

NGAAT

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS



Professional Organization Founded in 1959

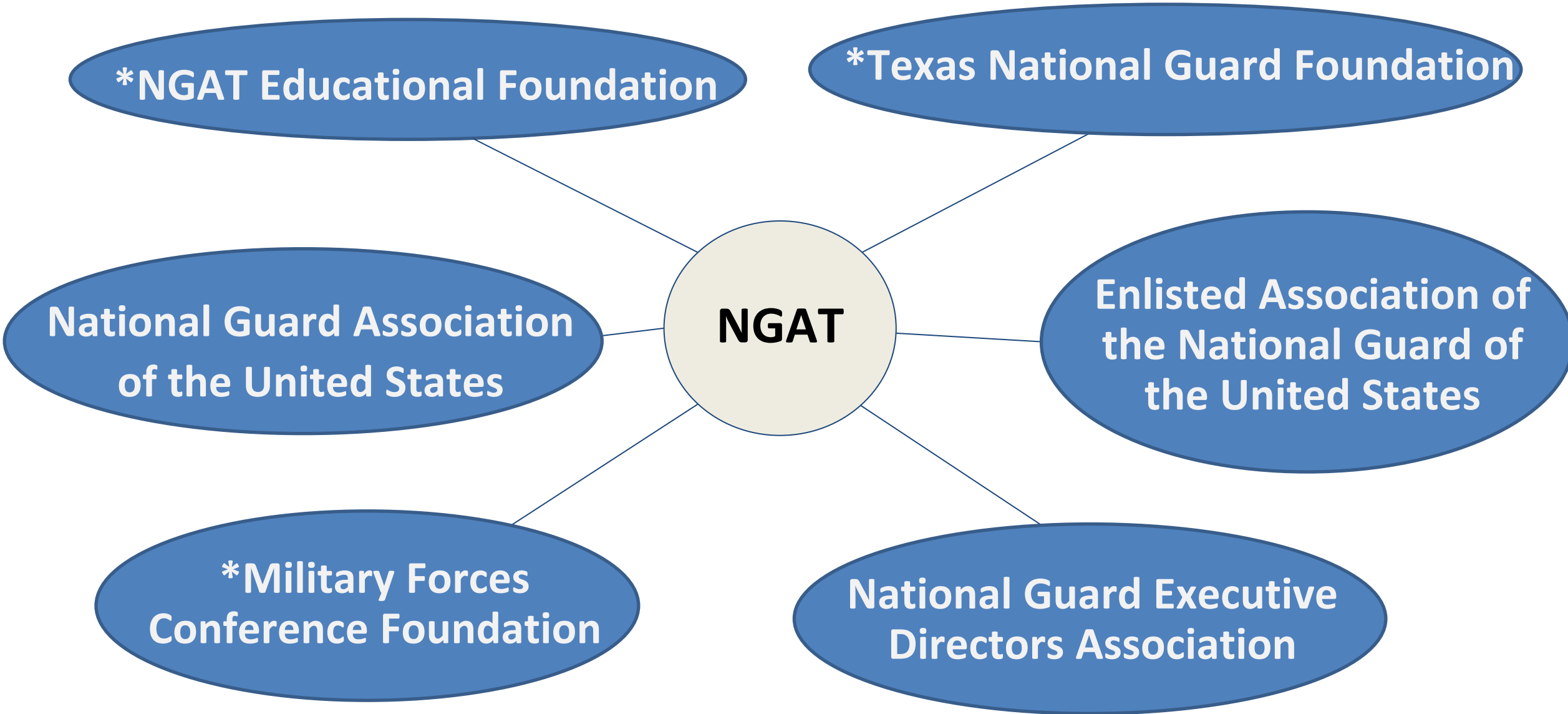


- ★ 30,000 Members from Texas Military Forces (active, former members, and retired)
- ★ Designated State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) Program for members of Texas National Guard
- ★ 501(c)19 Nonprofit Veterans Organization

NGAT Vision & Mission

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The background of the image is a stylized, textured version of the Texas state flag. It features a vertical blue stripe on the left side containing a white five-pointed star. The rest of the flag is divided into a white upper half and a red lower half. The entire background has a grainy, mottled appearance.

NGAT is the only professional organization that solely supports and advocates for the betterment of the Texas National Guard and its members.

Legislative Actions (1 of 2)



- **2018**
 - Effective date of promotion adjusted for officers experiencing delays in fed rec process of their promotion
 - Increased funding for ARNG and ANG mental health pilot programs
- **2017** – Increased parity (benefits) for reserve component serving under 12304b orders including pre-deployment and transitional TRICARE health coverage
- **2016** – Treat deaths on drill weekends same as active duty under SBP
- **2011** – Re-employment rights for extended T32 duty and expands access to health care for Guardsmen in rural areas
- **2010** – Expanded Post 9/11 GI Bill to ensure T32 Guardsmen receive education benefits

- **2009** – Extended availability of TRICARE medical coverage to gray-area retirees and increase from 90-180 days TRICARE coverage prior to mobilization
- **2008** – Post-9/11 GI Bill passed
- **2004** – TRICARE access 90 days prior mobilization and 180 days after separation
- **2003**
 - VA home loans permanent for Guardsmen with 6 years of service
 - Unlimited use of commissary stores on military bases
- **2000** – Increase the maximum number of retirement points per year from 75-90
- **1999** – TSP for the Guard, TRICARE Dental Program open to family, extend VA loans to Guard for eight more years
- **1998** – Imminent danger pay provided comparable to the active component





Texas Veterans

**HAZLEWOOD
ACT**

Hazlewood Act

- A State of Texas benefit that provides qualified Veterans, spouses, and dependent children with an education benefit of **up to 150 hours of tuition exemption**
- Who is eligible?
 - Time of entry into active duty the U.S. Armed Forces = designated Texas as HOR; or entered the service in Texas; or was a Texas resident
 - Received honorable discharge or separation or a general discharge under honorable conditions
 - Served at least 181 days of active duty service
- **NGAT voted in 2017 against two Texas house bills that potentially could have removed most Texas National Guardsmen from eligibility for the Hazlewood Act**
 - HB 3766 = four years eligibility requirements
 - HB 4089 = two years eligibility requirements
- Texas Veterans Commission
 - <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/education/hazlewood-act/>

Other Benefits

Low cost
Insurance

Social and
Networking
Events

Access to Military
Discounts

Committee
Participation

Professional
Development
Opportunities

Education Scholarship
opportunities for members
and their families



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Guardisman		Spouse		Dependent(s)	
Coverage	Premium	Coverage	Premium	Coverage	Premium
\$10,000	\$3.66	\$5,000	\$2.00	\$5,000	\$3.33
\$15,000	\$5.33	\$10,000	\$3.66	\$10,000	\$6.66
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What Else Does NGAT Do?

- Provide funding to Texas Military Forces for things they can't get funding for
- Sponsor homecomings and change of command events
- Provide financial assistance for multiple events that TMD conducts
- Charitable Support
 - Supported Hurricane Harvey Victims - NGAT was able to ease the burden for a number of TMD members and their families by providing over \$20,000 in support raised through donations
 - Where there is a need...NGAT will find a way to support
 - The TXNG Foundation will continue to fund future programs and help our members when needed

Why Join NGAT?

Joining an association provides members with a competitive advantage because they become active, informed members of their industry.



Many **association** members who lead busy **professional** lives depend on their **association** to brief them on important industry trends, new legislative rulings, and advances in technology.



Annual NGAT Conference

25-28 March 2021

Delta Hotels by Marriott Dallas Allen





Watters Creeks at Montgomery Farm



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Back Up Slides

NGAT was founded in 1959 to provide a unified voice for the Texas National Guard and its members. Today, NGAT has an estimate membership of 30,000 current, former, and retired members of the Texas Military Forces. NGAT pioneered the provision of life insurance to the Texas National Guard and is the designated State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) program for Texas. NGAT is a non-profit veterans organization. We are a combined association made up and managed by both officers and enlisted personnel.

SSLI Program (1 of 3)

- Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA) – 5Star Life Insurance
 - Free Life Insurance for New Enlistees
 - Policy must be completed within 30 Days of your enlistment into the Texas National Guard
 - No war or aviation exclusions
 - Prompt payment of claims within 24 hours
 - After the first year, you may cover your spouse and dependents.
 - Should you separate from the Guard, you may keep this insurance for the same price
 - Your coverage begins the day you sign up
 - After 12 months in the National Guard, your allotment for \$3.66 will begin to continue your coverage
 - One year free NGAT Membership with Policy

SSLI Program (2 of 3)

- Group Term Insurance for Current Members of the TXNG
 - Purchase as little as \$10,000 for \$3.66 a month or as much as \$50,000 for \$17.00 per month
 - **Prompt payment of claims within 24 hours**
 - May be deducted from your drill pay
 - No war or aviation exclusions
 - May insure the entire family
 - In the event of death, monies can be assigned to pay for funeral expenses
 - **May be retained after leaving the Guard**
 - Premiums are level term until age 65
 - Automatic conversion to a whole life policy without proving insurability.
 - Must be an active member of the National Guard to purchase this insurance
 - Members of the Texas State Guard are NOT eligible for this policy.
 - Underwritten by AFBA/5STAR
- Life insurance for spouse (\$1,000-\$10,000)
- Life insurance for children (\$1,000-\$10,000)

SSLI Program (3 of 3)

- New Whole Life Insurance products coming soon
- Current serving TXNG members
 - Automatically are covered with free \$1000 NGAT Life Insurance policy
 - Effective until you no longer are in TXNG

Current Status of NGAT SGLI Program

- 6,587 active policies
- An additional 62 policies under the Free \$10,000 program
 - 52 Army and 10 Air Guard – for those new to the Guard (RSP)
- Of the 6,587 policies
 - 4,194 active Army Guard allotments
 - 8 active Air Guard allotments
 - 682 AGR payments (Army, Air, and Retired)
 - Numbers do not reflect the 178 Army Guard applications which were completed at the SRP at Camp Bullis, 21 – 28 March 2018

As of 18 Apr 18

Death Claims (1 Sep 17 – 4 Aug 18)

- 32 death claims since 1 September 2017
- Paid 17 Free \$1,000
- Will have paid \$403,000 in claims since

NGAT Membership Benefits

Membership Benefits	
INSURANCE	
Term Life	Available for service member and their family members
Whole Life	
Insurance you can take with you when you leave the Guard or Retire.	
DISCOUNTED HEALTHCARE	
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS	
Discounts for Speedy Prep online Clep Testing	
RENTAL CAR DISCOUNTS	
Advantage Alamo Hertz Budget	
REDUCED HOTEL RATES	
La Quinta	Choice Hotels
Omni Hotels	
TELEPHONE DISCOUNTS	
Sprint	T-Mobile
Discount to AAA American Automobile Assn	
LifeLine Health Screening Discount	
Monthly DELL Computer Discount	
Army/Air Force Times	
The Parking Spot Discount Program	
Free Notary Public @ NGAT office	
NGAT News Magazine	
Membership in Randolph Brooks	
Federal Credit Union	

EANGUS

- Largest enlisted reserve component association
- Organized in SD in 1970 by Senior NCOs; incorporated in Mississippi in 1972
- 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
- Longstanding member of The Military Coalition
- Insurance and scholarships for members
- Annual EANGUS Conference 2018
 - 11-16 Aug 18
 - Charleston, WV

- Nation's oldest military association lobbying solely for the benefit of the National Guard of the United States
- Formed by militia officers in 1878
- Headquartered in Washington D.C.
- Purpose to be that strong voice in Washington, D.C., to ensure the Guard has sufficient resources and budget to carry out its mission
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 - 24-27 Aug 18
 - New Orleans, LA

Legislative Activity

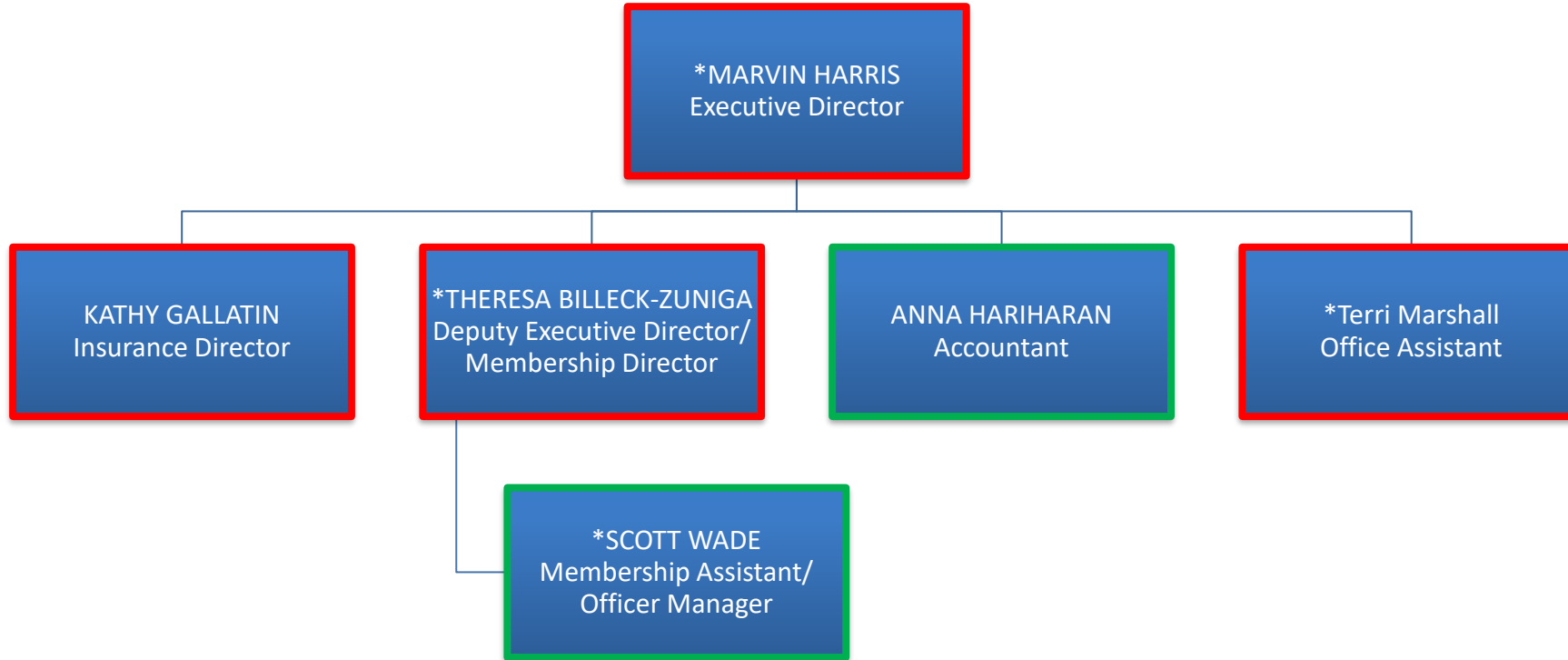
- Federal
 - Achieved already
 - Passage of National Guard Veterans Status
 - 12304b Benefits Parity
 - GI Bill Expansion
 - National Guard Empowerment
 - Overturning Proposed Air National Guard Cuts
 - Creation of Commission on the Future of the Army
 - Initiatives
 - Enhance Domestic Operations
 - Expand State Partnership Program
 - Fund Guard Cyber Force
 - Funding for Equipment and Modernization
 - Leverage the Cost-Effective Guard
 - Military Construction
 - Personnel & Benefits
 - Preserve an Operational Force
 - Representation in Defense Reviews
- State
 - Protect Hazelwood educational benefits
 - Restore \$1,000,000 to tuition assistance budget for the Texas Military Forces

Board of Directors Representation

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3	HQ JFTX	MSG	Lorance	Gerald
4	71st TC	COL	Cerniauskas	Paul
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6	56th IBCT	MAJ (P)	Crady III	James R.
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8	72nd IBCT	MAJ	Kelly	Rodney
9	36th CAB	SFC(P)	Bain	Josh
10	176th Engr Bde	CSM	Mendoza	Toby
11	71st EMIB	MSG	Gojanovich	Chris
12	36th Sust Bde	MAJ	Lewis	Samantha
13	136th MEB	VACANT		
14	HQ TXANG	TSgt	Dunkin	Lonnie
15	136th AW	SMSgt	Wolff	Mike (Secretary)
16	147th ATKW	1st Lt	Ames	Kyle
17	149th FW	Capt	Cranon	Alfred
18	Retired Rep - Region 2	SMSgt (Ret)	Newby	Richard
19	Retired Rep - Region 2	COL (Ret)	Schultz	Guy
20	Retired Rep - Region 3	SGM(Ret)	Kimble	Quentin
21	Family Readiness	SFC (Ret)	Talia	McKinnis

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Part-time Full-time *Prior Service

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- State

- Budget Requests

- Emergency and Disaster Preparedness request restores emergency response funding cut during the last legislative session, supports FTEs that are essential to ensuring TMD is ready when called upon while remaining capable of meeting the demands of ongoing administrative support
 - State of Texas Army Revitalization Program ensures that we systematically bring our armories up to a basic life, health and safety state
 - Mental Health and Service Member Care request is making sure we have proper services for our service members, to include tuition assistance, sexual assault response coordinators, mental health services and more

- Awards legislation to allow medals to be awarded to a group, team or crew
 - Pursuing a death gratuity for members on SAD orders responding to an emergency

NGAT works closely with EANGUS and NGAUS on legislative issues at the federal level.

- Federal
 - Increase fulltime support and manning
 - Force Structure gains in Texas bring federal dollars and resources, which in turn give us the manpower and equipment to respond to the needs of the state.
 - Army: Combined Arms Battalion, DIVARTY, Cyber
 - Air: FMS-F35, C-130J, Light Attack Aircraft, Cyber
 - Equipment Modernization
 - Duty Status Reform - Changes to the Governors' authorities, the Militia Clause, and Insurrection Act, and limits the ability to train for DSCA response using not using T32/502F funds, drastically changing dynamic of the Guard.
 - Tricare Reserve Select For Federal Employees
 - Parity for Guard Airborne Jump Pay
 - 15 days of military leave to 30 days of military leave
 - Tax breaks for employers of National Guard Soldiers and Airmen



NGAT Membership Dues (1 of 2)

	ANNUAL		LIFE
RANK	NGAT	EANGUS	NGAT
E1 – E6	\$15	EANGUS Included	\$100
E7 – E9	\$20	EANGUS Included	\$100
RANK	NGAT	NGAUS	NGAT
WO1	\$20	\$26	\$100
CW2	\$20	\$35	\$100
CW3	\$20	\$46	\$100
CW4	\$25	\$59	\$100
CW5	\$25	\$73	\$100
O1	\$20	\$30	\$100
O2	\$20	\$45	\$100
O3	\$20	\$59	\$100
O4	\$25	\$72	\$100
O5	\$25	\$85	\$100
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O8	\$30	\$139	\$100

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- Access to exclusive professional development opportunities
NGAT Conference Professional Development Sessions
 - NGAUS National Capital Summit
 - NGAUS Conference Officer Professional Development Sessions
 - EANGUS Conference Junior Enlisted Professional Development Sessions
 - EANGUS Legislative Conference
- AUSA membership through NGAUS and EANGUS
- Members only benefits to discounts on hotels, rental cards, military times, AAA, Notary Public

- Impexium (Association Management Software)
- Unit Visits
- Legislative Grassroots Effort
- Young Professional Task Force

- Annual NGAT Conference
 - 26-29 Mar 2020: Westin Irving Convention Center Hotel
 - 25-28 Mar 2021: Delta Hotels Dallas Allen & Watters Creek Convention Center
 - 24-27 Mar 2022: Kalahari Resort, Round Rock
- The Mabry Monster MASH & Jeepers Creepers Rally (26 Oct 2019)
- EANGUS Mid-Winter Conference (17-18 Jan 2020)
- EANGUS Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR (9-12 Aug 2020)
- NGAUS Annual Conference, Boston, MA (28-31 Aug 2020)

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