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# Virginia ARMY/AIR National Guard Enlisted Association (VaA/ANGEA)

## *Benefits and Accomplishments*





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# VaA/ANGEA & ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES (EANGUS)

-  A professional organization dedicated to supporting the rights and benefits of enlisted members of the National Guard.
-  Fights to maintain and improve our benefits and to keep the National Guard as a viable part of the total military.

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# Members of the Association



Current members of the Air Guard



Current members of the Army Guard



Retired members of the Air Guard



Retired members of the Army Guard










Officers, Warrant Officers, civilians and family members can join as Associate Members.



**The more members we have the more lobbying power we hold!**



# Benefits of Membership

-  The *New Patriot Magazine* by EANGUS and *The Cardinal* newsletter by VaA/ANGEA.
-  \$1,000.00 “no cost” Accident and Death Life Insurance for VaA/ANGEA members.
-  \$1,000.00 “no cost” Accident and Death Life Insurance for EANGUS members.
  -  Additional optional coverage available.
-  Scholarships for Soldiers and Dependents.
-  Discounts at many major businesses.
-  The exchange of ideas and professional growth through Association meetings.



# VaA/ANGEA Accomplishments



State tuition assistance



Up to \$3,000.00 state tax exemption from your Guard pay for all enlisted members



National Guard license plates for ½ price for members still serving








County & City decals for the same price as your National Guard license plates



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# 2009 EANGUS Legislative Initiatives

-  Making the early retirement provisions of the 2008 NDAA retroactive to September 11, 2001
-  Increase access to TRICARE for reservists beginning with the issuance of an alert order (currently 90 days prior to mobilization) and concluding 180 days post mobilization
-  Allow “gray area” reserve retirees to purchase TRICARE standard health care coverage at full premium rate
-  Authorize transferability of Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) benefits to spouse
-  Issuing of DD 214 to anyone who serves on AD for any period of time

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# 2009 EANGUS Legislative Initiatives continued

- ✎ Restore balance in payable benefit for MGIB from 24.9% today to historic 47-50% of active duty level
- ✎ Expand the tax deductibility of non-reimbursable expenses related to military training for Guard & Reserve members, decreasing the distance requirement from 100 miles to 50 miles
- ✎ Elimination of Basic Allowance for Housing II (BAH-II), which pays a housing allowance for periods of Active Duty (AD) for 30 days or less
- ✎ Consider earlier retirement eligibility for Military Technicians as an exempted class of civil service employees (25yrs svc, or age 50+ 20yrs svc)

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# 2009 EANGUS Legislative Initiatives continued

-  Remove the specific countries of Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait that are mentioned in 37 USC(a)(5), and simply make it read “combat zones”
-  Provide authority for surviving spouses of military members to travel space “A” on military aircraft
-  Expand travel & transportation allowances for reservists traveling long distances to drills
-  Amend 38 USC to include in the definition of “veteran” those retirees of the Guard & Reserve who have completed 20 or more years of service and are retired from military service (commonly referred to as “gray area” retirees) and transferred to the Retired Reserved








# 2008 EANGUS Accomplishments

-  Pay raise of 3.9%, 0.5% over the President asked
-  New GI Bill with better financial benefits, still have MGIB
-  Tuition assistance for spouses for portable careers
-  Increased full time support
-  Lowering of TRICARE Reserve Select Fees
-  NO TRICARE fee or pharmacy increases



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# 2008 EANGUS Accomplishments continued

-  Wavier of co-payments for preventative health services for those under 65
-  Expanded medical and dental readiness with onus on services not individuals
-  Health risk management demonstration project
-  Smoking cessation programs with Rx at no cost and 24 hr quit line
-  Presumption of services connection for retirement eligibility (medical issues)

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# 2007 EANGUS Accomplishments

-  Pay raise of 3.5%
-  Raise creditable retirement points from 90 to 130 per year
-  Early retirement provisions
  -  90 days off age 60 for 90 aggregate days deployed
-  No TRICARE fee or pharmacy increases
-  Extend VA health care from 2 years to 5 years post-deployment



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# 2007 EANGUS Accomplishments continued

-  Use of MGIB REAP benefits for 10 yrs after discharge
-  Retain Military Technicians as non-dual status if combat injured and discharged
-  Salute the flag when not in uniform

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# Membership Dues INCLUDES MEMBERSHIP IN EANGUS

<b>RANK</b>	<b>1 YEAR</b>	<b>3 YEARS</b>
E-1 TO E-4	\$10.00	\$25.00
E-5 TO E-6	\$15.00	\$40.00
E-7 TO E-9	\$20.00	\$50.00
Associate	\$20.00	

Life Memberships are available

<https://www.vaaangea.org/join.asp>

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# QUESTIONS



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