing devices for all National Guard units needing long range, non-lethal crowd dispersion capability. (2016)
- C. Providing an Electro-Optical/Infrared (EO/IR) UAS sensor/kinetic system that will provide: Full Motion Video (FMV), Video Data Link (VDL), increased Field of View (FOV), cursor-on target/infrared cueing, low-light television, hyper multi-spectral sensors, thermal imaging and a target laser range finder/designator capability on a Counter Unmanned Aerial System (CUAS) launch platform to enhance installation defense in CONUS and OCONUS locations. (2019)
- D. Support incremental modernization by procuring and/or establishing funding to field the fully mobile incidence awareness assessment system to the National Guard.

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RESOLUTION-J #15

RELATING TO ENHANCING THE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR CYBER

**Cyber**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Ensuring the National Guard is included as a critical partner in developing, planning, and executing the Department of Defense's strategy in operating in cyberspace, and is appropriately resourced to support all facets of cyber operations. (2014)
- B. Establishing in each state and the District of Columbia, National Guard Cyber Security Incident Response Teams to perform analysis and protection in support of programs to prepare for and respond to emergencies involving an attack or natural disaster impacting state critical infrastructure and key resources. (2015)
- C. Providing additional full-time staffing authorizations to build the Defensive Cyber Operations Element (DCOE) in order to provide robust full time manning to conduct network defense. (2017)
- D. Providing National Guard JFHQs and units with industry-leading cross-domain products to facilitate collaboration and critical information sharing between various security domains with improved efficiency and security. (2018)
- E. Instituting assignment incentive pay for National Guard Cyber personnel. (2019)
- F. Modify 10 U.S. Code § 10541 and DOD 7000.14-R to allow National Guard Reserve Equipment Appropriation funding to be used for software, not currently considered procurement. (2021)
- G. Providing a cloud native, multi-terrain defensive cyber operations capability for employment supporting off and on-DoDIN mission partners. (2024)

CYBER TASK FORCE

RESOLUTION-J #16

RELATING TO ENHANCING THE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

**Military Construction**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Accelerating National Guard military construction (MILCON) programs to fund all new mission requirements, and provide a minimum sufficient balance to apply against the current mission backlog in the Army and Air National Guard.
- B. Resourcing long-term MILCON funding requirements.
- C. Authorizing and appropriating funds to build essential sustainment and field-level maintenance facilities to effectively repair, service, and maintain National Guard equipment.
- D. Fully funding Sustainment, Restoration, and Maintenance account (SRM) in order to sustain/modernize current facilities.
- E. Asking Congress to create a separate National Guard Account (NGMA) in order to ensure the past inconsistent funding of National Guard MILCON is addressed.
- F. A temporary moratorium on all requirements for the state share of construction funding for all ARNG MILCON projects with continued state responsibility for suitable construction site in accordance with all current statutes, regulations, and policies.
- G. Increasing federal Base Operation Support (BOS) funds to states for utilities, fire and emergency services at the start of a fiscal year. (2015)
- H. Funding to procure web-based construction management software for administration of Military Construction (MILCON) and Sustainment, Restoration, and Maintenance (SRM) projects to achieve regulation compliance. (2016)
- I. Recognizing the importance of National Guard bases, armories, and related infrastructure in conducting Title 10, Title 32, and DSCA missions, supports initiatives to incorporate utility and infrastructure improvements to enhance mission assurance through energy assurance. (2020)
- J. Develop achievable waiver criteria to allow for carbon-based systems to be installed in climate zones where all-electric technologies are not practical. (2024)
- K. Congress establishes a National Guard Military Construction Readiness Center Conceptual Design Appropriation for the planning and conceptual design (35%) of up to one Readiness Center per state and/or territory. (2024)

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RESOLUTION-J #17

RELATING TO ENHANCING THE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR CBRNE ENTERPRISE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

**Domestic Operations Force Management**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Allowing Title 32, USC AGR personnel to perform state emergency missions under the command and control of the governor.
- B. Requiring the Department of Defense (DOD) to consult with Congress and the governors regarding any proposed changes to National Guard force structure.
- C. Providing National Guard Homeland Response Force unit full time Active Duty Operational Support (ADOS) employee's exemption.
- D. Updating laws to recognize existing and future combatant command homeland defense missions being conducted by Title 10 and Title 32 for AGRs and technicians.
- E. Enacting legislation to ensure that upon a Presidential Disaster Declaration in which National Guard members are projected to remain on duty more than seven consecutive days are automatically converted to Title 32, Section 502(f) on the eight day of continuous duty. This applies to National Guard members deployed via Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and National Guard members within their states.
- F. Creating Air National Guard policy that will allow Air National Guard leaders the ability to use annual and specialty training days to train members for domestic operation missions.
- G. Authorizing authority for Adjutants General to utilize all available AGR and FTNGD personnel, on a reimbursable basis, to support State Active Duty in steady state domestic response situations outside of their primary specialty and outside of Immediate Response Authority. (2017)
- H. Considering National Guard activities as excepted and not affected during a Federal lapse in appropriations. (2018)
- I. U.S. Code and DoD doctrine which supports rapid and efficient federal funding of National Guardsmen during large-scale, catastrophic natural disasters. Title 32 and Title 42 of U.S. Code and DoD Doctrine require modification to enable National Guard response in an appropriate federally funded status. (2020)
- J. Acquisition of Dedicated U.S. Army National Guard Force Structure for National Guard CBRN Response Enterprise Search & Extraction Element. (2021)
- K. Statutorily establish an enduring Homeland Response Force (HRF) and CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) mission and its associated funding requirement. (2021)
- L. Provide digital forensic capabilities to support on-site, real time information capabilities to formations during both Defense Support to Civil Authority missions, as well as federal missions. (2021)
- M. Permanent funding for CRE (CBRN Response Element) Full Time Employees (FTE). (2022)

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- N. Amend title 32 to add a section mirroring the Counter-Drug Program, which would provide stability for funding and service members employed by the CBRN (Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear) Response Enterprise. (2023)
- O. Reimbursement of Funds for Use of National Guard Equipment During State Directed Missions. (2023)
- P. Provide novel life-saving personal protection equipment (PPE) to fill the capability gap of gamma radiation protection for National Guard personnel responding to a radiological event. (2024)
- Q. Extend same coverage within US Code to CBRNE Response Enterprise (CRE) and Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) as afforded to the Counter Drug Program. (2024)

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**Training**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Providing full funding to each state to send their officers, warrant officers, noncommissioned officers, and enlisted personnel to the joint, army, and air schools they need to effectively operate in their respective occupation and at their current rank.
- B. Authorizing a change in law to suspend the 30-day limitation on Reservists performing annual training days to provide Commanders flexibility in supporting training and operational support missions in the face of limited resources until an improved method of funding ARNG and ANG operational and training requirements is established.
- C. Amending the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JTR) to provide temporary duty (TDY) status to any National Guard and Reserve member attending a service school in excess of 139 days.
- D. Amending USC Title 32 Chapter 10 Section 403 to provide an election by the member to receive BAH entitlement to ship household goods. Servicemember would be required to provide proof of mortgage for eligibility to receive BAH. (2014)
- E. Providing the National Guard with integrated live, virtual and constructive training environments at Home Station in order to train and evaluate individual and collective tasks in accordance with a unit's Combined Arms Training Strategy and Objective Task Evaluation Criteria. (2017)
- F. Changing Section 62(a)(2)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by striking "100 miles" and inserting "50 miles" to decrease the distance away from home required for a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces to be eligible for the above-the-line deduction for travel expenses. (2019)
- G. Providing a stipend for fitness memberships for National Guard servicemembers to maintain readiness, increase retention, and improve health. (2019)
- H. Vendor provided managed services supporting the National Guard trainers and evaluators in order to satisfy the requirements for training and certification of Combat Medic Specialist (MOS 68W), Medical Technicians (4N0), and the Pararescuemen (1T2), and other combat and emergency care training and certifications. (2020)
- I. The Army Guard & Air National Guard should acquire & field individual marksmanship training capabilities which can be executed at the armory & in the field. The capability must support doctrinal marksmanship training using dry-fire, live-fire & augmented reality; delivering prediction of training outcomes, remedial training and improved operational readiness. (2022)

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**Force Management**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Funding 100 percent of the required full-time manning requirements of the National Guard.
- B. Enacting laws that reflect the Air Force Commission's recommendation that Active, Guard and Reserve staffs should reflect the principles of a Total Force.
- C. Enacting legislation that would allow active component officers to gain credit, under the Goldwater/Nichols Act, through an assignment to the National Guard or Reserves.
- D. Allowing the USC Title 32 Unit Vacancy Promotion Federal Recognition Board to be considered an adequate substitute for the Title 10 Department of the Army mandatory APL Board first look requirement.
- E. Allowing full-time National Guard employees to be eligible for all general officer billets without requiring them to surrender technician or AGR status, or requiring the position to count against active component endstrength.
- F. Authorizing the Chief of the National Bureau the ability to establish General Officer positions that enable to National Guard Bureau to fulfill requirements of a four-star joint activity organization of the Department of Defense.
- G. Amending the appropriate Department of Defense (DoD), Army, Air Force regulations/instructions and policies to mandate a high-priority investigation, within 180 days, if a senior officer or warrant officer becomes subject of an Inspector General complaint that could adversely impact a promotion and/or assignment to a key leadership position. (2017)
- H. Amending U.S.C. Title 10, Section 164 to require that either the Commander or Deputy Commander of U.S. Northern Command be a member of the National Guard. (2017)
- I. Decreasing and/or removing the limitations set by the grade strength tables in U.S.C. Title 10, Sections 12011(a) and 12012(a) on the total number of commissioned officers and senior enlisted soldiers and airmen authorized to serve on Active Duty or on full-time Reserve Component duty in the pay grades of O-4 through O-6 and E-8 through E-9. (2017)
- J. Increasing the maximum TDY length at any one location for Reserve Component personnel before a PCS is required for Active Duty for Training (currently 140 days) and Active Duty for Other than Training (currently 180 days) to 365 days in both situations. (2017)
- K. Increasing military leave for Federal Employees, including federal technicians, from 120 to 160 hours annually. (2020)
- L. Revising U.S.C. Title 10, Sections 14504, 14505, 14506 and 14513, granting National Guard Adjutants General the statutory authority to re-appoint an officer candidate who has failed of selection for promotion to the next higher grade for the second time to the Reserve Active Status List for the purposes of accession into the Air National Guard. (2018)
- M. Delete verbiage in USC Title 10 Sections 12011 and 12012 to eliminate National Guard E-8 and O-4 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) control grades. (2022)

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- N. Urging Congress to support the National Guard by encouraging veterans with a history of service in the National Guard to serve on the professional staffs of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees and Defense Appropriations Committees. (2020)
- O. Seeking legislation that would require the ARNORTH Commander to be a qualified National Guard Officer. (2020)
- P. Career field growth opportunities within force structure. (2024)
- Q. Remove restrictions on the transfer of officers between the active and inactive National Guard. (2024)
- R. Amend 10 United States Code 115 in regards to 1825 counting towards personnel strength levels. Amend the reporting requirement managed at State National Guard level. (2024)
- S. Streamline and Simplify the Federal Tuition Assistance Program. (2024)

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RESOLUTION-J#20

RELATING TO ENHANCING THE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR ALL PERSONNEL MISSIONS

**Personnel Pay and Member Benefits**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Parity of compensation for special skills and qualifications consistent with active component special pays, compensation, and benefits.
- B. Revising USC Title 5 to allow military service performed under USC Title 32 to be treated equally with that performed under USC Title 10 for the purpose of obtaining credit for that service under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS).
- C. Streamlining reserve component duty statuses into the following three categories:
  - 1. Active Duty for Operational Support
  - 2. Active Duty for Training, Readiness and Administrative Functions
  - 3. Inactive Duty

while standardizing benefits. (2016)

- D. Authorizing eligibility to Army and Air National Guard members, who have been involuntarily released from deployment, to have the option to utilize Transition Assistance for Military Personnel (TAMP) benefits.
- E. Establishing parity in the survivor benefit program for the surviving spouses and children of casualties incurred during Inactive Duty Training Army and Air National Guard.
- F. Authorizing a pre-federal income tax deduction for TRICARE and State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) premiums.
- G. Requiring National Guardsmen not serving under authority USC Title 10 or USC Title 32 to register in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP).
- H. Awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to members of the 200th and 515th Coast Artillery Regiments (New Mexico National Guard) and the 192nd Tank Battalion (Kentucky National Guard) who served in the Philippine Islands in defense of Bataan, Corregidor and Luzon between December 7, 1941 and April 9, 1942.
- I. Amending the Selected Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP) regulatory guidance to allow newly commissioned and warrant officers to retain their enlisted SRIP eligibility for the remainder of their prior enlisted term.
- J. Providing pre-mobilization health care, reduced age for retirement, education assistance protections, and voluntary separation recoupment protection for mobilizations and activations under Title 10 Sections 12301d and 12304a/b. (2016)
- K. Providing for Reserve income replacement and high deployment allowance benefits provided under Title 37 USC Sections 910 and 436 for mobilizations and activations under 12301d and 12304b. (2016)
- L. Amending federal law to provide Title 5 USC benefits of Federal Civilian Differential Pay and Employee Leave entitlements for mobilizations and activations under Title 10 USC Sections 12301d and 12304a/b. (2016)

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- M. Opposing any changes in law regarding consolidation of statutory authorities by which members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces may be ordered to perform duty that results in a reduction in monthly pay. (2016)
- N. Enacting legislation to allow servicemembers, on military orders for less than 31 days, to be paid prior to the end of the order. (2017)
- O. Amending the Expanded Homeowners Assistance Program to include Title 32 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) personnel meeting the criteria for Permanent Change of Station per service regulations.
- P. T32 Technicians Ability to keep incentives from enlistment. (2023)
- Q. Creating and funding a bonus program for the retention of warrant officers in critically short specialties.
- R. Instituting a funding mandate to allow priority use of Qualified Military Buglers in a Retired Status (QMBIRS) at funeral honors when an active duty or reserve bugler is not available.
- S. Amending the law to allow members of the National Guard, retirees, their accompanied dependents and widows of retirees, to travel outside of the United States on a space available basis on military aircraft. (2017)
- T. Expanding applicability and entitlements afforded to the National Guard under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) by striking U.S.C Title 50, Section 3911(2)(ii) and inserting the definition of "National Guard" as defined by U.S.C. Title 32, Section 101. (2017)
- U. Providing competitive bonuses and/or incentives to qualified drill-status soldiers and airmen in critical career fields or positions with extensive training requirements/credentialing to maintain readiness by retaining fully trained servicemembers. (2017)
- V. Changing Basic Allowance for Housing-Reserve Component (BAH-RC), as it discriminates against Guard and Reserve as the housing allowance rate is considerably less than the rate or Active Duty, Active Guard Reserve (AGR), or even a Dual-Status Guardsman (DSG) on an order 31 days or more. (2018)
- W. Modifying 37 U.S. Code regarding Aviator Incentive Pay and hazardous duty pay to include elimination of the 1/30 Rule for the National Guard and other Reserve Components as applicable. (2021)
- X. The DOD or the President authorizing a Cold War (Military) Service Ribbon (or Medal) to military service members or veterans entitled to the Cold War Certificate. (2019)
- Y. Increasing the limitations on TSP/401K type contributions for Guardsmen, thus allowing them to utilize their full civilian sponsored retirement plan as well as their military retirement benefit. (2019)
- Z. Amending regulations to prioritize reserve component service members at the same level as the active component when reserve component service members request use of Space-A travel. (2019)
- AA. Providing access to readily available, affordable and reliable childcare for National Guard Service Members. (2019)
- BB. Providing In-Kind BAS and uniforms to In-Active Duty status National Guard officers. (2019)
- CC. SECDEF directing Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) to change OHA from a cost reimbursement-based allowance to a flat-rate allowance for the U.S. territories. (2020)
- DD. Correcting the inconsistent policy affecting Parachute Riggers (MOSs: 92R and 921A)--all executing the same

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mission--in order to remove the restrictions placed on the Dual Status Riggers in the National Guard allowing them to receive the same pay and status as those on Active Duty. (2020)

- EE. Supports the bipartisan legislation included S.1079-117 Congress (2021-2022). (2021)
- FF. Allow Technician Use of Military Leave while serving on State Active Duty. (2021)
- GG. Financial assistance for childcare should be commensurate with the overall cost of living in a particular location. We recommend that the Army adopt the same method of calculating childcare fee assistance as the other uniformed services that takes into account high-cost localities. (2021)
- HH. Revamp Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) to ensure loans are paid in a timely manner in an effort to positively impact retention of skilled professionals and other quality Solders. (2022)
- II. Modifying current OPM Special Pay Rate Tables to include Army National Guard 2181 series employees to receive access to the same pay rate table the Department of Air Force and Air National Guard 2181 series employees receive. (2022)
- JJ. Propose that ARNG Nurse Practitioners receive a yearly Bonus like Physicians and Physician Assistants. (2023)
- KK. Line of Duty Injuries on State Active Duty Status. (2023)
- LL. Offer Retention/Reenlistment incentive for up to \$25000 in Closing cost Loan Assistance for VA Home loans. (2024)
- MM. To provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services in Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Chad shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone. (2024)
- NN. Provide CNGB the authority to authorize National Guard 502(f)(2) orders with Stafford Act funding from FEMA/DHS when requested by a State Governor for National Guard Soldiers and Airmen responding to Presidentially Declared Stafford Act Emergencies. (2024)
- OO. Establish permanent funding for Full-time National Guard Duty Military Funeral Honor position (Enduring “no fail” mission). (2024)
- PP. Extend Flex spending to T32 AGRs, currently only available for T10. (2024)

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**Employment Rights**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Providing a tax credit for certain employers of reservists. The tax credit is equal to \$1,000 for each reservist employed during the year, plus an additional amount that ranges from \$3,000 to \$10,000, depending on the number of days the reservist serves in the uniformed services during the year. (2019)
- B. Updating the Uniformed Services Employment Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) to allow persons to be reinstated in their employer-sponsored health plan if released early from TRICARE.
- C. Amending the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) to cover fulltime National Guard operational duty (other than for training) under USC Title 32 Section 502(f).
- D. Modifying the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) to afford the same or similar protection to Title 32 Excepted Service Technicians. (2016)
- E. Reserve Component military chaplains who encourage their religious institution employers to provide just and fair employment policies mirroring the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. (2017)
- F. Amending the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) to include applicability of "coverage" to the spouse of a servicemember. (2017)
- G. Authorizing and funding direct placement employment programs for the National Guard, like California's Work for Warriors employment initiative pilot program.
- H. Amending the law to waive Thrift Saving Plan (TSP) loan repayment penalties for disabled service members.
- I. Providing adequate coverage to National Guard Soldiers and Airmen called to State Active Duty under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) of 1994. (2020)
- J. Change gift giving amounts to a max of \$25 for subordinates, \$50 for others, and a max cap of \$1000 for a gift total from a group. (2023)
- K. Allowing T32 members to drill outside the state as a drill status guardsman to obtain time for Command or other growth opportunities. (2023)

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**Family, Community and International Programs**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Plan and budget STARBASE through the FYDP. (2015)
- B. Annual funding to support the Family Support Group Youth Camps for Air National Guard families.
- C. Continued funding and, if possible, expansion of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program. (2018)
- D. Amending 32 USC Section 508 to authorize Adjutants General to designate charitable and nonprofit organizations to receive from members and units of the National Guard the services described in 32 US Section 508. (2019)
- E. Expanding SAFE HAVEN entitlement and eligibility to traditional Guardsmen (drill status members) in a State Active Duty Status, and their dependents. (2019)
- F. Reform State Partnership Program funding to allow combination of any National Guard travel, pay, and allowances with any Global Combatant Command funding, including adjustment of Humanitarian Assistance funds so that they can be used for NG days, and update 10 USC 34 to define State Partnership Program activities as "any activity which supports the security operations objectives of the U.S." (2023)

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RELATING TO ENHANCING THE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR ALL PERSONNEL MISSIONS

**Retirement and Veteran Issues**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Revising the annual limitation on the number of inactive duty points creditable toward reserve component retirement so that it is subject only to a cap of 365/366 on all annual points earned for reserve retirement.
- B. Authorizing National Guard members, activated by the Governor for a State Active Duty (SAD) mission (not to include training) where they are protecting citizens and their property, to accumulate federal retirement credit.
- C. Amending USC Titles 10 and 14 to provide for an increase in military retired pay for officers credited with extraordinary heroism on the same basis applied to enlisted members.
- D. Providing eligibility for retired National Guard members to receive federal retired annual payment for residency in state veterans' homes, and limit their required payment to no more than 50 percent of the allowed VA rates.
- E. Enacting law to allow members of the Guard and Reserve who have reached 20 years of service to pay into the Survivors Benefit plan before they reach age 60. (2016)
- F. Amending U.S.C. Title 10, Section 1074(b) to authorize concurrent receipt of military retiree health care under TRICARE for the retiree and family for those who qualify for reduced age retirement based on performance of certain types of active service as prescribed in U.S.C. Title 10, Section 12731(f). (2017)
- G. Changing Social Security regulations to allow retired personnel an opportunity to fill vacated positions of National Guard and Reserve members during deployments, while not penalizing their social security benefits.
- H. Amending the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 72(t)(10)(B) to add all members of the National Guard as Public Safety Employees of a state for the purposes of retirement. (2016)
- I. Supporting the Senate "The Veterans Health Care Staffing Improvement Act of 2016" and House "Improving Veterans Access to Quality Care Act of 2016" regarding expanding nurse practitioner and physician assistant responsibilities in veteran care. (2016)
- J. Providing full TRICARE eligibility to begin when eligible for retired pay. (2018)
- K. Amending U.S.C. Title 10, Section 1175 a(h)(1) to require payback of previous separation pay only if future retired/retainer pay was earned in the same service component from which separation pay was originally received. (2018)
- L. Amending title 10, United States Code, to provide for retroactive calculation of active duty or active service performed as a member of the Ready Reserve to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of retired pay for non-regular service from January 28, 2008, to the start of combat operations in Afghanistan, October 7, 2001. (2019)
- M. Lowering Retirement Age for National Guardsmen by 30 day increments rather than 90 day increments. (2020)
- N. Qualifying Domestic Operations Service time as "non-regular service" creditable toward reduction in Grey Area retirement. (2020)

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- O. Legislation allowing members of the National Guard and Reserve who been awarded a Service-Connected Disability by the VA, after retirement to qualify for retirement pay and retired TRICARE. (2020)
- P. Amend VA Form 21-8951 to allow for partial compensation for Service Members in the FY that they retire in. (2022)
- Q. To permit concurrent disability and retirement pay for all service members, regardless of if they have reached the 50% disability rating threshold. (2024)

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RELATING TO ENHANCING THE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR ALL PERSONNEL MISSIONS

**TRICARE and Medical Benefits**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Removing the prohibition on eligibility for TRICARE Reserve Select of members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are eligible to enroll in a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code. (2019)
- B. Expanding TRICARE benefits for behavioral and mental health services coverage for service members and their families.
- C. Authorizing legislation to provide reserve component members with access to mental health alternatives other than existing non-confidential military sources.
- D. Authorizing coverage for all members of the National Guard under TRICARE Prime, to include all medical and dental procedures necessary to bring the member into medical compliance for deployment.
- E. Amending 10 USC 1097c to allow employers to offer incentives for National Guardsmen to enroll in TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS), decline employee-sponsored health plans, making the TRS premiums pretax dollars payable by the employer.
- F. Expanding existing healthcare coverage for families with autistic dependents and ensure equal coverage under TRICARE and TRICARE Reserve Select.
- G. Amending Section 1074(d)(1)(B), of USC Title 10, as follows: “if the needed information is not available to enter the member into the orders system, the member’s commander will generate a letter stating he/she will be serving an eligible active duty tour and submit to the appropriate department to manually enter into DEERS the needed data so the individual will get the entitlement. If unable to input the needed data, DOD SHALL reimburse the member TRICARE equivalent entitlements they expended during the eligibility period prior to the effective order date.”
- H. Enacting legislation to allow TRICARE to provide coverage for Laboratory Developed Tests (LDTs) to those who access a Military Treatment Facility (MTF), as well as those who receive care through a civilian medical provider. (2014)
- I. Changing the federal statute that governs military healthcare qualifying requirements for members called to State Active Duty (SAD) from full-time National duty under 502 (f) of Title 32 to maintain medical coverage for member and family while called to SAD. (2015)
- J. Enacting laws to make TRICARE benefits available to members who retire from the National Guard or are honorably discharged persons before reaching age 60. (2016)
- K. Extending protection under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) to encompass treatment of service-connected disabilities at the Department of Veteran Affairs health care facilities or other private health care facilities.
- L. The Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a plan to provide chiropractic healthcare services for certain covered beneficiaries as part of the TRICARE program. (2019)
- M. Subsidizing and funding TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) for all Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard. (2020)



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- N. The Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense to increase cancer screenings including novel screenings; and the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense to add liquid biopsies for cancer screening to physicals for all veterans service members as a voluntary option by January of 2023 with a preference on those with FDA approval. (2022)

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**Medical Operations Requirements**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Establishing a medical information management system with self-contained wireless capability that will allow access and integration compatibility between the National Guard, Department of Defense, Veterans Administration (VA), and civilian health care providers to ensure continuity of care.
- B. Annual funding to digitize National Guard records to ensure medical information management systems are compatible between the DOD, the VA, and civilian health care providers, to facilitate the full exchange of health-related medical information as the service member transitions through active service to either retired or civilian status.
- C. Authorizing Department of Defense-funded scholarship programs to recruit health care professionals to enter the Reserve components that would include but not be limited to needed medical specialists, nurses and physician assistants.
- D. Securing funding to ensure proper sterilization processes for National Guard medical facilities. (2014)
- E. The Secretary of Defense to include in periodic health assessments, separation history and physical examinations, and other assessments an evaluation of whether a member of the Armed Forces has been exposed to open burn pits or toxic airborne chemicals. (2019)
- F. Providing Whole Body – High Fidelity Patient Simulators for tactical combat casualty and trauma injury care for Army and Air National Guard Medical Personnel. (2020)
- G. The Army and Air force require pilots and crew members to operate at 100 percent as possible with proper sleep, nutrition and hydration. Proper hydration is critical for elevating human performance. However, those pilots and crew members require a safe and reliable bladder relief system to maintain focus and body functions. (2024).

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**Education and the GI Bill**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Establishing parity with the active forces in the administration, rates and eligibility standards set in USC Title 10 Chapter 1606 Montgomery G.I. Bill, including USC Title 32 full time active duty service.
- B. Provide a full four-year college education to members of the National Guard who have been discharged because of a service-connected disability arising from Title 10 and Title 32 service.
- C. Changing the law to allow full-time National Guard duty personnel that work in a permanent capacity in either the National Guard Counter Drug Program or other similar Title 32 operations that support national emergency response to be eligible and receive credit for Post-9/11 GI bill benefits. (2016)
- D. Amending the language in the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill to eliminate the service obligation after an election to transfer the benefit to a dependent.
- E. Amending USC Title 10 to permit otherwise eligible recipients of dedicated National Guard Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarships to receive benefits under the Montgomery G.I. Bill for Selective Reserve.
- F. Changing the law to allow all Active Component and Reserve Component servicemembers to transfer unused Post 9/11 G.I. bill benefits to family members regardless of how the servicemember earned a college degree prior to September 11, 2001. (2014)
- G. Providing for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and Training and Rehab benefit protections as prescribed in Title 38 USC for mobilizations and activations under Title 10 Sections 12304a/b. (2016)
- H. Reinstating GI Bill benefits to and forgiving VA debt related to school closure for servicemembers and veterans who attended and lost credits at a school that closed prior to degree completion. (2017)
- I. Requiring a "Truth in Education" form to be signed by a student and school before enrollment in any school receiving the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, or Transition Assistance funds, where the form discloses, relative to the course of study or program pursued by the student, any limitations in credits transfer or qualification for professional or vocational licensing in any state based on the course of study or education program once completed by the student. (2017)
- J. Amending the law to classify Post-9/11 GI Bill and Military Tuition Assistance funds paid to for-profit colleges as federal aid for purposes of applying the 90/10 rule, which prohibits for-profit colleges from receiving more than 90% of its revenues from federal aid. (2017)
- K. Amending USC Title 10, 16163(a)2 to include retention of Chapter 1607 entitlements for those service members who complete their service contract in both the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and Inactive National Guard (ING) (6 years selected reserve, 2 years IRR or ING) under honorable conditions.
- L. Eliminating delays in the Veterans Administration's processing of all Forever GI Bill provisions. (2019)
- M. Preserving and strengthening public service loan forgiveness. (2019)

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- N. Aligning protections for students using the GI Bill with those in place at the Department of Education for students using Title IV funds and at the Department of Defense for students using Tuition Assistance. (2019)
- O. Ensuring schools spend GI Bill and Tuition Assistance funds for the education benefit of veterans and service members. (2019)
- P. Protecting Veteran Administration and Department of Defense education programs from abusive and fraudulent practices targeting veterans and military members. (2019)
- Q. Support legislation adding a provision to Title 10 USC, section 16131 that authorizes the simultaneous use of Federal Tuition Assistance and Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve which will meet the request of the Office of Secretary of Defense Personnel and Readiness (OSD P&R). (2019)
- R. Restructuring the Student Loan Repayment Program to coordinate with Federal loan holders to permit qualifying Soldiers to make interest only payments on amounts covered by SLRP (less than \$50,000) and pro-rated payments on amounts greater than \$50k. (2021)

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**Technicians**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Modify the National Guard Technician retirement programs to match federal programs offered to Air Traffic Controllers, fire fighters, law enforcement officers, Capitol Police, Supreme Court Police, and nuclear Material Couriers. (2015)
- B. Raising the congressionally-established ceiling on non-dual status (NDS) personnel to 5% of the total National Guard full-time, technician, and Active Guard Reserve (AGR) requirement to allow a combat disability exception to the non-dual status cap.
- C. A legislative remedy to extend technician officers beyond their Mandatory Removal Date and Mandatory Separation Date (MRD/MSD) to age 57, or until eligible, for an immediate unreduced civil service annuity, or an immediate full basic supplement annuity, whichever comes first.
- D. Immediate application of a cost-of-living-allowance indexing for FERS annuitants (technicians) who are forced to retire before age 62.
- E. Removing and compensating servicemembers for the Windfall Elimination Provision from Army and Air National Guard Social Security monthly pay calculation for National Guard Technicians. (2017)
- F. Amend the law to allow dual status technicians and Title 32 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) members to keep Selected Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP), enlistment, reenlistment, and affiliation bonuses. (2024)
- G. Prevent earmarks on appropriations that reduce technician pay. (2023)
- H. Persuading Congress and the Department of Defense to authorize additional funding to increase starting pay for Title 32 and Title 5 Military Technicians. (2024)

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**Force Reduction**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Authorizing the following force management tools for future end strength reductions that could impact the Guard and Reserve:
1. Temporary Early Retirement Authority. (TERA)
  2. 15 year military retirement for tradition guardsmen and start pension pay at age 55.
  3. One-year time-in-grade (TIG) retirement waivers for select senior enlisted and officers.
  4. Tricare Reserve Select and Tricare Dental offered for up to 6 months after discharge from military service due to a draw down.
  5. Involuntary Separation Pay for personnel separated due to unit manpower reduction or closure (Traditional, AGR, Technician).
  6. Gray Area retiree (age 55 instead of 60) eligibility for: TRICARE for Life, Space Available travel, retired pay.
  7. Fund Permanent Change of Station moves for mandatory transfers to another installation for traditional guardsmen and technicians.
  8. An authority that allows National Guard & Reserve to precisely target specific Lieutenants Colonels (O-5) and Colonels (O-6) with between 20 -29 years of service in certain specialties and warfare areas to separate and retire voluntarily.

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RESOLUTION-J#29

RELATING TO ENHANCING THE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR MILITARY ASSOCIATIONS

**Military Associations**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Ensuring that laws and regulations that govern professional military organizations like the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS), Association of the United States Army (AUSA), and Air Force Association (AFA) have standardized interpretations. (2014)
- B. Amending United States Code Title 32 Section 508(d) to include the National Guard Education Foundation as an eligible organization that many receive National Guard support. (2014)

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RESOLUTION-J#30

RELATING TO ENHANCING THE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR ONE-YEAR  
EXPENDITURE WINDOW FOR ACQUISITION O&M

**Recommendation**

The National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Propose a provision to the NDAA that provides an extension to budget authority for single-year O&M appropriation accounts. (2023)