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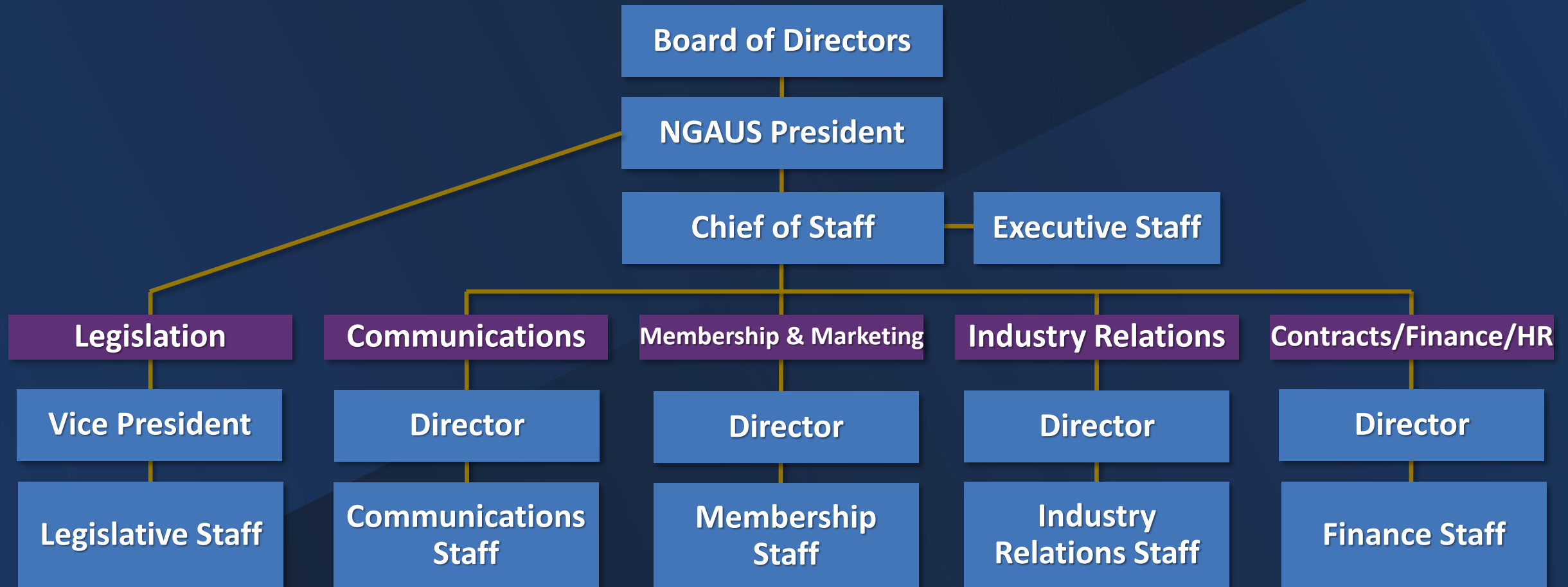
Congressional Cycle Overview

Mission



- Serve as a **strong advocate** for National Guard service members, their families, and veterans in Washington, D.C.
- Continuously improve National Guard **readiness, modernization, and quality of life** within the Total Force
- Preserve and promote the National Guard's **rich militia heritage** as the first military organization of the U.S.

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Strategic Overview

- Advocacy
- Apolitical & Non-Partisan



Lobby for National Guard equipment parity and benefits equity



Collaboration with:

- DoD, NGB, VA and DHS
- Military Service Organizations, Veteran Service Organizations

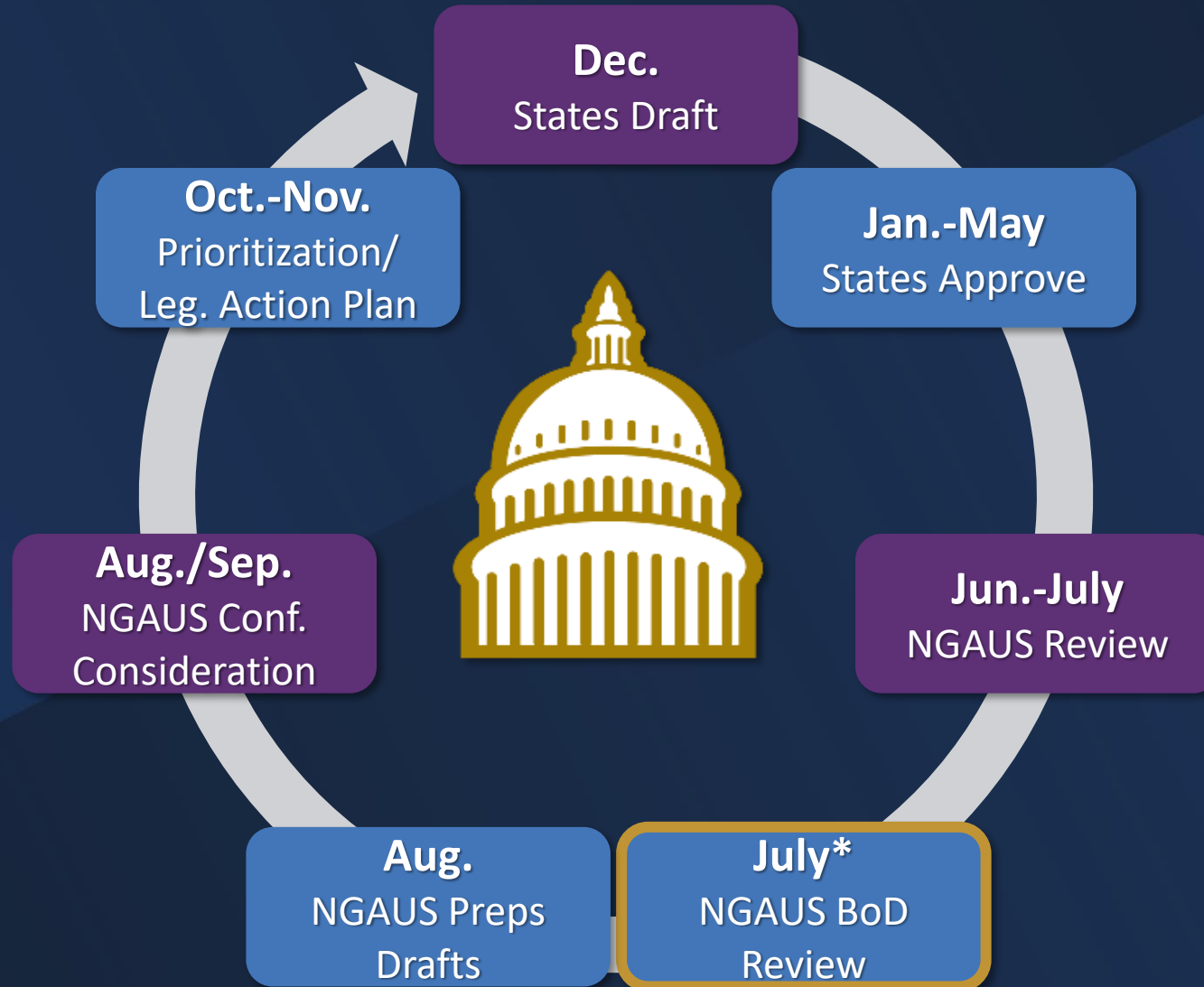


Develop strong relationships with Congress and staff



Grassroots engagement

Resolutions Process



**All Drafts Due to NGAUS by July 31*

Notable FY21 Accomplishments

Army

- **\$100.0M** for ARNG High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) modernization program
- **\$884.4M** for Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTVs) for the Army
- **\$862.0M** for UH-60 Black Hawk M model helicopters for the Army

Air

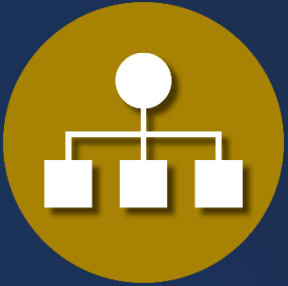
- **\$570.0M** for 6 C-130J Super Hercules aircraft for ANG
- **\$265.5M** for C-130H modernization, includes:
 - **\$180.0M** for NP2000 propeller upgrades
 - **\$79.0M** for T-56 Series 3.5 engine modifications
- **\$75.0M** for F-16 Viper Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radars for ANG

Joint/Personnel

- Allows CNGB to provide annual unfunded priorities list to Congress
- Three-month maternity leave including retirement credit and pay for traditional Soldiers and Airmen
- Access to VA home loans for Guardsmen who have served on Title 32 orders
- Expanded USERRA protections to Guardsmen serving on SAD orders, or responding to a National or Federal Natural Disaster Emergency
- **\$950.0M** for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA), includes:
 - **\$285.0M** for both ARNG and ANG
- **\$7.0 M** for the National Guard preventative mental health program

Priorities for a 21st Century National Guard

Ensuring Deployability, Sustainability, and Interoperability with the Active Component through...



The **Same** Organization

- **Future Multi-Domain Battlefield Interoperability, including:**
 - Deployable & Interoperable Force Structure that is Validated & Doctrinally Consistent
 - Space National Guard as Primary Combat Reserve within Space Force
 - Continued National Guard Integration into Total Force Cyber Mission & Training



The **Same** Equipment

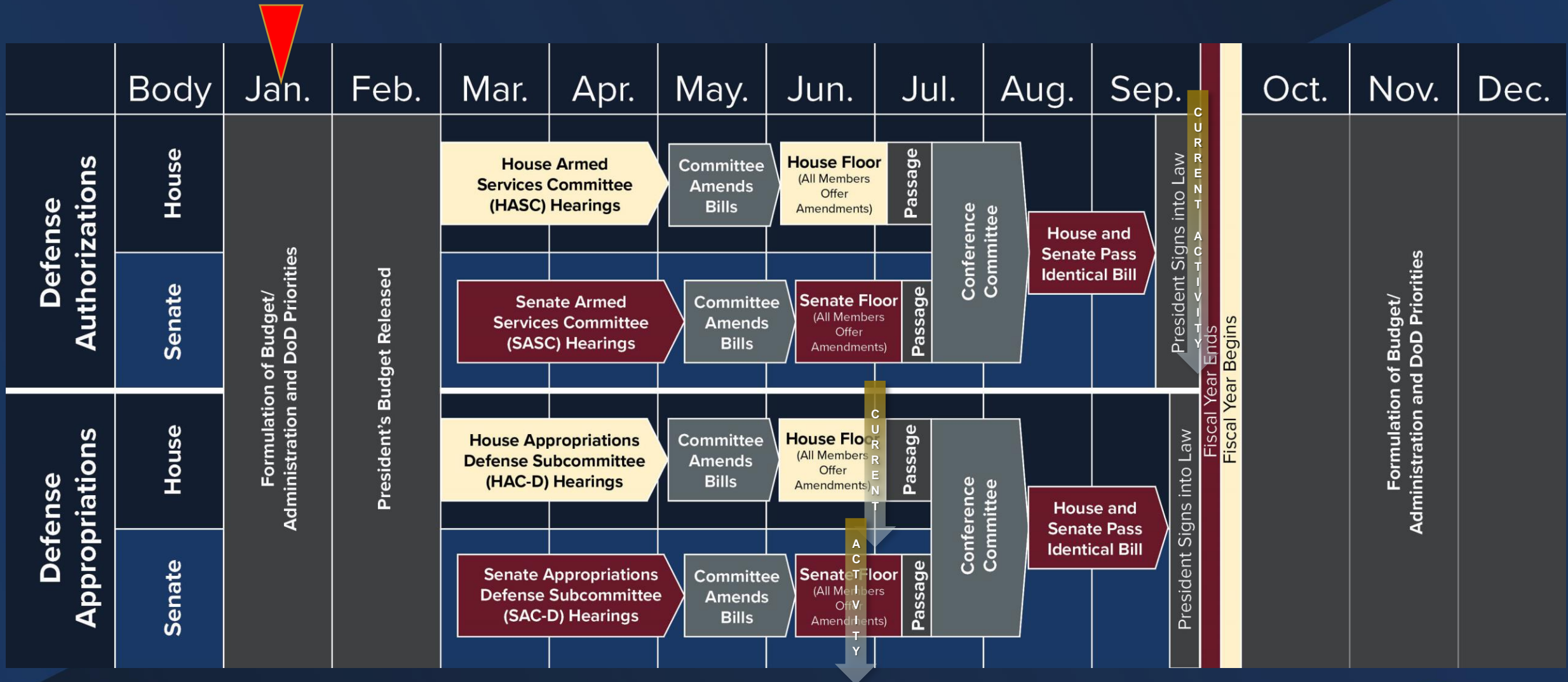
- **Deployable, Interoperable & Sustainable Equipment**
- **Concurrent & Proportional Fielding of Equipment to the National Guard, including:**
 - UH-60M, F-35A, KC-46A & C-130J Procurement
- **National Guard Equipment Modernization & Recapitalization, including:**
 - HMMWV, M1 & M2, C-130H, A-10, F-15 & F-16 Modernization



The **Same** Resources and Benefits

- **Zero Cost TRICARE to Ensure Reserve Component Medical Readiness**
- **Post 9/11 GI Bill Parity**
- **Robust National Guard & Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA) Funding**
- **Tax Incentives for Guardsmen & Employers**
- **Ready Access to Mental Health Care & Suicide Prevention**
- **Increased National Guard Military Construction (MILCON) Funding**

Defense Congressional Cycle



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Authorizations

- **S.1605 – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022**
 - President signed into law on 27 December 2021
 - Authorizes \$950.0M total NGREA
 - Authorizes all unfunded priorities requested by the Chief, National Guard Bureau

Appropriations

- **H.R.4432 - Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, 2022**
 - \$950M total NGREA; **\$285M** for the ARNG, **\$285M** for the ANG
 - Introduced in the House on 15 July
 - Next Step: Considered by the full House
- **H.R.4432 - Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, 2022**
 - \$1.45B total NGREA; **\$435M** for the ARNG, **\$435M** for the ANG
 - Introduced in the Senate on 20 October
 - Next Step: Considered by the full Senate
- **H.R.6119 – Continuing Resolution**
 - Provides stopgap funding for the Federal Government until 18 February 2022

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- **H.R.3512 – Healthcare for our Troops Act**
 - Provides Zero-Cost TRICARE Reserve Select and dental coverage for all members of the RC
 - Authorizes TRS eligibility for RC servicemembers who are federal employees in their civilian capacity
- **H.R.1836 – Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act**
 - Provides GI Bill education benefits parity between the Active and Reserve Components
- **S.1297 – Record of Military Service for Members of the Armed Forces Act of 2021**
 - Provides definitive record of service (DD-214) for members of the RC for titles 14 and 32
 - Standardizes proof of service across all compos making it easier for Guardsmen to receive benefits
- **S.1859/H.R.3626 – Reserve Component bonus and incentive pay**
 - Ensures bonus and incentive pay parity between AC and RC servicemembers
- **S.3215 – USACE Military Personnel Augmentation Act of 2021**
 - Expands USACE eligibility to all Warrant Officers and Enlisted members

Legislative Outreach Programs



- **Next Summit: July 17-20, 2022**
- Targeted towards Company Grade and Warrant Officers from the 54
- Goals:
 - Elevate CGOs view from the State to the National level highlighting challenges faced across the 54.
 - Increase CGO involvement and advocacy at the grassroots level
- Short Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8Xmn1nUvZE>



- **Next Workshop: February 10th, 2022**
- Targeted towards CACOs, Executive Directors and Presidents of the 54 Associations
- Goal:
 - Inform audience of NGAUS Legislative Priorities and efforts syncing messaging across the 54.

What Can You Do?



- Get Informed



- Communicate & Socialize



- State & District Congressional Staff Outreach

Questions?

NGAUS Write to Congress

H.R.3512 – Health Care for our Troops Act



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Zero-Cost TRICARE

Support H.R.3512 to expand Zero-Cost TRICARE Reserve Select to all members of the Reserve Component

Take Action >

Please contact your Member of Congress by filling out the form below and urge them to support H.R.3512.

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Background

NGAUS strongly supports H.R. 3512, the Healthcare for our Troops Act. This legislation would

117th Congress, First Session Overview

- House of Representatives - 221-211 Democratic Majority
- Senate - 50-50 split, Democratic control under 2021 US Senate Power-Sharing Agreement
- President's Budget released May 28, 2021
- New Chairs in SASC, HASC, SAC-D, HAC-D, SVAC, HVAC

Committee	Senate Chair	Senate Co-Chair/Ranking Member	House Chair	House Ranking Member
Armed Services	Jack Reed (D-RI)	Jim Inhofe (R-OK)	Adam Smith (D-WA)	Mike Rogers (R-AL)*
Appropriations	Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	Richard Shelby (R-AL)	Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)*	Kay Granger (R-TX)
Defense Subcommittee	Jon Tester (D-MT)*	Richard Shelby (R-AL)	Betty McCollum (D-MN)*	Ken Calvert (R-CA)
VA/MILCON Subcommittee	Martin Heinrich (D-NM)*	John Boozman (R-AR)	Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)	John Carter (R-TX)
Veterans' Affairs	John Tester (D-MT)	Jerry Moran (R-KS)*	Mark Takano (D-CA)	Mike Bost (R-IL)*