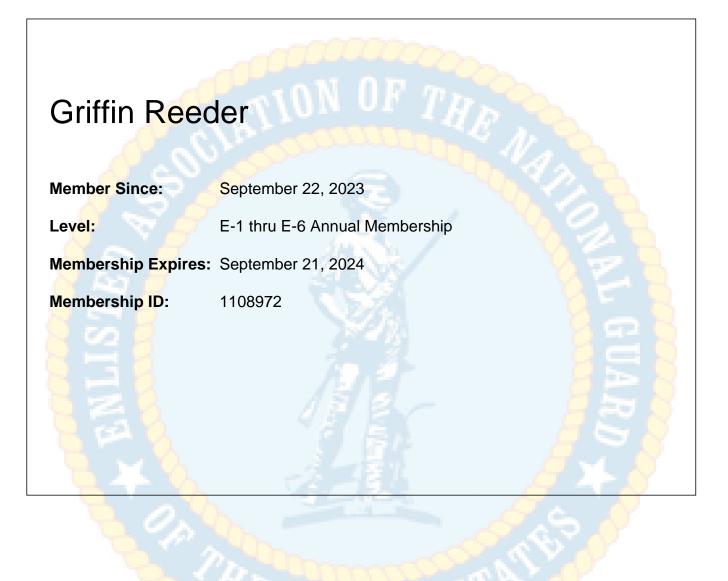


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### ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES

# Who We Are

Founded in 1972, EANGUS is dedicated to promoting the interests and professionalism of enlisted personnel of the National Guard.

An Association of Associations - 55 Chapters: 54 States and Territories plus one national chapter. Each State Chapter is its own 501c non-profit with its own Bylaws.

EANGUS is the only military service organization that exists solely to represent the enlisted men and women of the National Guard, veterans, retirees and their families on Capitol Hill, the Pentagon and other governmental organizations.



# What We Do

**Vision:** To be the premier professional Association bettering the lives of enlisted National Guard members, veterans, and their families.

**Mission:** Promote, safeguard and improve the status, welfare, and professionalism of enlisted National Guard members, veterans, retirees, and their families through legislation, employment, education, emergency resources and partnerships.

# Why We Exist

The Anti-lobbying Act (18 USC 1913) prohibits expenditure of Federal funds on grassroots lobbying efforts to include public contact with Congress concerning legislation or appropriations. Fiscal Law dictates the same.

As an advocacy organization, EANGUS is able to discuss issues that affect the National Guard and are not obligated to support the President's Budget Proposal or Administration priorities like NGB must.

State Associations also represent their members and initiate or support legislation to provide additional "State Benefits".

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# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

**Scholarships:** EANGUS awards over \$300,000 annually in full-ride and partial scholarships from various University partners, corporate partner sponsorships, and personal donations.

**Professional Development :** EANGUS provides opportunities for professional development several times each year in order to assist our members in understanding how government works and the role EANGUS plays in the legislative process. Additionally, these events give National Guard servicemembers the opportunity to hear current information from Senior Military and government leaders.

**News & Publications:** EANGUS membership includes a subscription to the quarterly New Patriot Magazine, the monthly Drill Weekend Talking Points, and a weekly Minuteman Update as well as other information

**Insurance:** As a member of EANGUS, you have access to a variety of plans and discounts. Learn more about quality insurance coverage at group rates: Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance, Term Life Insurance, and Technician Insurance.

**<u>Programs</u>**: Employment Resources, Partner Organization Discounts, Fitness Challenge, and Travel Opportunities and discounts. EANGUS members also receive a complimentary membership in the Association of the United States Army (AUSA).

**Financial Assistance:** With thousands of National Guard members and their families facing financial hard-ships as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other catastrophic events, the EANGUS We Care For America National Guard Emergency Relief Fund is available to help those in need.

# **EANGUS Legislative Priorities**

- Reserve Component medical readiness & TRICARE expansion
- Align TRICARE coverage with early retirement
- Tax incentives for employers to hire members of the Guard
- Equity of benefits for Guard/Reserve under Duty Status Reform
- Retiree continued contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan
- Improved access to mental health care and treatment
- Equal Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay for NG/RC members
- NG/Res Retiree Transition Assistance Program
- Fully funded training for required schools
- Funding for NG Cyber missions, teams, and training
- Civilian licenses and certification for military training
- Funding for NG Counterdrug Program
- Support for the Space National Guard



### Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States

# WHY JOIN?

#### **Professional Association**

Professionals belong to professional associations. EANGUS provides opportunities for professional development several times each year in order to assist our members in understanding how the government works and the role EANGUS plays in the legislative process. Additionally, these events give National Guard servicemembers the opportunity to hear current information from Senior Military and government leaders on a variety of topics.

### Financial Assistance

EANGUS is dedicated to ensure that the National Guard community has somewhere to turn when they are in financial crisis. USAA and EANGUS We Care For America (WCFA) have teamed up to help National Guard members and families in need. EANGUS offers grants and interest Free Loans that are there to support our community.

#### Insurance

As a member of EANGUS, you have access to a variety of plans and discounts to help protect your hard-earned assets and save money on many types of expenses. Learn more about quality insurance coverage at group rates: Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance, Term Life Insurance, and Technician Insurance.

### Scholarship

EANGUS awards full-ride and partial scholarships from various University Platinum partners, corporate partner sponsorships, and personal donations.

### News & Publications

EANGUS membership includes a subscription to the quarterly *New Patriot* Magazine, a weekly *Minuteman Update* as well as other educational and useful information. These articles and publications help ensure that our members know what is happening within the National Guard.

### Programs

EANGUS provides Employment Resources, Partner Organization Discounts, Fitness Challenges, and Travel Opportunities and discounts as well as a complimentary membership to the Association of the United States Army (AUSA).

> JOIN YOUR STATE ASSOCIATION https://eangus.org/home/

## WE ARE THE ENLISTED VOICE ON CAPITOL HILL

Through State and Federal legislation, EANGUS focuses on improving readiness, quality of life and benefits specifically for National Guard enlisted members; something no other professional military association does.

### Recent LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Enhanced VA Home loan eligibility for National Guard Servicemembers
- Expansion of eligibility for counseling and mental health services for NG/RC Servicemembers
- GI Bill transfer with no max years of Service
- Transitional Healthcare coverage for NG/RC Servicemembers after serving in support of COVID-19 operations
- Credit for retired pay purposes for maternity leave taken by NG/RC Servicemembers

### What WE ARE WORKING ON

- No Cost Tricare for all Reserve Component Servicemembers
- Sync TRICARE coverage with early retirement
- TRICARE option for Grey Area Retirees
- DD 214 for NG/RC upon separation and career milestones
- Equal Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay for NG/RC members
- Tax credit for National Guard Employers
- Increased USERRA Protections

## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

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# https://eangus.org/state-membership/

## 2023 EANGUS Scholarship Program



# Scholarship opportunities for EANGUS Members and their dependents

## \$2000 and \$1000 cash scholarships!

Payable to school attending







Full Tuition Scholarships!

Colorado Technical University Grand Canyon University Sonoran Desert Institute University of Phoenix







University of Phoenix®

Go to <u>https://eangus.org/scholarship-information/</u> for scholarship details, deadlines, and how to apply or email the Scholarship Committee at <u>scholarship@eangus.org</u>

> Scholarship Chair CMSgt Rosemarie Marston (Ret) (NV) Scholarship Vice-Chairs SFC Marsha Adams (CA) & SMSgt Roberta Coker (WI)



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# **EANGUS Awards Program**

1 JAN - 15 MAY Nomination Period

Go to https://eangus.org/eangus-awards/ for more information

> AWARDS COMMITTEE awards@eangus.org

Awards Chair - SMSgt Celia Alosi (AZ) Awards Vice-Chair - SFC Mireya Cruz (TX)



Foundation

The We Care for America Foundation, Inc. (WCFA) is the 501c(3) charitable arm of EANGUS.

Since 2004, WCFA has:

- Assisted 4,686 National Guard families
- Provided \$2,354,230 in grant funds to those in need

\*Per website, as of Nov 2022

## The Foundation currently offers 3 types of assistance:

- Individual SARGE grants (up to \$500, or up to \$800 for EANGUS members, based on demonstrated emergency)(one per household per year)
- Interest-Free loans: Effective Feb 2021, loans are available from \$500 -\$2,000 with low monthly repayment.
- Disaster relief (for declared emergencies; can be done in conjunction with fundraising campaign & state coordination)

## **Eligibility**:

- Current, retired and former National Guard members of all ranks, and surviving spouses of NG members who died while serving or after retirement
- Experienced a devastating financial hardship or personal property loss verified by Unit Leadership or Family Programs personnel



## The WCFA National Guard Relief Foundation's Impact

Total assistance provided from 2004 – 2019 (15 years): \$727,630

• Data not available prior to 2004

WCFA-COVID Emergency Relief Fund: May 2020 – July 2021 Established 29 March 2020 with grant from USAA Foundation, followed by additional funding from USAA. Phase 1: 4-6 May 2020 Awarded 510 grants of \$500 each in a matter of days Phase 2: 28 Oct – 6 Nov 2020 Awarded 398, \$500 grants Phase 3: 18 Jan – 22 Mar 2021 Provided 400 grants of \$500 each Phase 4: 7 May – 14 Jul 2021 400 grants awarded for \$500 each + another 58 COVID grants were given between July – Dec 2021 Total COVID Grants awarded: \$880,000 (17 months)

Total SARGE Grants (Non-COVID) awarded since 2020: 1,567 / \$881,600



Total Loans Approved since Feb 2021: 298 / \$512,750

## 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 is operated by the We Care for America Foundation, Inc. which is the 501c(3) 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 it's 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 assisted over 4,000 personnel and has given out over \$2.3M in Grants and Interest-Free Loans.

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, Wing CCM, First Sergeant, or a Family Programs representative
- 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 Program Director at director@eangus-wcfa.org



### 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.

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION?

#### Do you use Amazon?

Want to help make a difference while you shop at Amazon at no extra cost to you?

Simply follow the instructions to select "EANGUS We Care For America Foundation Inc." as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone or simply go to the Amazon website
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs &
- Features 3. Select EANGUS We Care For America
- Foundation Inc" as your charity 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to

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#### 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."

The CFC Giving Period is 1 September to 15 January.

https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome use the QR Code below, or contact your Unit/Wing CFC Representative for a pledge form or more assistance.

**Use Code 11859** 





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