

Enlisted Association of the National Guard Of Tennessee (EANGTN) And Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)







EANGTN/EANGUS



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 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

Legislative Priorities

- "TRICARE for All" efforts at Federal and State levels to provide premium free coverage for medical and dental insurance to all members of the Tennessee National Guard
- Establish GI Bill Parity Act that would provide benefits for all periods spent under Orders (Drill, AT, SAD, etc.)
- Resist Department of Defense efforts to move units and personnel from individual states without the consent of the Governor
- Increase full-time manning
- Consistent National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA) funding
- Increase National Guard Military Construction (MILCON) funding
- Tax Exemption on vehicle purchases up to \$15,000 for All Guardsmen in the State of TN every 5 years

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Early retirement credit for those deployed under 12304(b) orders
- Federal and State job protection for members activated on State Active Duty (SAD) orders
- Established active duty pay equity for members on State Active Duty
- TRICARE access to members serving as federal technicians (beginning in 2030)
- STRONG Act provides tuition reimbursement to members of the Tennessee National Guard pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree and certifications from TCAT institutions
- Passage of authorizations in the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) providing for equal Incentive Pay for members required to match Active Component qualifications (ongoing)



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.

\$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

Membership

- TN is ranked 2nd in the Nation for Membership!
- Types of membership:
 - Annual members of the National Guard and retirees, dues are paid every year
 - <u>Life</u> members of National Guard and retirees, onetime 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, 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

EANGTN Points of Contact

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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 11-13, 2025, Embassy Suites Cool Springs,
 Franklin, TN

- EANGUS Annual National Conference
 - Next conference taking place August 11-14, 2025
 in Reno, NV

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