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MEMORANDUM FOR All NC National Guard Members

SUBJECT: Professional Military Associations

1. Military associations represent an important dimension of our country's strong interest in national defense. Although these non-Federal organizations are not part of the Department of Defense, members of our Armed Forces may enjoy numerous benefits while interacting with various military associations. These associations routinely provide a variety of forums that foster military professionalism and development. In addition, these groups work to increase the American public's awareness of our mission and nurture strong and mutually-beneficial relationships among government, industry, and civic leaders.

2. National Guard members may enjoy benefits through their interaction with various military associations and other professional groups. In both the profession of arms and numerous occupational professions, these organizations support, promote, and develop the interests of our Armed Forces and military professionals. Military associations fall into a variety of categories and include:

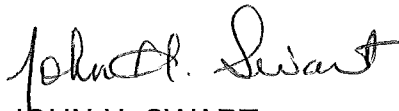
- a. The North Carolina National Guard Association (NCNGA) www.ncnga.org
- b. National Guard Association of the US (NGAUS) www.ngaus.org
- c. Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the US (EANGUS) www.eangus.org
- d. Association of the United States Army (AUSA) www.ausa.org
- e. Air Force Association (AFA) www.afa.org

3. Understand that joining a professional military association is a personal decision. However, military associations represent an important dimension of our country's strong interest in national defense. We encourage your involvement with military associations to the extent allowable by Department of Defense, Service, and National Guard policies.

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