

Why be a member:

National Guard continues to be an afterthought in many DOD resourcing decisions,

Your membership and our team strategy for engagement will help fight for the National Guards share of the defense budget that effects:

- training
- manning
- equipment
- facilities
- Benefits

Here is some of the impact our team has had:

- No State Tax on drill/retirement income
- Expanded Tricare Reserve Select
- Increased access to mental health treatment
- Early retirement credit under 12304b
- Modernization of HMMWVs, UH-60 Black Hawk, HC-130H, A-10, F-15 and F-16s
- The Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Prevented ½ reduction in drill pay
- Recognition of Guard & Reserve retirees as veterans

As a member you also have the opportunity to attend Professional development events:

- Capital summit in DC,
- OPD's held at the National Conference,
- Network with leaders of the MN national guard during our state conference

What are we working on to improve the profession?

- Streamlined military duty status structure:
  - Equitable benefits, Does not remove benefits currently received, Retains state abilities to swiftly deploy National Guard to domestic emergencies
- State Active Duty (SAD) mission (not training), accumulate federal retirement credit
- Tricare coverage for chiropractic care
- Tax incentives for employers to hire guardsmen
- Concurrent & proportional fielding of equipment
- Retroactive deployment credit for early retirement

You can engage as much or as little as you have time for:

- Write to our elected officials feature at: [ngaus.org/legislation/write-congress](https://ngaus.org/legislation/write-congress)
- Get on one of the committees and help lay out our future

But just by being a member you increase our voice and influence with our elected official both in MN and nationally. We are **Only** as loud as our membership

I am asking you to join or renew your membership

Newly commissioned officers and warrant officers get your first year free

Great deal lifetime membership through the end of 2020 NGAMN is offering to subsidize \$250 to offset the National lifetime membership and waive the State membership fee of \$250. That would bring the overall cost down to \$750 and there is a payment plan, this is a no brainer!!!!