



# November BoD Meeting

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## NGAUS Legislative Update

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# Legislative Issue Updates

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## **Vet Status for NG Members**

- S. 944 Omnibus Vet Bill- Section 807- no benefits

## **Battle Lines Drawn with Army on End Strength and Force Structure**

- Expect OSD recommendations to reduce ARNG end strength



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## **Issues Going Forward**

- Budget constraints, upcoming recommendations from congressionally mandated Commissions on drill pay, benefits, retirement pay, structure of the AF, plus ongoing pressure on modernization and readiness
  - Temporary sequester relief- \$21 billion 2014; \$9 billion 2015- lucky to attain sequester levels in 2016 according to HASC staff with & \$80 billion in OCO funds largely vanishing with involvement in Afghanistan withdrawal-concerns about establish deterrent threat
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# Joint Priorities

**Creation of dedicated funding lines for National Guard Counterdrug Program and Training Centers into President's Budget /DoD Central Transfer Account**

**CNGB appointment of ARNG and ANG Directors**

**CNGB Annual Reporting of Domestic Response Personnel and Equipment Requirements for non-federalized National Guard**

**Update law to enhance ADOS, AGR and technician personnel support in emergency response operations**

**Codify Council of Governors role in DoD planning, programming, budgeting and execution cycles**

**Ensure congressional and executive military compensation recommendations do not unfairly affect National Guard pay and benefits**



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**Secure veterans status for National Guard retirees**



# ARNG Priorities

## Promote the value and cost-effectiveness of the ARNG

- RFPB findings, promote think tank studies about cost and AC/RC mix
- The Guard IS the solution to sequestration

## Legislative Proposals to Congress

- 9 of 11 proposals made it into defense bills relating to:
  - ❖ Utilization of the Army National Guard as an Operational Reserve – *Report language in HASC, HAC and SAC bills*
  - ❖ Off-ramping – *Report language in HASC and SASC bills*
  - ❖ Increased funding for Blackhawks – *Funding in House Approps. bill*
  - ❖ UH-72 Lakota program – *All bills un-cancel the program termination and include extra funding for additional procurement*
  - ❖ C-23 moratorium - *\$34M to keep operational in House Approps. bill*
  - ❖ NGREA - *\$400M House, \$315M Senate*
  - ❖ HMMWVs – *Addtl. \$100M in House Approps*



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# ANG Priorities

## **Protect /Modernize/Recapitalize Legacy Aircraft**

- C-130 modernization and recapitalization
- A-10 preservation in future years
- F-15/F-16 upgrades (AESA radar)
- RPA recapitalization
- Fielding of future weapons systems
- Preservation of traditional Air Guard missions

## **Inclusion of National Guard in the Cyber force structure decisions and planning**

- Parity in training and equipping

## **National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force and the Total Force Task Force**

- Impact on future force structure and FY15 budget debate



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# 2013: Year in Review

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## **Sequestration**

- Took effect this year, but Pentagon used unobligated funds to pay down most cuts
- Murray-Ryan budget deal reversed \$31.5 billion in sequestration cuts over the next two years
- Restored funding is expected to buy back DoD readiness and modernization funding shortfalls

## **Late Presidential Budget and Defense Bills**

- PB- two months late
- NDAA- Last minute maneuvers allowed for passage before year's end, but without a formal amendment process in the Senate

## **Continuing resolutions and “crisis governance” perceived as the “new normal” for Congress**

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# Looking Ahead: 2014

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## **Near-term Operating Picture**

- Defense spending bill before January 15, numbers expected to be similar to House and Senate Appropriations Committee bills from 2013
- President's Budget to drop in late February
- National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force report due early February

## **Threats on the Horizon**

- Cuts to Army Guard End Strength (Plans to reduce end strength to 315k)
  - Army Aviation Plan divesting all Apaches, Kiowas, half of ARNG Lakotas
  - Military Pay and Compensation- All Options "On the Table"
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# Resolutions Process

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## Requirements from state:

- Package *must* come with a signed certification cover sheet from the state resolutions chair that certifies that the state resolutions chair has read the SOP and will read the full resolutions package in advance
  - Each resolution requires a National Guard subject matter expert as the POC and include e-mail and phone number and they must be available to discuss the resolution at any time
  - Replaced background with justification section. It must include concise, bulleted justification for each resolution, including affected states and personnel, intended purpose, status, history, and any relevant additional information
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## Task Force Role

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### **Task Forces may:**

- Revalidate and examine each resolution
- A task force will work with states with any alterations. Deletions can only occur if submitted through the formal draft resolutions process to be considered at national conference
- THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THE ABOVE DELETION PROCESS will occur when a resolution is overcome by events (obsolete, no longer exists, or completed – e.g. CNGB on the JCS, C-23, C-27, embedded mental health care)
- Each resolution has a 1 year shelf life before it can be deleted

### **Voting requirements:**

- If the applicable Task Force, NGB and NGAUS all agree to delete a resolution, the floor must vote to override with a 75% vote
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## Timeline of Resolutions

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- Resolutions are sent to [ngausresolutions@ngaus.org](mailto:ngausresolutions@ngaus.org)
  - Pay attention to the timeline and the resolutions posted online before conference
  - All draft resolutions submitted by states are available to view on the NGAUS website from June to conference
  - As needed, brief resolution delegates with sufficient information to support the resolution at conference
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# Questions?

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