





NGAI

NGAI Briefing

National Guard Association of Indiana



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Established in 1964

Incorporated (non-profit) 1964

IRS 501(c)(19) Tax Deductible

“To advance the interests and to promote the welfare and efficiency of the National Guard of the State of Indiana, and the United States; to encourage friendly social relations among members of this Association; and to promote such legislation through proper channels, both State and Federal, as shall aid the National Guard.”



Purpose Of The Association

- Lobby - Influence legislation at State and National Level favorably for Indiana National Guard and it's members
- Resolutions - Emphasize Equipment Modernization of Indiana units and Indiana Construction of facilities.
- Professional Development Fund for NGAI/EANGUS/NGAUS
- Educational Grant Program for Members and Dependants
- Administrator for the State Sponsored Life Insurance Program underwritten by American Equity
- Host the Annual State Conference



Legislative

- STATE -

- Monitor all Indiana State House Military issues while Legislature is in session
- Work with the Indiana Military Coalition to lobby on National Guard and all other military initiatives

- NATIONAL -

- We maintain contact with Indiana Senators & Representatives in Washington D.C.
- Periodic visits are made to their offices for face-to-face discussions
- Primary focus is Annual Guard budget, increased funding for manning, quality of life benefits and military construction



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Become an NGAI member

[Join NGAI On-Line!](#) This is a fast, easy and secure way to pay membership dues via credit card. The 2012 Membership Drive begins Thursday, October 20, 2011. Watch here for more details.

NGAI Alert #11-1; 1 Oct 2011

Welcome to the very first NGAI Alert, 11-1!

White House Petition; <http://www.whitehouse.gov/wethepeople>

Dear NGAI Member,

We have been working hard this year on updating our membership records and adding email addresses enabling us to communicate...

[Read More](#)

NGAUS LEGISLATIVE ALERT # 11-23; 18 Oct 2011

The Issue: Authorizing Veteran Status for National Guard and Reserve Members Entitled to Reserve Retirement Pay

Immediate Action Required: Contact your Senators and ask them to expeditiously pass this session H.R. 1025 previously passed by the House of Representatives and...

[Read More](#)

NGAUS Legislative Alert #11-21; Oct 4, 2011

www.NGAI.net



NGAI Website Tools

- Membership - NGAI – EANGUS – NGAUS ; On-line application with secure credit card payment
- Legislative Alerts
 - Write to Congress both State and National
 - Legislative input suggestions
- Resolutions – Standing and new drafts
 - State
 - EANGUS
 - NGAUS
- Event Registration/Payment
- Board of Directors/Committee List
- Legislative Alerts/Newsletter registration



2011 State Legislative Review

- Passed – SB 0449 Military identification cards as voter ID (added to HB 1109)
- Passed – SB 0577 Financial Aid. Original Bill had tiered benefits tied to disability rating for currently serving members. Final Bill language changed to future members. (Partial victory)
- Passed – HB 1109 Military service information on BMV documents (S-Engrossed)
- Failed – HB 1308 Income tax exemption for (Active Duty) military pay. (They did agree to commission a study, SB 39)



2012 State Legislative Areas of Interest

- 100% Exemption from State Income Tax on all military pay.
- Amend language for eligibility of the Indiana Veterans Affairs Trust Fund to require an Honorable discharge. Current language includes Other Than Honorable.
- \$1000 Indiana State Resettlement/Service Bonus for Indiana residents who have served in a combat zone for Gulf Wars. (Same as granted by State for previous wars.)
- Institute a \$1000 Indiana Corporate Tax Credit for hiring Veterans
- Commission a study for adding Gulf War Memorial in Indy.



National Legislative Landscape

- Republicans now control the House - Democrats still control the Senate
- High deficits will lead to cuts in defense spending
- The Pentagon will attempt to use the Guard as a “bill payer”
- Ensuring National Guard readiness must be accomplished through Congress!
- To succeed, we must: work together, coordinate our message, energize the grass roots!



The Guard In Congress

CURRENT GUARDSMEN RECENTLY ELECTED



Adam Kinzinger
(R-IL-11)
Capt, WI ANG



Steve Stivers
(R-OH-15)
LTC, OH ARNG



Steven Palazzo
(R-MS-4)
MS ARNG

FORMER GUARDSMEN RECENTLY ELECTED



Steve Womack
(R-AR-3)
AR Guard, 1979-2009



Jeff Landry
(R-LA-3)
LA Guard, 1987-1998



Richard Nugent
(R-FL-5)
IL Guard, 1969-1975



New HASC Members

13 New Republicans



Rep. Scott Rigell (VA)



Rep. Chris Gibson (NY)



Rep. Vicky Hartzler (MO)



Rep. Joe Heck (NV)



Rep. Bobby Schilling (IL)



Rep. John Runyan (NJ)



Rep. Austin Scott (GA)



Rep. Tim Griffin (AR)



Rep. Steven Palazzo (MS)
CURRENT MS GUARDSMAN



Rep. Allen West (FL)



Rep. Martha Roby (AL)



Rep. Mo Brooks (AL)



Rep. Todd Young (IN)

2 New Democrats



Rep. Betty Sutton (OH)



Rep. Colleen Hanabusa (HI)





- Created in 1970 by a group of senior NCOs
- Incorporated in Jackson, Mississippi in 1972
- Created to give a voice on Capitol Hill for Enlisted National Guard issues
- We do not have to make a choice who we support – we know! The Enlisted men and women of the National Guard!



Where We Are Today

- National headquarters located in Alexandria, Virginia
- Largest Enlisted Reserve Component organization
- President of The Military Coalition
- Co-chair Military Coalition Guard/Reserve committee



The Military Coalition

www.themilitarycoalition.org



- Formed to work on compensation and benefits issues for service members and veterans, and their families
- Speaks with one powerful voice to lawmakers
- 35 member associations, representing almost 6 million members



- Created in 1878 – Oldest and most respected lobby on Capitol Hill
- Six (6) Full-time lobbyists
- Located within blocks of the US Capital
- Annual resolution process
- Maintains National Guard Library and Museum
- Established the National Guard Educational Foundation



NGAUS Top FY11 Accomplishments

- Corrected the oversight of not including National Guard Title 32 Active duty to fully qualify for educational benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Halted Air Force attempt to take C-130s from across the country to put into an active-component unit in Little Rock, AR; the Secretary of the Air Force must now submit to Congress a written agreement between all involved parties that details any plan to transfer aircraft from one component to another
- \$700 million in National Guard and Equipment Account (NGREA) funds authorized to allow the National Guard to directly procure high priority equipment that can be used for the war fight and domestic response
- Over \$1 billion authorized to modernize National Guard facilities across the country
- Authority to temporarily hire non-dual status technicians to fill the vacancy created by the mobilization of a dual status technicians



NGAUS Top FY12 National Issues

Early Retirement Credit for Guardsmen

- Authorize retroactive credit to September 11, 2001
- Provide an incentive for continued service beyond 20 years by authorizing one year early retirement credit for every two years served beyond twenty

Empowerment

- Authorize a 3-Star vice chief of National Guard Bureau
- Permanent seat on the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the Chief of the National Guard Bureau (CNGB)

Fully Equip and Modernize the Army National Guard (ARNG)

- Continue to provide robust funding for ARNG equipment and the National Guard and Reserves Equipment Account (NGREA), which enables the Guard to acquire critical dual-use equipment for homeland disaster response operations

Recapitalize the Air National Guard (ANG)

- Implement a Total Force concurrent and balanced procurement policy for both flying and support missions, and commit to the timing and locations of ANG aircraft basing, i.e. F-35, KC-X
- Aging ANG F-16 aircraft should be programmed for the Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) to ensure continued combat capability

Modernize National Guard Facilities

- Provide robust military construction funding to assure modern and functional training and mobilizations facilities
- Fully support an increase of Guard and Reserve Initiative (GRI) funds to provide flexible options for critical infrastructure projects



EANGUS/NGAUS What Have Our Associations Done For Us Lately?

- Empowerment - 4-Star CNGB
- Affordable TRICARE & TRICARE for Grays
- Largest increase in ARNG full-time support in 22 years
- Increased from 90 to 180 days the time a Guardsman is eligible for TRICARE coverage prior to mobilization
- Billions in funding for equipment, MILCON and other underfunded programs
- Put the brakes on an Air Force scheme to consolidate aircraft maintenance and “Grab” our C-130’s...and more



Grassroots Legislative Support

- Use NGAI.net for Grass Roots Legislative program
- Will send NGAI E-mail alert for both State and National issues
- For State issues, there is a link to identify your representatives for action
- For National issues, will link to the appropriate alert page for EANGUS or NGAUS – **“WRITE TO CONGRESS”**
- We will also use the Military Officers Association of America CAPWIZ system (MOAA)
- First “E-mail Alert” sent to members in September 2011



2011 NGAI Highlights

- Hired a full-time Executive Director
- Developed a new interactive web site to enhance communications, on-line event registration and on-line membership enrollment
- Awarded 17 \$1000 Educational Grants
- Started a Professional Development Fund. Sponsored
 - 8 Enlisted Soldiers/Airmen of the year to NGAI Conference
 - 8 Soldiers/Airmen NCO's of the year to EANGUS Conference
 - 4 Company Grade Officers to NGAUS Conference



2011 NGAI Highlights

- Coordinated Highly Successful Events:
 - State of the State w/6 of our Congressional Delegation
 - Annual Conference w/Gen McKinley & Rep Young
 - Hosted 2011 AGAUS Conference in Indianapolis
 - Record number of cars for the 12th Annual Car Show
 - Nearly full field for annual golf outing
 - Large Delegations for both EANGUS & NGAUS
- Conferences
 - 46 for EANGUS
 - 70 for NGAUS
- First Annual Motorcycle ride for Professionalism



How Do I Get Involved?

- Become a Member of “Your” Military Professional Organization:
 - State
 - NGAI (Combined Officers and Enlisted)
 - National:
 - EANGUS – Enlisted
 - NGAUS – Officers
- Attend NGAI Monthly Meetings
- Join a NGAI Committee and get involved
- Resolution inputs
- Legislative suggestions
- Attend State and National Conferences
- Register on the NGAI / NGAUS / EANGUS Websites
- Constantly write your Congressmen – Use “Write to Congress”



Future Conference/Event Dates

NGAI: French Lick
20-21 April 2012

13th Annual Car Show
7 July 2012

EANGUS: Long Beach, CA
26-29 Aug 2012

NGAUS: Reno, NV
9-12 Sep 2012