



***Enlisted Association of the National Guard  
Of Tennessee  
And  
Enlisted Association of the National Guard  
of the United States***

**“EANGTN & EANGUS ”**





# EANGUS/ENGTN



## Our Purpose:

**To organize** all enlisted persons and work together for the purpose of **advancing the standing, prestige, and social welfare of the National Guard.**

**To improve** the position and status of the enlisted members in their relationship with the civilian community as well as in a military environment.

**To develop** and promote legislation designed to obtain these purposes.

# EANGUS: WHO WE ARE



- Largest enlisted reserve component association
- Headquartered in Washington, D.C.
- Our mission is to give a voice on Capitol Hill for Enlisted National Guard men and women, their families, and retirees



# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Past President
- Executive Director
- Parliamentarian
- Sergeant at Arms
- Chaplain
- Historian
- State Presidents
- Area Chairmen
- Area Directors

# EANGUS Membership Benefits

- Awards to individuals who support EANGUS
- Grants & Scholarships
- Health & Vision Care Plans
- New Patriot quarterly magazine
- Travel discounts
- Vendor discounts with Apple, Dell, Silvertowne Mint, FTD Flowers...and much, much more!
- Visit [www.eangus.org](http://www.eangus.org) for more information

# EANGUS

## “We Care For America” Foundation

- Emergency relief fund for EANGUS members
- Emergency grants for financial hardship
- 501(c)(3) non-profit charity (donations are tax deductible)



# EANGUS Legislative Goals



- Each year, EANGUS works on legislative issues to benefit National Guard members
- Legislative goals come from the membership
- See the Roll Call Wrap Up on our website for more details. [www.eangus.org](http://www.eangus.org)

# 2023 EANGUS Legislative Priorities

- Improve Reserve Component medical readiness & TRICARE expansion.
- National Guard educations program parity and employment issues, and benefits issues
- Legislative Tax incentives
- Increased funding for national Guard Counterdrug Programs
- Legislation Improving National Guard Family Programs
- Support modernization and improvement of Training simulators like the “Call-For-Fire” Trainer and small arms trainer.
- Space National Guard
- Legislative changes for increased USERRA protections for Guard/Reserve, increased SCRA protection for Guard/Reserve, and Military Justice Reform
- National Guard Veterans Affairs Concerns and Retiree Legislation
- National Guard Physical Fitness
- Adequate Funding for National Guard Equipment, programs, and workforce



# EANGTN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- · TN STRONG Act, allowing all TN Guard Members the opportunity to obtain a Bachelor's degree and was later expanded to cover certifications and Master's degrees
- · National Guard members' protection under the Federal Tort Claims Act
- · Unlimited commissary access for Guard and Reserve
- · Incapacitations pay for member of National Guard traveling to and from training locations
- · Survivor Benefit Program (SBP) improvements
- · Technical supplemental annuity for retirement prior to age 62
- · SGLI expansion from \$35,000 to \$50,000 to \$100,000 to \$200,000 to \$250,000 to \$400,000
- · Elimination of discrimination in hiring because of National Guard and Reserve
- · GI Bill for the National Guard and Reserve
- · VA Home Loan for Guard and Reserve
- · Gray Area Retirement Benefits
- · Increases in the Montgomery GI Bill
- · Medical care for injured Reservists
- · Improved Veterans' Reemployment Rights
- · Improvements in the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act
- · Increase in retirement points raised from 60 to 130 per year



# EANGUS & EANGTN *Scholarships*

There are two types of scholarships available through EANGUS:

- The CSM Virgil R. Williams and the Patriot Scholarships are paid by EANGUS directly to the school the selectee is attending.
- The second type of scholarships are presented by specific universities with which EANGUS has partnered.

EANGTN SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$1,000 and \$500  
scholarships**

(available number of scholarships to be determined annually)

**The following persons are eligible:**

- 1. EANGTN members**
- 2. Unmarried, dependent sons and daughters of EANGTN members**
- 3. Spouses of EANGTN members**

# EANGTN Auxiliary

- Purpose:
  - To organize all spouses of enlisted persons who are members in good standing of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Tennessee. To work together in unison for the purpose of advancing the standing, prestige, and social welfare of the Tennessee National Guard.
  - To support or spouses in their efforts to improve their position and status in their relationship with the civilian community as well as in a military environment.
- Contact the EANGTN Office for more information on becoming an Auxiliary Member at 615.336.2974.

# State Sponsored Life Insurance

## EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

- You guard Tennessee from Unexpected Disasters;
- NGATN Group Insurance Trust (NGATNGIT) works with Companies who support our men and women in uniform to guard your family from life's Unexpected Events.
- NGATN members enjoy special group rates for coverage that bridges financial gaps when income stops.
- Explore our Insurance site to learn more about our products, download free information and worksheets, compare rates, and apply for coverage that fits your family's needs.

[www.ngatn.org/insurance](http://www.ngatn.org/insurance)

# Membership

- TN is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nation for Membership!
- Types of membership:
  - Annual – members of the National Guard and retirees, dues are paid every year
  - Life – members of National Guard and retirees, one-time fee payment for life
  - Associate – individuals who aren't members of the National Guard, dues are paid every year
  - Associate Life – lifetime membership for associates
  - Corporate – Small Business/Individual, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Patriot membership levels
  - Honorary – bestowed by EANGUS leaders

# Membership

- Membership for both organizations are included in the same payment.
- So, when you join EANGTN, you're joining EANGUS, as well!
- It is quicker & easier for TN to process membership when payments are made through the state level.
- Get with your Unit's EANGTN Rep, visit [www.eangtn.org](http://www.eangtn.org), or call Melissa Messina, 615.336.2974, to Join/Renew.

# EANGTN/EANGUS Membership Dues

Enlisted Annual Dues E1 – E6 = \$19

Enlisted Annual Dues E7 – E9 = \$44

Associate Annual Dues \$24

**Membership is based on an anniversary year.** For example, if you renew your membership on 15 June of this year, your membership will not expire until 15 June of next year.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP** - One-time fee of \$230

**Auxiliary Membership:** Annual - \$15.00      Associate - \$6.00

**ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP** – One-time fee of \$150  
**EANGUS Associate Life Membership** - One-time fee of \$130

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# Get Involved

## Become a Unit Representative

- We recommend that unit representatives be a junior enlisted service member.
  - Frees up the senior personnel from additional responsibilities
  - Allows lower enlisted to feel a part of something bigger.
  - More impactful for the younger service members to hear information about our Association from their peers.
- Unit Representatives are responsible for all Association business, i.e. collecting dues, keeping unit apprised of State and National Association news, etc.

# Upcoming Events

- EANGTN State Conference
  - April 2025 in Middle TN (more info TBA)
- EANGUS Annual National Conference
  - Next conference taking place August 18-21, 2024 in Detroit, MI

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