

Your membership to EANGI, INGOA, NGAUS, WOA, and other professional military and veterans' associations helps us promote a legislative agenda at both state and federal levels.

We are your voice!



You can find more information on current legislative initiatives at our websites:

<http://www.iowaofficers.org>

<http://eangi.org>

We need to hear from you!

Contact us with issues that the Legislative Team needs to lobby our state and federal representatives and congressmen on.

Email the team at:

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EANGI/INGOA/WOA FACTS:

- ★ Our associations represent 8,800 Iowa Guardsmen (6,800 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
- ★ We support veterans' organizations across the state through fundraising and volunteer events.

Iowa National Guard Associations Legislative Team



Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Iowa (EANGI)



Iowa National Guard Officers Association (INGOA)



Warrant Officer Association –
Hawkeye Chapter 319 (WOA-IA)



Approved Initiatives – 2021

Federal Legislation

- ★ Continued UH-60 Black Hawk Modernization & Recapitalization.
- ★ Federal support (funding) for Governors to use the National Guard for COVID response.
- ★ Expanded TAMP benefits for National Guardsmen activated in response to the pandemic.
- ★ Increased NGRE funding.

State Legislation

- ★ Removed the combat zone requirement for injured veteran grants to provide financial assistance to serving veterans seriously injured while performing duties overseas so that family members may be with the veteran during their recovery.

Federal Legislative Lobby

Zero Cost Tricare for All Service

Members: Continue to lobby to gain all SM health care at no cost, including for dual status Federal technician, to ensure Reserve Component medical readiness.

Recruit Act: Tax credit to employers of National Guard members to offset some of the cost for when employees are away performing military duties.

Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay:

Modify 37 US Code 301 regarding all Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay, to include Aviation Pay, eliminating the 1/30th rule for the National Guard and other Reserve Components.

Benefits and Leave Policies:

Amend Title 5 US Code to increase federal military leave from 15 to 30 days.
Amend law to allow Reserve Component Service members to contribute a full \$18,500 annual contribution to their military TSP and civilian retirement accounts.

State Legislative Lobby

State Tax Relief for T32 Military Duty

Issue: Legislation passed in 2011 exempts T10 Service from state income tax. [Language leaves out T32 Service members.]

Proposal: Change or add language to include T32 Service

End State: Encourage Service members to stay in Iowa and retain highly skilled, well-educated employees in Iowa's workforce; more competitive with neighboring states for recruitment; build on the progress of Home Base Iowa by elevate Iowa to even higher veteran friendly status; resolve inequity currently existing between Service members working side by side.

Impact on Iowa: Cut in taxes impacts the tax revenue stream negatively.

Guard Tax around the nation:

Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, South Carolina have 100% exemption; (North Dakota is proposed). Indiana has a \$5000 deduction. Vermont has a \$2000 deduction. Virginia exempts income tax on up to \$15000 or 39 calendar days (O3 and below only)