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Legislative Action Center

EANGUS Call to Action 2017-01

H.R. 1384 "Reserve Component Benefits Parity Act of 2017"

The House of Representatives' National Guard and Reserve Caucus Co-Chairs, Representative Steven Palazzo (R-MS) and Representative Tim Walz (D-MN) introduced H.R. 1384 "Reserve Component Benefits Parity Act of 2017" to fix the disparity created by the 12304b duty status.

Current Law

12304b mobilization authority was established in the 2012 NDAA to allow DOD to deploy reserve forces for preplanned missions in support of combatant commanders. However, 12304b created a benefit disparity among the components. Reserve forces are compelled to leave behind family, friends, careers, and education pursuits to provide: life-saving humanitarian aid across the globe, security forces and logistical support in Sinai, Kosovo, Eastern Europe, and around the world. Unlike the active component, reserve forces are not provided: pre- and post-mobilization TRICARE; Post-9/11 Montgomery GI Bill Benefits; reduction in retirement age; credit for time spent deployed.

If passed by Congress and signed by the President, H.R. 1384 would provide:

Pre- and post-mobilization TRICARE to service members and their families; Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility to support personal and professional development; and greater predictability for operational deployments in order to protect time with families.

Your EANGGA & EANGUS Office requests that members please take a few minutes out of your day to message your delegation in Washington, D.C. to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 1384, and support the bill should it come to the floor.

TAKE ACTION AT: <https://eangus.org/legislative-calls-to-action-2>

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EANGUS Call to Action 2017-02

H.R. 1339 "Amend Post-9/11 Bill"

Representative Scott Peters (D-CA) introduced H.R. 1379 to amend Title 38 United States Code to provide for the entitlement to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs for members of the Armed Forces awarded the Purple Heart. H.R. 1379 extends benefits under the Department of Veterans Affairs' Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program to all honorably discharged, Purple Heart recipients regardless of duration of service.

Currently, Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits are only available if a veteran completes at least 36 months of active duty service or is medically retired; however, some Purple Heart recipients are honorably discharged before either of those qualifications are attained, making them ineligible for full payments. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that each year, between 1,200 and 1,500 Purple Heart recipients are unable to receive full educational benefits because of the 36-month active duty service requirement. A large number of those individuals deployed with the Guard and Reserves.

This bill would allow Purple Heart recipients to access the benefits they earned. Please contact your Member of Congress and request they support H.R. 1379. If you support this amendment please take a few minutes out of your day to message your delegation in Washington, D.C. to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 1384, and support the bill should it come to the floor.

EANGUS Call to Action 2017-03

H.R. 1687 and S. 697 The Tax Relief for Guard and Reserve Training Act

EANGUS strongly supports [H.R. 1687](#) and [S. 697](#), *The Tax Relief for Guard and Reserve Training Act*. H.R. 1687 and S. 697 aim to "amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to lower the mileage threshold for deduction in determining adjusted gross income of certain expenses of members of reserve components of the Armed Forces".

A reservist who travels more than 100 miles away from their residence in the performance of military duty can deduct some travel expenses as an adjustment to gross income. The amount of expenses that can be deducted is limited to the regular federal per diem rate and the standard mileage rate. EANGUS recommends a change to the law to restore the full tax-deductibility of non-reimbursable expenses related to travel of more than 50 miles from residence. This change would align treatment of our nation's operational reserve forces with what is allowed for Federal workers, which is 50-mile minimum for travel compensation.

The Tax Relief for Guard and Reserve Training Act also restores RC service members' ability to deduct meal(s) and lodging expenses incurred during official/drill-related travel. A copy of the EANGUS National Office's letter of support [can be found here](#). Please contact your Senators and Representative and urge your delegation to support S. 697 & H.R. 1687.

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<https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1137540996>

For Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.attendify.confsf6f3e>





The Georgia Air National Guard has four main bases across the state located in Brunswick, Marietta, Savannah and Warner Robins.

There are 120 Career categories and they perform 11 unique missions, training and preparing the citizen-airman to respond to the Governor of Georgia for State Emergencies or the call of the President in times of crisis.

Visit **GOANG.COM** for more information!

GA ANG: Outstanding Airmen of the Year (OAY)

EANGGA would personally like congratulate each one of this year's Georgia Air National Guard's Outstanding Airmen of the Year!



Airman

Senior Airman Allen V. Ingle
139th Intelligence Squadron



Noncommissioned Officer

Technical Sergeant Jessica A. Torres
128th Air Command & Control Squadron



Senior Noncommissioned Officer

Master Sergeant Jessica L. Cole
116th Maintenance Operations Flight



First Sergeant

Master Sergeant Benny J. Smith Jr.
116th Medical Group

The professionalism and talented displayed by these Airmen speaks volumes to the character and devotion of the Georgia Air National Guard. As a small token of their hard work, they have been given one free year membership to the Enlisted Association of the Nation Guard of the United States (EANGUS) and EANGGA.

GA Army: Best Warrior Competition



The 2017 Best Warrior Competition was represented by 14 Outstanding Soldiers!

1. PFC Abdoulaye Sidibe, from 648th MEB
2. SPC Nicholas, Brisbay, from 201st RSG
3. SPC Richard Lively, from 48th BDE
4. SPC Mason Mackrell, from 201st RSG
5. SPC Corrsia Perry, from 78th TC
6. SPC Cedrick Thomas, from 78th ATC
7. CPL Clay Gibson, from 48th BDE
8. SGT Skyler Donovan, from 48th BDE
9. SGT Nathaneal Granados, from 648th MEB
10. SGT Morgan Gray, from 648th MEB
11. SGT Franswu Lloyd, from 201st RSG
12. SGT Shawn Long, from 78th ATC
13. SGT Gregory Moss, from JFHQ
14. SSG Antoine Slocum, from 78th TC



EANGGA was so proud to present a check on behalf of the Enlisted Association, for \$100 to both of the winners of the Best Warrior Competition SPC Richard Lively and SGT Skyler Donovan! EANGGA also gave a one year membership to each of the 14 Best Warrior competitors.

What an honor it was for MSG(P) Joseph Neely the Treasurer of EANGGA, and 1SG Meara Brown the Army Vice President of EANGGA to represent.

If you are a Senior Leader, and you are not a member, you need to get that way!!!! **HOOAH!!**

GA NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIER of the YEAR

EANGGA would personally like to congratulate this year's GA National Guard's Soldier of the Year!

SPC Joseph Broom



A ceremony took place on March 14th at the State Capitol to honor our GA Army National Guard's Soldier of the Year and the GA Air National Guard's Outstanding Airmen of the Year!



EANGUS AREA III CAUCUS

19 - 21 May 2017, Daytona Beach Florida hosted by



The Caucus Meeting is less than 45 days please register and make your room reservations

The **32nd Annual EANGUS Area III Caucus** will be held in Daytona Beach Florida at the Hilton Daytona Beach, 100 N Atlantic Blvd, 32118. Room rates are \$115.00 per night, plus 13.5% tax. Please make lodging reservations as noted below. (The hotel will honor the \$115.00 rate from 16 May – 23 May 2017 if you would like to extend your stay. You will need to change the date of arrival and departure when on the hotel registration page.)

To Register for the Conference Please Click Below

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/regform?llr=vqqd4hiab&oeidk=a07edf51jmn8376386a>

To Reserve your Hotel Room Please Click Below

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/D/DABDHFF-NGA17-20170519/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG>

ALL hotel reservations must be made on or before **28 April 2017**. Reservation requests after this date will be subject to availability. A block of rooms has been reserved for our caucus. You may call the hotel directly; 1-866-536-8477.

Make sure to mention our group block: "Group Name: NGA FL Regional Meeting, Group Code: **NGA17**"

WYOTECH will be treating us to a BBQ Dinner Friday Night, Please sign up if you are planning to attend.

POC

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EANGUS AREA III

**"ALABAMA, GEORGIA, FLORIDA, SOUTH CAROLINA,
TENNESSEE, PUERTO RICO, and VIRGIN ISLANDS"**



2017 NGAGA and EANGGA State Conference 2-4 June 2017, Stone Mountain Georgia



Make Your Plans now, to attend the Annual Conference of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of GA (EANGGA) and the National Guard Association of Georgia Conference June 2-4 2017. We will be hosting the conference at the beautiful **Stone Mountain Marriott Evergreen Conference Center and Resort**. The Evergreen Conference Center is a luxurious AAA 4-Star lake-front resort nestled at the foot of Georgia's majestic Stone Mountain.

Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort

4021 Lakeview Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia

1-888-670-2250 / Rate \$121/night – All Rooms

Group Rate Code: NGANGAA (yes this is right)

Click Here - [Book your group rate for the 2017 EANGGA Conference](#)

- A Note on Reservations -

The last day to receive the special negotiated hotel rate is 20 May

No resort fee, free internet and the Stone Mountain Park Entry Fee has been waived for our group.

Refer to our event when entering the Park and you will not have to pay the \$15 entry fee!

To REGISTER for the EVENT CLICK HERE - <https://eangga.com/2017-state-conference/>

If you are paying by check or if you have any questions about registration, please call Jackie 404-374-1998.



Why should I attend the NGAGA & EANGGA Annual State Conference?

- Not one cent of our Association dues goes towards paying any costs associated with the Annual State Conference. NGAGA & EANGGA partner contributions are used to host this event for its members.
- This is (Y)OUR Association's unified forum (Army and Air) to present/identify/discuss national and state level NG issues and vote on the priorities we want voiced (fought for) at the national level.
- **Professional Development:**
 - This is the only annual event for the Georgia Department of Defense where the entire officer & enlisted corps (and retirees) of both the Georgia Army National Guard and Air National Guard come together in one location to meet professionally and socially.
 - Hear directly from the senior leadership team of the Georgia Department of Defense about the current state and future developments of both the Army and Air National Guard. It's also an opportunity for you to meet and talk with them in a social setting as well.
 - Meet senior leaders and/or peers of other major commands in the Army and Air National Guard and learn about what they do and/or potential future opportunities for you or your career.
- Activities are planned for spouses and children. It's a great environment for them to make new friends and also talk about topics/issues that affect them by being a spouse of a Citizen Soldier/Airmen. They often learn about benefits, adjusting to military life or find answers to problems they share with other spouses.



**ANNUAL EANGGA/EANGUS
MEMBERSHIP = \$25.00**

2017 EANGUS National Conference

27-30 August, Reno Nevada



HOTEL REGISTRATION



Information and Registration for the beautiful Silver Legacy Resort in Reno, Nevada

<http://eangusconference.org/silver-legacy-hotel-registration/>

If you prefer to call and make your reservations: 1-800-687-8733

Group Code: EANG17

There will be a \$12.00/night resort fee added to the hotel rate

	46th EANGUS National Conference 2017 August 27-30, Reno, Nevada	
<p>The host hotel for this event is the beautiful Silver Legacy Resort Casino in Reno, Nevada. Click below for Hotel Information and Hotel Registration or call 1-800-687-8733 Group Code EANG17. https://reservations.silverlegacy.com/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?procfun+rn+resnet+RFS+funcparms+UP(A2560);EANG17.2/ Hotel Information: https://www.silverlegacyreno.com/ Hotel Government Rate is \$97 per night</p>		
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Phone: <input type="text"/> Street Address: <input type="text"/> City: <input type="text"/>		
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Conference Information		
Attendance Status: <input type="text"/> Career Field Title: <input type="text"/>		
Name displayed on badge: <input type="text"/> Title/Position for badge: <input type="text"/>		
All States Banquet Attendance/M meal Choice: <input type="text"/>		
Do you require handicap transportation: <input type="text"/> Do you require a wheel chair: <input type="text"/>		
Will you be traveling with a Service Dog: <input type="text"/> Mode of Travel: <input type="text"/>		
Payment Method (Total Cost = \$150.00 per person) If you are paying by check or if you have any questions about registration, please contact SGM (Ret) Jackie McKennie at 404-374-1998		
Credit Card #: <input type="text"/> Expiration Month: <input type="text"/> Year: <input type="text"/>		
Security Code: <input type="text"/> Cardholder Name: <input type="text"/>		
Forward all completed registration forms to Jackie at jackiemckennie@bellsouth.net		



To REGISTER for the EVENT

Contact the POC below, for a copy of the

PDF Fill-In Form shown!



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