

## EANGI & INGOA FACTS:

Our associations represent 9,400  
Iowa Guardsmen  
(7,400 Army and 2,000 Air)

We advocate on behalf of current  
and retired Soldiers and Airmen



We provide professional  
development to our members in  
both their civilian and military  
careers

We ensure the safety and well-being  
through foundations by providing  
emergency relief, grants,  
scholarships, and life insurance



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## ELIMINATE MILITARY STATE TAX INEQUITY

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Current law exempts military tax exemption but excluded specific Iowa National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from exemption of state taxes while conducting military activities.

We believe the intent of the law is not implemented and would be correcting an inequity.

Correction of the inequity completes many objectives:

- Builds on Iowa's Veteran friendly reputation by honoring service with the Iowa National Guard and other military services.
- Creates tax equity in line with Home Base Iowa by adding tools available to recruit service members from Active Duty to serve the State of Iowa in a military and civilian capacity.
- Sends a strong message to encourage Soldiers and Airmen

to continue military service and civilian careers.

- Creates an immediate economic impact in every county within the State of Iowa. Funds saved through tax benefit.

Fiscal Impact:

With certainty, at a 6% tax rate, Iowa tax revenue would reduce approximately by \$11.25M.

This impact displays the worst case, not taking account of a single dollar reinvested in Iowa Communities, in turn creating tax revenue

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## AMEND THE NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The National Guard Educational Assistance program is a vital recruiting Soldiers and Airmen for the Iowa National Guard.

NGEAP has put over 1,100 Soldiers in Airmen into the Iowa workforce with advanced education above a high school equivalent.

Additional amendments to NGEAP, to include funds and language, would ensure the continuation of a critical tool and achieve the following additions:

- Use education as a retention tool to retain Soldiers and Airmen not only the Guard, but in Iowa.
- Build on Home Base Iowa to use as a tool to recruit skilled labor into the Iowa workforce through recruitment from military active duty.
- Enhance Iowa's workforce through education of military personnel in advanced degrees.

The Iowa National Guard has over 400 Soldiers and Airmen deploying overseas within the next year. Currently, we have over 100 troops overseas.