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"SIDE BY SIDE WE STAND WITH PRIDE"

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President's Message
Margie V. Holcomb, President

February 2024

Auxiliary Members, Family & Friends:

The road into the new year is beginning to open into what we had anticipated, another chance for us to do what is good and right for our organization. This journey with each bend, twist or turn keeps us on the right path moving forward to our intended goals.

The state conferences, mid-winter caucuses, legislative events/workshops/office visits, family programs events/workshops/recognitions, are off to a good start. The State Auxiliary Presidents and EANGUS Auxiliary Area Directors are providing in-depth information with regards to auxiliary activities, and accomplishments in addition to ensuring their support and commitment to the Enlisted Associations, EANGUS, our National Guard servicemembers, servicemembers families, and the communities in which they live. With these positive engagements, visibility, and participation we will be able to capture the attention our organization desires that will keep the doors open to new opportunities.

With every road traveled and every achievement/accomplishment made, represents a testament to the way we present ourselves, the vision that we have for our members, the organization and the communities we serve. The stories are inspired by the ability to overcome challenges with dedication and hard work that often times go unnoticed. I can't wait to see the newsletters that will tell their stories!

Our Auxiliary has the power and strength to exist because of each of you, our members. All of you are strategic thinkers and have the personal tools to navigate a path to progress. I personally thank all of you for your contributions and continued support.

We send our blessings to the servicemen and women as they work across the world for peace and protect our country and our freedoms. Bless the families with the hope that you may carry them through the difficulties and stresses they face.

Until the next issue of the *Signal*, enjoy the read....

~Margie



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PRAYERS & CARES

A Prayer for Our Military

“Heavenly Father, we lift up our military to you. We recognize that we cannot control the world around us. We cannot control the regions where war breaks out or where our men and women in uniform will serve. We appeal to you Lord that you will direct the path of each service member and inspire every decision made that will guide their hearts and minds that they keep YOU Lord at the center of their thoughts.”

Amen



I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

Micah 7:7



He will cover you with *His* feathers, and under *His* wings you will find refuge.

Psalm 91:4

Cardinals Appear When Angels Are Near

A cardinal is a representative of a loved one who has passed. When you see one, it means they are visiting you. They usually show up when you most need them or miss them. They also make an appearance during times of celebration as well as despair to let you know they will always be with you.

Look for them, they'll appear.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Pauline Wyatt (DE) - Illness
Donzella Johnson (DE) - Recovering from Surgery
Vivian Taylor (MS) - Illness
Ann Hart (MS) - Surgery
Shelia Brookins (KY) - Family Member Illness
Dorothy Inglese (CA) - Illness
Shelia Martin (VA) - Illness
To Everyone Experiencing Life Changing Events

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” ~ Psalm 34:18



In Loving Memory



Wilma “Jackie” McGilton (LA) - 5 February 2024
Past President LTM #757 June Sevin O’Dowd (LA) - 13 February 2024
LTM #721 Joycie Comeaux (LA) - 10 December 2022

*Life is the greatest gift that God has given us.
Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with God.
Certainly, heaven is rejoicing for another soul has finally reached their true home.*

“Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories.”
-Author Unknown

You can send prayer requests privately to the EANGUS Auxiliary Chaplain
Shelia M. Brookins at egangky.brookins@gmail.com



Bearing the likeness of four United States chief executives, Mount Rushmore is pictured in 2019 in Keystone, South Dakota. David Zalubowski/Associated

PRESIDENT'S DAY

This year, President's Day was Monday, February 19.

The holiday is celebrated on the third Monday of every February because a bill signed into law in 1968 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Taking effect three years later, the Uniform Holiday mandated that three holidays—Memorial Day, Presidents Day and Veterans Day occur on Mondays to prevent midweek shutdowns and add long weekends to the federal calendar, according to Britannica.

Presidents Day was initially established in 1879 to celebrate the birthday of the nation's first president, George Washington. In fact, the holiday was simply called Washington's Birthday, which is still how the federal government refers to it, the Department of State explains .

Following the death of the venerated American Revolution leader in 1799, Feb. 22, widely believed to be Washington's date of birth, became a perennial day of remembrance, according to History.com.

The day remained an unofficial observance for much of the 1800s until Sen. Stephen Wallace Dorsey of Arkansas proposed that it become a federal holiday. In 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law, according to History.com.

While initially being recognized only in Washington D.C., Washington's Birthday became a nationwide holiday in 1885. The first to celebrate the life of an individual American, Washington's Birthday was at the time one of only five federally-recognized holidays – the others being Christmas, New Year's, Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July.

Part of the reason Johnson made the day a uniform holiday was so Americans had a long weekend "to travel farther and see more of this beautiful land of ours," he wrote. As such, places like the Washington Monument in D.C. and Mount Rushmore in South Dakota – which bears the likenesses of Presidents Washington, Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt – are bound to attract plenty of tourists.

[What is Presidents Day and how is it celebrated? What to know about the federal holiday \(newsbreak.com\)](https://www.newsbreak.com/news/10000000000000000000/what-is-presidents-day-and-how-is-it-celebrated-what-to-know-about-the-federal-holiday)

AUXILIARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO AUXILIARY CONSTITUTION & SOP

Date: May 15, 2023

To: EANGUS Auxiliary President, Margie Holcomb
EANGUS Auxiliary Constitution Committee Chair, Richard Bryant

From: Amanda Wilwert Bradley

RE: Proposed Revisions to Auxiliary Constitution and Standard Operating Procedures

EANGUS Auxiliary Constitution Folder: [Click Here](#)

2024 EANGUS Auxiliary Membership Transmittal & Membership List

2024 Membership transmittal, list, and payment are due 30 April 2024. **Individual state membership excel worksheets are available upon request. All you will need to do is edit for 2024.** There are built-in formulas for which will compute membership totals and the amount to be paid. IF you are not able to use the excel worksheet please include a membership list in alphabetical order with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

Please feel free to call, text, or email if you have any questions or need assistance. We do ask that you use the extra time afforded in recruiting efforts. We look forward to a very successful membership year.

2024 Membership Dues Transmittal Form is provided on the next page (Page 5).

~Debra J. Campbell, EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer
campbelldj@cox.net Phone: 1 (405) 203-0687

2024 EANGUS Auxiliary Elections Procedures

- (1) Convene on the first day of a General or Special Conference at which officers and/or Area Directors are to be elected.
- (2) Auxiliary members desiring to be nominated for office must be in good standing with their State Auxiliary and EANGUS Auxiliary.
- (3) Nomination forms for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer must be completed by the State President, Designee, or Representative.
- (4) Nomination forms for Area Directors positions must be completed by the Area EANGUS Auxiliary members.
- (5) The Nominations Committee Chair will receive completed applications from members desiring to run for office and prepare a slate of nominees for each office to be filled.
- (3) Application submission deadline is **20 August 2024**. Applications may be submitted via email or postal service. (Judy Wood ~ contact information, Page 6)
- (4) A report from the Nominations Chair will be presented to the General or Special Conference naming the slate of nominations, including the names referred to the Chair by respective Area Caucuses for election as Area Directors.

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES TRANSMITTAL FORM

ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY TRANSMITTAL OF DUES

Debra J. Campbell
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Choctaw, OK 73020
campbelldj@cox.net



DATE _____

- ❖ EANGUS Auxiliary membership dues are \$7 per annual member and \$5 per annual associate member.
- ❖ Life membership is also available for qualified applicants to include our associate members. IF interested please request an EANGUS Auxiliary Life Membership or Life Associate Membership application.
- ❖ The 2024 annual and annual associate membership dues are to be postmarked no later than **30 April 2024..**
- ❖ We encourage all states to participate in the scholarship program by including a state scholarship donation.

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|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| Annual Members | _____ | X \$7 | = \$ | _____ |
| Associate Members | _____ | X \$5 | = \$ | _____ |
| Life Members | _____ | (no payment) | | |
| Life Associate Members | _____ | (no payment) | | |
| State Scholarship Donation | | | \$ | _____ |
| Total Enclosed | | | \$ | _____ |

- ❖ Combine payments into a single check for membership dues and state scholarship donation.
- ❖ Make checks payable to EANGUS AUXILIARY.

Enclosure check list:

- ___ 1.) Transmittal form.
- ___ 2.) One check (payment).
- ___ 3.) A copy of your state membership list (prefer EANGUS Auxiliary Excel Membership worksheet).

Please attach the Excel Membership worksheet or a state membership list to an email and send to the treasurer.
NOTE: IF you are unable to use Excel and sending a state membership list, please provide an alphabetical listing of your membership combining annual, associate, life, life associate member names including addresses with zips, phone numbers and email addresses.

State President _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone Number _____
E-Mail Address _____

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Revised November 2023

!!!NOTICE!!!

**This is an Announcement to All
Auxiliary Members**

The 2024 EANGUS Auxiliary Elections

When: August 2024

Where: EANGUS Auxiliary 51st Annual Conference

Place: Detroit, MI

Nominations will be open soon for the following positions:

Auxiliary President

Auxiliary Vice President

Auxiliary Secretary

Auxiliary Treasurer

Auxiliary Area II Director (1) - Added

Auxiliary Area III Director (1)

Auxiliary Area IV Director (1)

Auxiliary Area V Director (1)

Auxiliary Area VI Director (1)

Nomination forms are available on pages 7 & 8 in this publication.

NOTE: Nominees elected will be serving a two (2) year term.

EANGUS Auxiliary Nominations Chair Judy Wood

230 CR 424

Centre, AL 35960

judypwood@aol.com

EANGUS AUXILIARY OFFICER ELECTIONS FORM_2024



FROM: _____
(State President, Designee or Representative)

SUBJECT: EANGUS Auxiliary Nomination Application

The state auxiliary of _____ is pleased to submit the following person as a nominee for the position of EANGUS Auxiliary:

Nominee's Name: _____

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

The nominee is a member in good standing with the state auxiliary of _____ and with the EANGUS Auxiliary.

The nominee has the following qualifications for consideration for selection as a candidate for the above office:

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

Nominee's Cell/Home Phone: _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

If elected to the above position of authority, I will serve to the best of my ability.

_____ Date: _____
(Signature of Nominee)

ENDORSED BY: _____ Date: _____
(Signature: State President or Designee/Representative)

CERTIFIED BY: _____ Date: _____
(Signature: EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer or Designee)

RECEIVED BY: _____ Date: _____
(Signature: Nomination Committee Chair or Designee)

Revised 16 January 2024

EANGUS AUXILIARY AREA DIRECTORS ELECTIONS FORM_2024



FROM: AREA EANGUS Auxiliary
SUBJECT: EANGUS Auxiliary Area Director
Nomination Application

The Area _____ EANGUS Auxiliary is pleased to submit the following person as a nominee for the position of EANGUS Auxiliary Area Director:

Nominee's Name: _____

The nominee is a member in good standing with the state auxiliary of _____ and with the EANGUS Auxiliary.

The nominee has the following qualifications for consideration for selection as a candidate for the above office:

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

Nominee's Cell/Home Phone: _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

If elected to the above position of authority, I will serve to the best of my ability.

(Signature of Nominee) Date: _____

ENDORSED BY: Area I II III IV V VI VII Date: _____

CERTIFIED BY: _____ Date: _____
(EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer or Designee)

RECEIVED BY: _____ Date: _____
(Nomination Committee Chair or Designee)

Prepared 19 January 2024

SCHOLARSHIPS



EANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS



EANGUS Auxiliary 2024 Scholarships

- One (1) USAA Auxiliary scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars)
- One (1) EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars)
- One (1) EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$500 (one five hundred dollars)

Liz Bryant, EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chair
labrab0704@gmail.com

Note: Auxiliary scholarship sponsors need to ask your State's Auxiliary National Scholarship Chair what is the state deadline date. This allows the State Scholarship Chair/Committee to review applications and forward eligible applications to Liz Bryant, EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chair by postmark date of 30 June 2024.

NOTICE

The EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Application for 2024 has been revised and is available for completion and submission online. To access the scholarship application click the scholarship button on the Auxiliary webpage. All requested documents needed to process the application may be uploaded along with the application. Assistance for completion of applications may be provided by EANGUS Auxiliary Area Directors and Auxiliary State Presidents. Please let us know if you have any questions.
~ Margie V. Holcomb, EANGUS Auxiliary President

EANGUS SCHOLARSHIPS



There are two types of scholarships available. The CSM Virgil R. Williams and the Patriot Scholarships are paid by EANGUS directly to the school the selectee is attending. The second type of scholarships are presented by specific universities that EANGUS has partnered with. The link below will guide you to the applications you will need to submit for each type of scholarship. The tabs provide details for each scholarship along with the requirements. If at any time you have questions, please contact scholarship@eangus.org and someone will respond to your inquiry or request for assistance.



SDI / EANGUS SCHOLARSHIP

Sonoran Desert Institute (SDI) is proud to partner with the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) to offer the SDI/EANGUS Scholarship. The scholarship provides full tuition and fees each semester for the Associate of Science in Firearms Technology Degree program to one recipient annually.

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EANGUS SCHOLARSHIPS



2024 Scholarship Season Now Open

EXCLUSIVE only to our EANGUS members, their spouses, and their dependent children!

The EANGUS Scholarship Program offers the award of many full-tuition scholarships provided by our partner institutions, as well as our \$2,000 CSM Virgil Williams Scholarships and \$1,000 Patriot Scholarships funded by corporate and individual donations.

Our scholarship program is one of the primary benefits we offer to our members and their dependents. Each year, we award multiple scholarships with a total value of over \$500,000.

The deadline to apply for most EANGUS scholarships is **1 April 2024**. Please refer to the EANGUS Scholarship page at the link below for specific details and application deadlines for each institution and scholarship we offer.

On line programs!

Scholarships for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Doctorate degree programs (school dependent).

Don't hesitate, apply today!

Scholarships offered and How to apply [Scholarship Information | EANGUS](#)

Questions regarding the EANGUS Scholarship Program can be directed to the Scholarship Committee at scholarship@eangus.org

EANGUS SCHOLARSHIPS



EANGUS Patriot Scholarship

EANGUS Members:

The EANGUS Patriot Scholarship Program was initiated in 2017 based on a desire by our membership to give back and financially assist enlisted National Guard Soldiers and Airmen who are pursuing higher education. This scholarship program is funded solely by individual donations, so the more support we receive, the more \$1,000 scholarships we will be able to award in 2024. Can I count on your support?

This is your opportunity to partner with us by making a tax-deductible donation to EANGUS to support National Guard members. We are happy to accept donations from you, a family member, co-worker, or employer -- please share this request with others! A donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

To make a donation to the EANGUS 2024 Patriot Scholarship Program, please click the DONATE button below **on/before 1 June 2024**.

NOTE: Scholarships will be awarded during the EANGUS National Conference, 18-21 August 2024.

Donations received by 1 June 2024 will be applied to this year's scholarship program. Any donations received after the deadline above will be carried over and used for the 2025 Patriot Scholarship Program.

If preferred, you may also mail a donation to our office. Please make your check payable to EANGUS Patriot Scholarship Fund and mail to: EANGUS, 1 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 880, Washington, DC 20001.

Additionally, if you or your dependents are attending college and need financial assistance, please check out the many scholarship opportunities offered to our members at <https://eangus.org/scholarship-information/>

If you have any questions, please contact Scholarship Committee Chairs, SFC Marsha Adams, and SMSgt (Ret) Roberta Coker at scholarship@eangus.org

Thank you for your membership and continued support!

DANIEL B. REILLY MSgt, USAF, Retired
EANGUS President

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EANGUS Calls-to-Action

EANGUS Call-to-Action, FY2024 Appropriation Bill - The National Guard is a dual-status force that serves both the state and federal governments. It is comprised of Citizen-Soldiers and Citizen-Airmen who train and serve on a part-time basis. The National Guard is called upon to respond to a wide range of missions, including State emergencies (natural disasters), Federal emergencies (border security and homeland defense, and Wartime missions).

The National Guard relies on funding from both the state and federal governments. The federal government provides funding for the National Guard through the Department of Defense (DoD) appropriations bill. This bill includes funding for the National Guard's personnel, equipment, and training.

[Enlisted-Association-of-the-National-Guard-of-the-United-States-2024-Appropriations-Letter-1-1.pdf \(eangus.org\)](#)

EANGUS Call-to-Action, Reinstate Army National Guard SLRP - The Army National Guard has halted Student Loan Repayment. Due to "unforeseen funding issues," The Army National Guard has ceased paying soldiers for student loan debt. The funding issue is currently isolated within the Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP). It's unclear whether the service component has notified the more expansive force about the payment holdups.

The Federal student loan repayment program permits agencies to repay federally insured student loans as a recruitment or retention incentive. The average student loan debt for a college graduate in the United States is \$30,000. This can be a significant financial burden, especially for young servicemembers starting their careers.

US Senate, EANGUS, Health Care for Our Troops - EANGUS strongly supports the re-introduction of S. 5142 Healthcare for Our Troops Act, introduced during the 117th Congress. This legislation would have provided Reserve Component (R.C.) servicemembers with zero-cost TRICARE insurance. Additionally, this legislation expands TRICARE eligibility to R.C. servicemembers currently working for the federal government in their civilian capacity.

EANGUS Call-to-Action: Health Care for Our Troops - EANGUS strongly supports H.R. 4221, the Healthcare for Our Troops Act. This legislation would provide Reserve Component (R.C.) servicemembers with zero-cost TRICARE insurance. Additionally, this legislation expands TRICARE eligibility to R.C. servicemembers currently working for the federal government in their civilian capacity.

EANGUS Call-to-Action: Support the Space National Guard Establishment Act. - S. 503 was introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., on Feb. 16, 2023. The Senate bill was co-sponsored by Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Calif., Sen. John Hickenlooper, D-Colo., Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., Sen. Mike Braun, R-Ind., Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, I-Ariz., and Sen. Jacky Rosen, D-Nev. This is the second time Feinstein and Rubio have introduced this legislation.

EANGUS Call-To-Action- Uniform Incentives on Taxes - Congress to re-introduce H.R. 1854, initially introduced in the 117th by Rep Ryan (R-OH) and Rep Pallazo (D-MN). The "Reserve Employers Comprehensive Relief and Uniform Incentives on Taxes Act of 2021" or the "RECRUIT Act of 2021" is an EANGUS legislative priority for encouraging employers to hire and retain National Guard and Reserve servicemembers.

For complete Call-to-Action information and to take action on the Calls visit the link below:

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18-21 AUGUST 2024

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the Motor City, Detroit 2024!**

2024 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

[2024 Conference Registration | EANGUS Conference](#)

[2024 Bulk Registrations | EANGUS Conference](#)

2024 Conference theme:

**Year of the Junior Grades! Encourage your future
leaders to attend as we celebrate the Junior Grade
NCO's and Enlisted members of the National Guard.**

EANGUS Video: [EANGUS Video \(youtube.com\)](#)

Digital EANGUS Conference Books

[2023 EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Book \(fliphtml5.com\)](#)

[2023 EANGUS Conference Book \(fliphtml5.com\)](#)

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Your call is free and confidential, and you decide how much information to share.

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Learn More: [How It Works \(veteranscrisisline.net\)](https://veteranscrisisline.net)

Signs of Crisis

Some behaviors can be a sign that a Veteran needs help. Learn to spot the warning signs of an emotional or mental health crisis.

Local Resources

No matter what you're experiencing, we have resources and support systems to help get your life back on track.

Veteran Support

VA offers a network of support for all Veterans and their families and friends. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care.

For more information on: [Signs of Crisis \(veteranscrisisline.net\)](https://veteranscrisisline.net)

For more information on: [Local Resources \(veteranscrisisline.net\)](https://veteranscrisisline.net)

For more information on: [Veteran Support \(veteranscrisisline.net\)](https://veteranscrisisline.net)

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EANGUS 9/11 REMEMBRANCE EVENT: DONATION COMPENSATION



To EANGUS Members and State Associations:

I am writing to authorize EANGUS members and State Associations of EANGUS to receive 10% of the profit from donations to the 9/11 Remembrance Gala. I understand that EANGUS members and State Associations will be responsible for managing the donations and ensuring that they are correctly annotated in accordance with the guidance I'm outlining below.

- Once you have identified a sponsor, either:
 - The individual must email 911RemembranceEvent@eangus.org, identifying that the individual or state association worked with the donor.
 - The donor can identify the individual or state association they worked with.
- Once the donation is confirmed, EANGUS will pay the individual or state association.
- Individuals and/or the State Association will be considered contractors of EANGUS and will receive tax information **by January 31st** of the year after they receive payment.

I have complete confidence in EANGUS members' and State Associations' ability to handle this responsibility. They are dedicated and experienced individuals with a proven track record of success.

The success of this event will depend on us all as a group. This event is an excellent opportunity to showcase what we already know. The Enlisted National Guard is the most significant fighting force in the world, and their dedication to their country is unmatched.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reilly
President
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States

This event is dedicated to those who have fallen. Our 9/11 Remembrance Gala is not only about remembering and honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, it's about celebrating life and the human spirit, along with the contributions of the National Guard in furthering the future of America.

On 9/11/2024, we will gather to remember our past and thank God for our National Guard heroes.

WCFA-NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION

- Lost your job? • Reduced work hours? • Utility bills piling up? • Mortgage/Rent past due? • Unexpected expenses? • Experiencing a hardship? •

THE NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION CAN HELP!

The National Guard Relief Foundation, also known as the We Care for America Foundation, Inc, is the 501c3 charitable arm of EANGUS. The National Guard Relief Foundation provides emergency financial assistance to the men and women of the National Guard and their families and has been taking care of them since its origination in 1992. We currently offer both Grants as well as Interest-Free Loans to members of the National Guard Community. Generous donations from USAA over the last several years allowed us to assist thousands of National Guard members during the COVID-19 Pandemic and funded the establishment of our loan program. Since 2004, We Care for America has provided over \$2.9M in Grants and Interest-Free Loans to National Guard members needing assistance.

Assistance can be provided to qualified Enlisted personnel, Officers, and Warrant Officers who have experienced a financial emergency related to events such a mobilization, natural disasters, fires, catastrophic losses, or other hardships. Funds are intended for otherwise non-reimbursable expenses (i.e., those not covered by insurance) due to an emergency or hardship, and include medical bills, utility bills, rent/mortgage payments, groceries, relocation/moving expenses, shelter due to loss of residence, and funeral expenses. Other expenses not listed here, may be deemed appropriate for a grant or loan subject to approval.

NOTE: EANGUS membership is not required to apply or be eligible for a National Guard Relief Foundation Grant or Interest Free Loan.

How to apply for a Grant or Loan:

- Go to www.eangus-wcfa.org for more information and to download the Verification Form
- Have the National Guard Relief Foundation Verification Form completed and signed by your Unit Commander, Bn CSM, CCM, First Sergeant, or Family Programs Personnel
- Select 'Grant' or 'Loan' on the WCFA website and complete the appropriate online application form, upload your signed verification form, and submit
- Questions can be referred to the WCFA Director at director@eangus-wcfa.org



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WHAT CAN

THE NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION DO FOR YOU?

SARGE GRANTS - Soldier & Airmen Relief Grant for Emergencies

- Current or former National Guard member in good standing?
- Experienced a financial hardship, catastrophic loss and/or personal property loss not covered by insurance?
- Grants may be used for medical bills, utility bills, rent or mortgage payments, groceries, relocation, shelter due to loss of residence and funeral expenses.

INTEREST-FREE LOANS

- Have you been hit by an unexpected expense?
- Reduced Work Hours?
- Utility Bills Piling up?
- Unexpected Expenses?
- Mortgage/Rent Past Due?

The National Guard Relief Foundation may be able to help with an interest-free loan. Loans are available in amounts from \$500 to \$2,000. Repayment terms based on loan amount. NOTE: An individual may apply for both a loan and a grant, if needed.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION?

CFC

You can be the face of change in the life of a National Guard member through your donation to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

Help us help National Guard members and their families in need by selecting the "EANGUS We Care for America Foundation." Code: 11859

Use the QR Code below, or go to <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome>, or contact your Unit/Wing CFC Representative for a pledge form or more assistance. The CFC Giving Period is 1 September to 15 January.

DONATE

Help us help National Guard members by making a donation to the National Guard Relief Foundation! 100% of individual donations received are used to provide grants to National Guard Soldiers and Airmen in need. As a 501c(3), your donation is tax-deductible. Donate at www.eangus-wcfa.org/donation-3/



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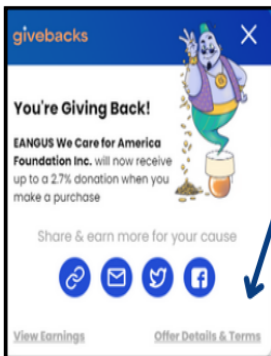
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More info can be found at: www.eangus-wcfa.org/other-ways-to-donate/

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Sign up: www.givebacks.com/referrals/CEO6172468



More information is available on our website:
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