



Friends of the Guard Program



Our Mission

The Association garners support for the NC National Guard's role in state and national security, and improves its members' quality of life.

Chartered in February of 1960, the North Carolina National Guard Association is a tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation governed by an elected Executive Council whose members are voted in annually. The headquarters of the North Carolina National Guard Association has a full-time staff of four. These professionals are responsible for the economical and efficient administration of the Executive Council's mandates and serving the members' needs. Our Association represents Enlisted, Officers and retired Guard members.

The goal of the North Carolina Guard Association is to seek and support programs that are beneficial to the members of the North Carolina National Guard. The Association also promotes the public relations with North Carolina Army and Air National Guard and their communities while developing friendship, understanding, and cooperation between the active armed forces and all reserve components. The general membership is comprised of current and former members of the North Carolina National Guard. Current Association Membership is approximately 16,000 strong.

The North Carolina National Guard is an all-volunteer force of soldiers and airmen who serve in both federal and state capacities. The NC Guard is first a federal reserve of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force subject to the call of the president of the United States to provide units that are manned, trained, equipped and available on short notice to perform national defense missions. The NC Guard maintains the same high standards for training as the Army and the Air Force so that it can mesh seamlessly with their active-duty counterparts in times of national emergency both at home and abroad. To maintain readiness for its wartime mission, NC Guard soldiers are trained and equipped with the military's most up-to-date weapons and aviation systems.

The NC Guard is also on call at the governor's request to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety on the state level. As part of its peacetime mission, the NC Guard assists the public in times of emergency such as after hurricanes, floods or tornadoes. NC Guard aviation units support local governments in searching for missing persons, assisting law enforcement personnel with aerial searches for marijuana, and fighting forest fires. In addition, the NC National Guard participates in local communities with programs that add value to families, employers and neighborhoods. The NC Guard consists of 93 Army National Armories, 2 Air National Guard Armories our Joint Forces Headquarters and 8 Brigades serving all 100 Counties here in North Carolina.

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution states that Congress shall have the power:

- To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions (Clause 15)

- To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress (Clause 16)
 - Provide Ready Forces: Organize, man, equip, train and deploy globally in support of Federal missions as directed by the President and Secretary of Defense
 - Support to Civil Authorities: Organize, man, equip, train and deploy statewide as directed by the Governor of North Carolina in support of State missions
 - In Our Communities: Participate in local, state and national programs that add value to our communities

The NC Guard traces its heritage back to the 1663 Carolina Charter granting authority to "levy, muster and train men." In recent years, the NC Guard has reshaped itself in accordance with guidance from the Chief, National Guard Bureau and the departments of the Army and Air Force. On 24 May 1946, the United States Army Air Forces, in response to dramatic postwar military budget cuts imposed by President Harry S. Truman, allocated inactive unit designations to the National Guard Bureau for the formation of an Air Force National Guard. These unit designations were allotted and transferred to various State National Guard bureaus to provide them unit designations to re-establish them as Air National Guard units.

Friends of the Guard - Who We Are

Friends of the North Carolina National Guard Association (NCNGA) is composed of Americans like you from every walk of life - people who want to make a difference and are committed to ensuring the strength of our country, especially in these challenging times. Friends of the NCNGA believe that America's strength depends on a strong and ready military protecting our rights and freedom. It believes that supporting our soldiers is the foundation of our success. It believes that our Guard members are our best option during times of natural disaster. And Friends of the NCNGA believes in helping communities in time of need with the best support possible. The NCNGA is committed to supporting our over 16,000 National Guard members here in North Carolina. Join our network and add your voice to the thousands of others and help us make a positive impact for you and your community. Use this forum to stay informed -- ensuring our nation's long-term prosperity for generations to come. As a Friend of the NCNGA, you'll be able to:

- Receive information on issues you care about
- Contact your Member of Congress on a State and Federal level about issues supporting the NC National Guard
- Help the NCNGA develop strong policies
- Invite and recruit other advocates to join our network

In a time defined by talk of change, Friends of the NCNGA is a way to make it happen. Support our Troops by joining us today.



**Friends of the North Carolina
National Guard Association**

\$500 - Generals Level

- Two invitations to the NCNGA Combined Army/ Air force Ball
- Two invitations to the Generals Reception
- Two invitations to the National Guards Annual Birthday Celebration
- Two - NCNGA gift packs with hat, shirt, and accessories
- NCNGA Certificate
- Two - NCNGA Car Magnets
- Two - NCNGA Window Decals

\$250 - Presidents Level

- One invitation to the NCNGA Combined Army/ Air Force Ball
- One invitation to the National Guards Annual Birthday Celebration
- One - NCNGA gift pack with hat, shirt and accessories
- One - NCNGA Certificate
- One - NCNGA Car Magnet
- One - NCNGA Window Decal

\$100 - Command Level

- One invitation to the National Guards Annual Birthday Celebration
- One - NCNGA Shirt
- One - NCNGA Ball Cap
- One - NCNGA Certificate
- One - NCNGA Car Magnet
- One - NCNGA Window Decal

\$50 - Director Level

- One - NCNGA Shirt
- One - NCNGA Ball cap
- One - NCNGA Certificate
- One - NCNGA Car Magnet
- One - NCNGA Window Decal

\$25 - Patriot Level

- One - NCNGA Ball Cap
- One - NCNGA Car Magnet
- One - NCNGA Window Decal

\$10 - Guard Level

- One - NCNGA Car Magnet
- One - NCNGA Window Decal

\$5 - Supporter Level

- One - NCNGA Window Decal



Yes, I would like to support the North Carolina National Guard Association with my donation.

My check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed, made payable to the NC National Guard Association (or refer to credit card information shown below).

- General (\$500)
- President (\$250)
- Command (\$100)
- Director (\$50)
- Patriot (\$25)
- Guard (\$10)
- Supporter (\$5)

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Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$_____ to:

- American Express MasterCard Visa

Credit Card Account Number

Exp. Date

Signature

Telephone (day)

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Thank you for your commitment to joining us in our efforts to support the issues that keep America secure and to maintain our status as the best fighting force in the world.