

LOUISIANA  
NATIONAL GUARD  
ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Association is to operate a nonprofit organization to pursue the following objectives:

1. To perpetuate the Louisiana National Guard.
2. To encourage friendly social relationship among all military personnel and particularly the members of the Association.
3. To promote State and Federal legislation that shall aid the National Guard of Louisiana and the National Guard of the United States.
4. To endeavor, through professionalism and leadership, to improve the position and status of the members of the guards in relationship with the civilian and military community.

**What is the Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association?**

The Association is a chartered organization under the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), which is made up of enlisted soldiers and airman of the Louisiana National Guard. The Association is made up of Active Member - one who is either presently serving or retired from a federally recognized unit of the Louisiana National Guard; Association member – one who is a former enlisted member of the LA NG, officer of the LA NG, active/retired/life member of EANGUS or Active duty military member; Honorary Member – distinguished citizen; Retired Member – retired member from the LA NG; Life Member – Active or Retired member who has paid life time membership. Active, Retired and Life members in good stand may run for office and vote.

**History of the Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association**

The Association was established in 1972. The Association has been active in State and National affairs to promote the benefits for its' members and all enlisted men and women of the Louisiana National Guard. The Association has grown in the past ten years and is becoming one of the largest Enlisted Associations in the United States. At present the Association is conducting a membership drive to increase its membership so that it can better represent you the citizen soldier/airman.

### **What does it cost you to be a member?**

Membership dues are \$18.00 annually. Dues payment entitles you to membership in the Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association and in the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States. Also you will be automatically covered with \$1500 worth of AD & D Insurance.

### **What does the Association do?**

The Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association (LANGEA) lobbies the State and National Legislature promoting the benefits of the enlisted personnel of the National Guard as well as the Retired Enlisted personnel. This is accomplished through direct contact with legislators and through phone calls and e-mails to their Aides. The Association participates in trips to Washington helping to educate our legislators on the needs of the National Guard personnel. Association members attend the Annual National Convention to show support for and vote on proposed legislation that will benefit the Guard as a whole. The National Association will lobby for these pieces of legislation before congress and senate leaders on behalf of you, the membership.

You as a member, play a large part in promoting benefits for you and others. This is accomplished when EANGUS issues an “Answer the Call” which is a big push to contact our Congressman and Senators in support of a certain piece of legislation which is coming up for a vote. Your voice is powerful, and in number, we can make a difference.

### **What is the structure of the Association?**

1. **Executive Board** - which consist of the following:
  - a. President
  - b. First Vice President – (The First VP shall be the service opposite that of the President and shall be the Senior Vice President)
  - c. Second Vice President
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Secretary
  - f. President-Elect
  - g. Executive Director –(Appointed by the elected officers)
  - h. Parliamentarian - (Appointed by the President).
  
2. **Board of Directors** - responsible for executing the policies and the administration of the Association. The Board of Directors consist of the following:
  - a. The Executive Board
  - b. Four (4) Directors elected by the Air National Guard
  - c. Thirteen (13) Directors elected by the Army National Guard
  - d. One (1) Director to represent Associate and Retired Members.

3. **Standing Committees** – Appointed by the President and will consist of the following:

- a. Attendance and Membership
- b. Audit
- c. Conference and Program
- d. Constitution and By-Laws
- e. Legislative
- f. Nominating
- g. Scholarship

**What are some of the accomplishments of the State and National Association?**

The State and National Enlisted Association have played a vital role in protecting the benefits of all National Guard personnel and will continue to do so through your support.

In the past few years, we have been able to rally support towards the passage of the following benefits:

- a. Increase in retirement points from 75 to 90 points per year
- b. AGR retirement at highest grade held
- c. Disability retirement for reserve members
- d. Montgomery GI Bill increase payment and expansion to include Graduate Studies
- e. VA Home loan for reserve members
- f. Commissary privileges twenty-four days a year
- g. SGLI increase to \$250,000 with \$100,000 for spouse
- h. Free tuition to State College
- i. Scholarship programs in both EANGUS and LANGEA

**How will we keep the benefits we have worked for and how can we improve our benefits?**

**We need you to become a member because “you”, become “we” and “we” are the only people fighting for our benefits.**

**Through strength in numbers!!!!!!**