



Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Tennessee

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Why Be a Member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Tennessee (EANGTN)

Purpose: EANGUS and EANGTN are professional organizations that advocate on behalf of Airmen and Soldiers for legislative initiatives and Army and Air National Guard program and equipment objectives. These efforts take place at both the Federal and State levels.

Recent Legislative 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)

Current 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

Other Benefits We Provide:

- Low-cost State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) program that you can keep when you leave service
- Free \$10,000 life insurance policy to all new recruits
- Eligibility for EANGTN and EANGUS scholarships
- Officer Professional Development opportunities at both the national and state level
- Opportunity to attend conferences at both the national and state level

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