

Resolutions Update (April 7, 2024)

Hello and belated Happy Easter to all – hope all is well with you and your families during this Easter season.

I want to thank all the unit delegates that attended the Annual Meeting during the NGAT conference in the Round Rock Kalahari Resort in March. We presented three candidate resolutions to the membership body for consideration, and I am pleased to say that they all passed – they are now *NGAT standing resolutions*. There are two state level resolutions and one national level resolution.

State level resolutions -

1. Extending Federal Soldiers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to State Active Duty (SAD). This will provide a key benefit to Texas Guardsmen on long-term SAD missions to minimize the financial impact of long-duration SAD missions to Guardsmen and their families.
2. Providing employee benefits to Guardsmen on long-duration State Active Duty (SAD) missions. This will go a long way to take care of Soldiers and Airmen and their families who serve on SAD missions by allowing access to benefits our Texas state partners routinely have access to; working at parity for our Guardsmen.

National level resolution -

3. Fully funding the C130H/J Large Aircraft Infrared Counter Measure (LAIRCM) system. This is a key protection system against shoulder-launched IR missiles. If passed this will be worked at the national association level.

Our Association has spoken and this is what we will work towards. The state level resolutions will be handed off to the NGAT Government Affairs committee which will be worked in cooperation with our lobbying efforts to draft into a bill and find a Texas congressional sponsor. The national resolution will be drafted into a National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) resolution and submitted for voting at the NGAUS conference Resolutions Committee in August 2024. We will keep you updated on the progress of those resolutions.

One comment I have heard from several members is not being more informed on which resolutions will be voted on at the conference. I absolutely acknowledge that we can (and will)

improve how we socialize the resolutions going into the conference next year; printing resolutions information for the unit delegates' welcome packets, publishing as far in advance in the NGAT magazine, etc.

Also, please know that we have made great improvements on providing status of the resolutions on the NGAT website. Everyone can be more informed on all things resolutions by visiting the website: <https://ngat.org/resolutions/>. On the website, I provide the status of all resolutions on that web page – including which will be going to conference for voting. Further, all members are welcome to attend the Resolutions Committee (virtual) meetings to get the status and listen to current actions. I include those dates and times on that website. Please email resolutions@ngat.org if you want to attend any of those scheduled Resolution Committee meetings and I will provide a MS Teams link for your attendance.

Finally, as always, you – our members – know the future resolutions in the form of your ideas for improvements. Let us know what those ideas are so we can work on those and make them a reality. Soon we will be providing an online form to submit your improvement ideas (i.e. future possible resolutions) to the Resolutions Committee. Until that time, please submit those improvement ideas to resolutions@ngat.org.

Thank you.

Regards,

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