



## What does your Enlisted Association do for YOU?

It is always important to remember the benefits your Enlisted Association offers. On the state and national level, your Enlisted Association works to make YOUR voice heard before legislators advocating for your benefits, healthcare, and retirement.

Included among the accomplishments your Enlisted Association has worked to achieve:

- TN STRONG Act, allowing all TN Guard Members the opportunity to obtain Bachelor's & Master's degrees, as well as, certifications from TCAT institutions
- 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

In addition to our work towards legislation at the state and national level, the NGATN Foundation Benevolence Fund provides grants to help pay the bills of any Tennessee Guardsman who has fallen on hard times.

Your Enlisted Association also provides scholarship opportunities to its membership and/or their dependents at the State and National level. Continue to check your emails, our website, and Facebook for announcements on these opportunities.

We do not want our work to stop there, we want to hear how your Association can better serve YOU. Contact Melissa Messina at 615-336-2974, visit us on the web at <https://eangtn.org/> and on Facebook and Instagram.

The Enlisted Association of Tennessee is only as strong as our membership. More members from Tennessee equals more votes from our state at the National legislative level. Membership for all enlisted personnel is \$19 for E1-E6 and \$44 for E7-E9; your dues include membership in the National Association. Membership is also available to Associate members (officer personnel & civilian supporters). To become a member contact your unit Association representative or join online at <https://eangtn.org/>.

Volunteer opportunities are also available, contact Melissa at [melissa@eangtn.org](mailto:melissa@eangtn.org) for more details.