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Veterans Administration

Brief

NGAOK

MEMBERSHIP BRIEF



AGENDA

- What is NGAOK
- Purpose
- Legislative Issues
- Items of Interest
- Annual Events
- Membership

THANK YOU!

As a retired National Guard Member these are words you don't hear often enough. You've served your country and your state. You have been there to support your neighbors in times of need!

You've earned the benefits of being a Retired National Guard member. But these benefits do not come easily.

YOU HAVE EARNED

- Retired pay at age 60
- Early retirement for Activated Service
- PX/BX Commissary privileges for you and your spouse
- VA Home Loan program
- Space “A” travel on Government-owned aircraft
- Post 9-11 GI Education Benefits
- Gray Area TRICARE Benefits

Someone has to be your advocate in Oklahoma and on Capital Hill so our elected officials don't forget about your service

What is NGAOK

The National Guard Association of Oklahoma (NGAOK) is one of the premier associations in the National Guard. We are a combined Association with officers and enlisted sharing in the journey for all Soldiers and Airmen across the great State of Oklahoma.

PURPOSE

(1 of 2)

- Dedicated to promoting the status ,welfare, and professionalism of all OKNG members.
- Support legislation that provides staffing, pay benefits, entitlements, equipment and installations for the OKNG.
- Work to improve the OKNG and the National Guard of the United States as a component of the total Armed Forces of the United States.

PURPOSE

(2 of 2)

- Develop and present, to all citizens of Oklahoma, true information and knowledge about the OKNG.
- Promote a sense of comradeship and esprit de corps among all Guardsman.

LOCAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(1 OF 2)

Senate Bill 881: Removes military income from taxable income calculation for State of Oklahoma - Signed June 2, 2009

Senate Bill 618: Removes the requirement for Guardsmen to be on active duty orders before they can receive a reduced price auto registration.



LOCAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(2 OF 2)

- Exemption of 75% of retired military pay, or \$10,000 (whichever is greater) from your State Income Tax Return
- An exemption of the first 40% of retired pay for retired Civil Service (CSRS) Federal Workers
- Beginning with the 2010 Tax Year all Military Income is exempt from Oklahoma State Tax

SPONSORED EVENTS

- NGAOK State Annual Conference and Military Ball
- EANGUS National Conference
- NGAUS National Conference
- NGB Oklahoma Day
- Annual Federal Legislative Breakfast
- **NGAOK Family Day**

The National Guard Coalition





<http://www.themilitarycoalition.org>



Formed to work on compensation and benefits issues for service members, veterans, and their families

Speaks with one powerful voice to lawmakers

33 member associations, representing over 5.5 million members

EANGUS fully participates with the TMC

Guard Caucus



[Duncan Hunter \(R-CA\)](#)

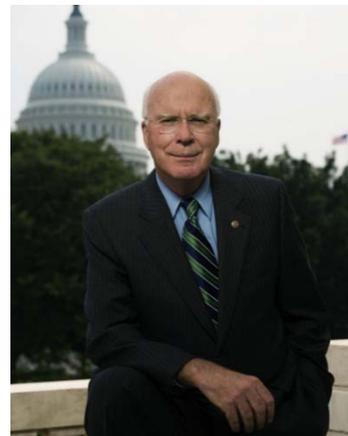


[Tim Walz \(DFL-MN\)](#)

House Guard and
Reserve Caucus
(229 members)

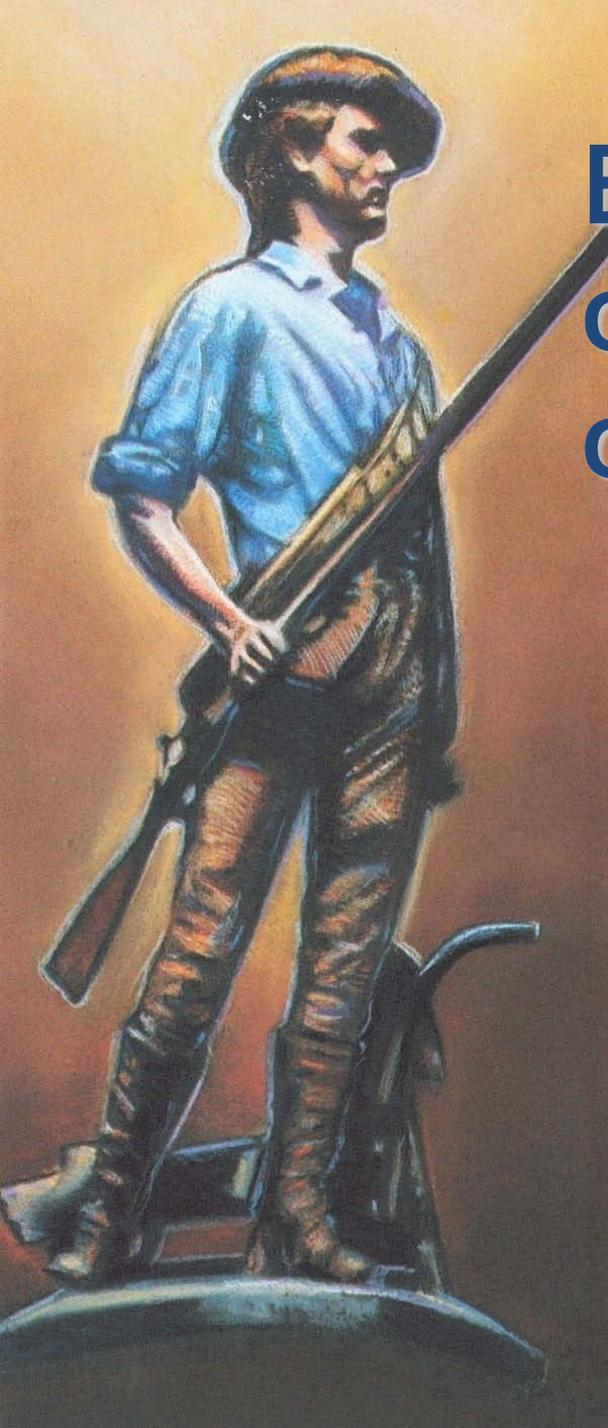


[Lindsey Graham \(R-SC\)](#) [Pat Leahy \(D-VT\)](#)



Senate Guard Caucus
(96 members)

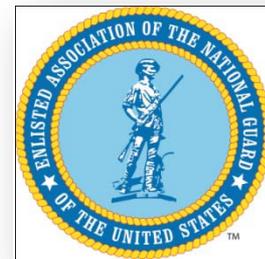
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States





Who We Are

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- Largest enlisted reserve component association
- Created in 1970 by a group of senior Noncommissioned officers from Mississippi and South Dakota
- Incorporated in Jackson, Mississippi in 1972
- Created to give a voice on Capitol Hill for enlisted National Guard issues
- Represent over 414,000 enlisted National Guard men & women, and their families, and retirees
- Longstanding Member of The Military Coalition (TMC)

Legislative Goals



Each year, EANGUS works legislative issues to benefit National Guard members.

Legislative goals come from the membership.

Legislative goals, point papers can be found on our web site.



FY 2011 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(1 OF 2)

- Post 9/11 Veterans Education Improvement Act of 2010 - Signed into law on January 4th, this legislation expands GI Bill benefits to over 84,000 members of the National Guard. This will allow, for the first time, soldiers and airmen who have served under Title 32 full GI Bill educational benefits.
- National Guard & Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA) \$700 million – FY-11 NDAA authorizes \$700 million in NGREA to provide equipment for Title 32 and Title 10 operations.

FY 2011 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

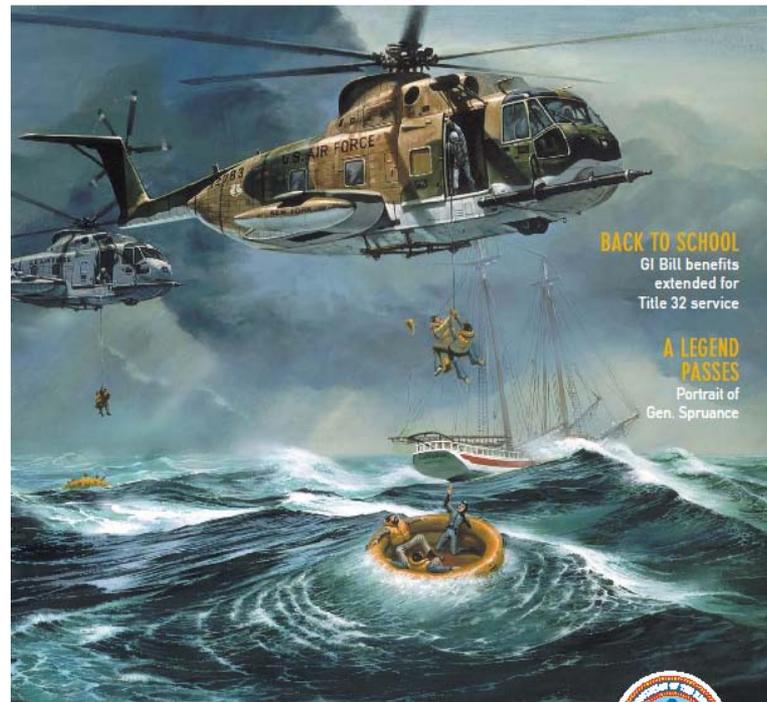
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- Military Construction \$1.068 Billion – ARNG facilities will receive \$873 million and ANG to receive \$194 million in military construction funds. While this represents an adequate funding level, the out years are below the needs to improve and maintain over 3,000 readiness centers, of which 40% are over 50 years old. The NDAA mandates that the Secretary of the Army report back to Congress on the present condition of readiness centers and the funding required to properly maintain the Guard's facility infrastructure.

The Launch of the new “New Patriot” Magazine



EANGUS **NEW PATRIOT** JOURNAL OF NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED PROFESSIONALS
MARCH/ APRIL 2011



BACK TO SCHOOL
GI Bill benefits
extended for
Title 32 service

**A LEGEND
PASSES**
Portrait of
Gen. Spruance

SAVED BY THE JOLLY GREEN GIANT

30 years ago, the New York Air National Guard performed a daring helicopter rescue that the experts *still* talk about



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“We Care for America” Foundation



Scholarships

Awards Program

Veterans Against Drugs Program

501(c)(3) charitable organization

Emergency grants for ANG/ARNG due to financial hardship

You do not have to be an EANGUS member to receive an emergency grant



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Events



40th Annual Conference
August 14-17, 2011
Charleston, WV



WEB PAGE on the Internet



www.eangus.org

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required)

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For the price of a
couple of movie
tickets...



NGAUS is the nation's oldest military association. It was formed by militia officers in 1878 to obtain better equipment and training by petitioning Congress for more resources. Today, with a membership of 45,000 Guard officers, NGAUS continues that mission in support of nearly 465,000 current Guard men and women, as well as their families, employers and all Guard retirees.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Early retirement credit for Guard members
- Recognize Title 32 duty in Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Guard empowerment
- Fully equip and modernize the Army National Guard
- Recapitalize the Air National Guard
- Modernize National Guard facilities

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- TRICARE coverage extended for “gray area” retirees
- Reserve component member TRICARE Prime coverage prior to mobilization doubled from 90 to 180 days
- Federal share of the National Guard Youth ChallenNGe program increased from 60% to 75%



133rd NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition
Frontier Airlines Center
August 27-29, 2011 Milwaukee, Wisconsin



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NGAOK MEMBERSHIP

Annual Retired Membership:

\$10.00

NGAOK Retired Life Membership:

\$100.00

QUESTIONS?

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