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The 2021 Scholarship Winner



WNGEA President TSgt Libby Schmiedlin is presenting the \$1000.00 USAA Scholarship to CSM Craig Boehlke on behalf of his daughter Mabelle Boehlke

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ROSTER

Name	Last	Council Position	Membership	Status
Libby	Schmiedlin	President	Life	*
Roberta	Coker	Past President	Life	*
Sharon	Booth	Vice President	Life	*
Gary	Hans	Executive Director/Treasurer/Retiree & Ins Liaison	Life	*
Rhonda	Martinson	Secretary	Annual	*
Patti	Winter-Schmidt	Publications Manager	Life	
VACANT		Education Selection Chair		
Stephen	Berry	Leader of Prayer	Life	*
David	Coker	Historian	Life	*
Sid	Traxler	Parliamentarian	Life	*
Edward	Schmitt	Legislative Manager - State	Life	*
VACANT		Resolutions Manager		
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Sharon	Dumke	Membership Marketing - Army	Life	*
Morgan	Sondelski	Junior Enlisted Manager	Auto	*
VACANT		By-Laws Manager		
VACANT		Website Manager		
Steven	Cywinski	Special Projects Manager	Life	*
VACANT		Awards Manager		
VACANT		Corporate Partnership Manager		
VACANT		Legislative Manager - National		
Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association Auxilliary Leadership				
Catherine	Berry	Auxilliary President	Aux Life Member	
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Roxie	Barwick	Auxilliary Secretary/Legislation/Publications	Aux Life Member	
Marie	Traxler	Auxilliary Treasurer/Membership	Aux Life Member	
Area V Directors as of 7 August 2019				
Chuck	Kasin	EANGUS Area V Director Chair	North Dakota	
Roberta	Coker	EANGUS Area V Director	Wisconsin	
Josh	Wermers	EANGUS Area V Director	South Dakota	

*Life Member**

MISSION STATEMENT

Taking Care of Our Own

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association is established and organized to promote and support state and national security; to foster and improve the Wisconsin National Guard, and the National Guard of the United States, and to promote the status, welfare and professionalism of the Enlisted members of the Wisconsin National Guard through education, publications, and the exchange of ideas and information.

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Special Message:

Are you aware that the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) has made significant contributions to both the State and National Associations?

Because of USAA's contributions, we have been able to keep the New Patriot Magazine on time for the last couple of years. USAA pays for the printing and mailing of that quarterly magazine. This saves the membership a lot of money and helps us keep our membership dues to a minimum. In addition to supporting the New Patriot magazine, USAA provides scholarships to the National Association and a **\$1,000.00 scholarship to each** State Association.

We need to support the organization that has shown fantastic support for our Association, both at State and National level. All we have to do to keep these important benefits is to **call USAA at 1-800-531-8366** for a free auto or homeowners insurance quote or you can explore the other financial services they have to offer. Even if you do not need these services at this time it won't cost you anything but will help us as an Association. Their continued support hinges on our support to their organization.

P.S. You might be surprised at the deals you can get. Please take time to call today.



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(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

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EANGUS

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) was formally organized in 1972 with the goal of increasing the voice of enlisted persons in the National Guard. As such, EANGUS is a non-profit organization dedicated to the principles of providing an adequate national defense and promoting the status, welfare, and professionalism of the men and women of the Army and Air National Guard by supporting legislation that provides adequate staffing, pay, benefits, entitlements, equipment, and installations for the National Guard.

Beginning with twenty-three states, EANGUS now represents all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia, and has an association comprised of those who serve the National Guard on national tour. With a constituency base of over 450,000 Soldiers and Airmen, their families, as well as tens of thousands of retired members.

Headquartered in Washington D.C., EANGUS maintains a full-time staff to represent your interests to the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill. EANGUS co-chairs the Military Coalition Guard/Reserve Committee and has presence on TMC Health Care, Membership, MWR & Milcon, Personnel, Retirement, Survivors, and Veterans subcommittees. Affiliate organizations of EANGUS consist of 36 major military and veteran organizations representing 5.5 million members (Military Coalition) and 30 Military and Veterans' organizations (Military AD-HOC).

Why do we need EANGUS? Anti-lobbying act (18 USC 1913) prohibits expenditure of federal funds on "grass roots" lobbying efforts to induce public to contact Congress concerning legislation or appropriations. FISCAL LAW is recurring provision in DOD's annual appropriations act that no funds "shall be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action."

EANGUS is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting the status, welfare and professionalism of Enlisted members of the National Guard by supporting legislation that provides adequate staffing, pay, benefits, entitlements, equipment and installations for the National Guard.

The Legislative Goals of EANGUS are published annually. The goals and objectives were established through the resolution process, with resolutions passed by association delegates at the annual conference. From these resolutions come the issues that EANGUS will pursue in Congress and in the Department of Defense. Resolutions stay in force for two years.



THE WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION IS WORKING FOR YOU!

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA), Inc. is a professional membership organization for Enlisted Soldiers and Airmen which is affiliated with the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS). EANGUS is also a member of the Military Coalition which may be the most formidable lobbying force ever to fight on the behalf of service members, retirees, and families representing 5.5 million members serving all seven uniformed services. EANGUS also partners with the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) to pursue common legislation goals.

Our Goal/Mission:

- Promote the status, welfare and professionalism of enlisted members of the National Guard by supporting legislation that provides adequate staffing, pay, benefits, entitlements, equipment and installations for the National Guard.
- Increase the voice of enlisted persons in the National Guard on Capitol Hill for enlisted National Guard issues.
- Offer professional development training and educational opportunities for enlisted soldiers and airmen.
- Recognize Soldiers and Airmen of the year through our Awards Program at our annual conference.

EANGUS 2019 Resolutions:

NR19-01 Military Skills Credit Impact on Satisfactory Academic Progress

NR19-02 Insurance to match Retiree Pay Age

NR19-03 Language Change in Post 9/11 GI Bill

NR19-04 Tax Credit for Employers who have National Guard Soldiers currently deployed and/or on State Active Duty

NR19-06 Increase in FSGLI coverage for dependent children

NR19-07 Transfer eligibility of Post GI Bill

NR19-08 Tricare Retired Reserve rate re-evaluation for grey area retiree's

NR19-09 Tricare for Retirees

NR19-11 Safe Haven (ARNG/ANG) Entitlement and Eligibility

NR19-12 Retirement Points for State Active Duty (SAD)

NR19-13 DSG Maternity Leave

NR19-14 Veterans Preference Points

Go to WNGEA.ORG for a complete listing of all the 2019 EANGUS National Resolutions, a short description, the business case and the recommendations for each resolution.

WNGEA Member Benefits:

Sponsors Annual Scholarships worth \$3,500.00

Free Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

Funds Wisconsin Delegates to represent Wisconsin membership at the National EANGUS Conference

Provides award winning semi-annual publication (Bucky Bulletin) and maintains WNGEA.ORG web-site to keep members current on legislative issues and association business

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Libby Schmiedlin,
WNGEA President*

Dear Fellow Soldiers and Airmen,

I am excited and honored to be selected as the new WNGEA president. After so many months apart, it has been wonderful starting so see everyone in person again. I have lots of amazing ideas for the organization, how to build membership and increase participation. Keep your eyes open for these ideas they should be ready early next year! The officer and en-

listed associations are also involved with standing up a new Wisconsin National Guard Foundation. I was recently elected as the Vice-President of this new foundation. We are still in the very early days so as more information is available we will be sure to share it.

We held our joint conference in June this year in Milwaukee where I was sworn in as President. The 128th Air Refueling Wing overcame any hurdles to bring us the conference and they did an amazing job. From pushing the conference a year, to date changes, venue changes and many other un seen changes. Thank You.

This year's 2021 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of

the United States (EANGUS) Annual Conference was in New Mexico. It was great getting back together with everyone and continuing our hard work for the association. This year we had the State Command Chief, Chief Conn and the Senior Enlisted Leader, CSM Hall attend with 5 members and one PD.

We still have executive council board member positions to fill. If you are interested please reach out to myself or Gary for more information. Or even better stop by a meeting and see what all we do for yourself. We plan on continuing to have a call in option of those who do not feel safe coming in person, or find it easier to call then travel to Madison.

As a reminder our WNGEA annual membership is only \$25 and a lifetime membership is \$220. Once a member of WNGEA you automatically become a member of EANGUS. Please consider joining or if you are a current member consider so sponsoring a new member this year. To register and become a member our website is www.wngea.org. member ship benefits include sponsored annual scholarships worth \$3,500 and funds Wisconsin delegates to represent Wisconsin membership at the National EANGUS Conference. Thank you all and stay safe.

Respectfully,

LIBBY SCHMIEDLIN, TSgt, WI ANG
WNGEA President

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR by Gary Hans



*Gary Hans,
Executive Director*

I am providing a wrap up of major events that have taken place in the last year within the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA). The EANGUS Legislative and President's Workshop early in the year where conducted by Zoom meetings. Fortunately other events opened up as the year went on. We moved our WING Combined Conference from April to June to hopefully increase attendance and I am happy to say that the Combined Conference was well attended.

2021 EANGUS Area V Caucus

(21-22 May 2021, Deadwood, SD) This year's Area V Caucus was hosted by the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association at the Deadwood Mountain Grand in Deadwood, SD on 21-22 May 2021. **The Area V Caucus meeting took place on Saturday, 22 May.** The meeting represented nine states to include: IN, IL, IA, MI, MN, SD, NE, ND, and WI. The Caucus representatives reviewed resolutions from Area V that will be submitted to EANGUS to be considered as National Resolutions to be voted on at the EANGUS Conference in August. As a group we pre-planned the logistics for Area V for the 2021 EANGUS Conference. The Caucus was attended by the WNGEA Past President, Bobbie Coker

and myself. Bobbie is currently serving as an EANGUS Area V Director.

The 2021 Wisconsin National Guard (WING) and RAVA Conference:

The Combined Annual Conference was sponsored by the 128th ARW on 25-27 June 2021 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Milwaukee, WI. Both the Officer and the Enlisted Associations and the Red Arrow Veterans Association (RAVA) want to thank the 128th Air Refueling Wing, especially Capt. David Lake and his support staff for their efforts in providing a well attended and professional conference. The Hyatt Regency provided a wonderful facility and the Hotel Staff catered to our every need. Also, I want to put out a special thanks to Mike Williams, the WINGA Executive Director, for his leadership and attention to detail to provide a Combined Conference that was enjoyed by both the Enlisted Association and the Officer's Association/RAVA attendee's. The WING Associations sponsored Professional Development Classes for 30 Junior Officer and Junior Enlisted Personnel at the Conference. The Professional Development classes were open to all registered attendees. The WNGEA also recognized the 2021 Soldier/NCO's of the year and the 2020 and 2021 Air Guard Awardees.

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association elections were held. The following individuals were sworn into their respective positions:

TSgt Libby Schmiedlin was sworn in as President
SGT Sharon Booth was sworn in as Vice President
TSgt Rhonda Martinson was sworn in as Secretary
SGM (Ret) Gary Hans was sworn in as Treasurer.

2021 USAA Scholarship: The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association awarded the 2021 USAA \$1000.00 Scholarship Grant to Mabelle Boehlke for her attendance to the University of Georgia. Mabelle was sponsored by her father, CSM Craig Boehlke of the 426h RTI, Fort McCoy, WI. Our congratulations to Mabelle and special thanks to the 2021 Scholarship committee, SGT David Vogel, SGT Sharon Booth and TSgt Rhonda K. Martinson. See related photo.

The 50th Annual EANGUS Anniversary Conference: The 50th Annual EANGUS Anniversary Conference was held 8-12 August 2021 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We had 7 delegates representing Wisconsin including CSM Georgette Hall, the Senior Enlisted Leader for the Wisconsin National Guard and CMSgt Meredith Conn, Command Chief for the Wisconsin Air National Guard. The New Mexico National Guard hosted a great Conference which was enjoyed by all attendees. The highlights included the Professional Development speakers, Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA) Tony Whitehead, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, CSM John Sampa, Command Sergeant Major, Army National Guard and CMSgt Maurice Williams, Command Chief, Air National Guard. Wisconsin only had two Professional Development attendees due to limited funding.

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association renewed its Charter in celebration of the 50th EANGUS Anniversary Conference.

The 2021 Resolutions Committee met and forwarded 16 resolutions which were passed by the General Session. Go to EANGUS.ORG for a complete description of each Resolution. Click on the following EANGUS drop down menu: Library – Conferences – 2021 – Committee Reports – Resolutions Report 8.11.21. A list of the 2021 resolutions is also enclosed in this publication.

Upcoming events for 2022!

The 51th Annual EANGUS Conference (7-10 August 2022). The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Annual Conference will be held in Little Rock, AR 7-10 August 2022, with 6 and 11 August being travel days. **If you have never had the opportunity to attend a National Conference, this is your chance.** Until you take the time to attend National Conference you will not fully understand the impact the National Association has on issues that affect you. You will be able to sit on National Committees, vote on relevant Enlisted issues and meet our EANGUS Legislative Directors that work for our issues on a daily basis. We hope to have a strong delegation representing Wisconsin to include our Senior Enlisted Leadership. The WNGEA does set monies aside to reimbursement personnel who attend the EANGUS Conference in a delegate status. Contact the undersigned if you are interested in attending the 2022 Enlisted Association Conference as a delegate. We are always interested in having new personnel attend the National Conference. **To register, go to the EANGUS.ORG web site and register online.**

Wisconsin will also be hosting 5 personnel to attend the EANGUS Conference from the Army and Air National Guard to attend the Professional Development Classes. If you are interested in attending in a Professional Development status contact your Chain of Command and show them this article or contact the undersigned for additional information.

New Look to WNGEA.org and EANGUS.org websites: Please visit our websites at www.WNGEA.org and www.EANGUS.org. These sites have a new look and present a wealth of information that will keep you up to date on current legislation and resolutions that affect the enlisted force of the Wisconsin National Guard. Some areas of the WNGEA website are in the process of being updated.

Mark your Calendars:

State Presidents Workshop (February 2022, Washington DC).

Legislative Workshop (February 2022, Washington DC).

EANGUS Area V Caucus (May 2022, Hosted by the WNGEA)

The WING Annual Conference will be hosted by the 64th Troop Command on 22-24 April 2022 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, WI.

The 51st Annual EANGUS Conference will be held 7-10 August 2022 in Little Rock, AR.

2023 EANGUS Conference site will be Rochester, Minnesota in August 2023.

EANGUS Legislative Action Center: Use this link to sign up for and receive notification of legislative issues and to contact your D.C. delegation and to support EANGUS legislative priorities. You can also scroll down the page to find other useful information such as EANGUS Legislation support letters and testimony, previous congressional issues EANGUS has addressed, Drill Weekend Talking Points and other helpful links. <https://eangus.org/legislative-calls-to-action-2/>

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These sites will keep you up to date on current legislation and resolutions that affect the enlisted force of the Wisconsin National Guard. The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA) is a voluntary membership organization. Its purpose is to foster and improve the National Guard, promote the welfare, status, and professionalism of all enlisted members of the Wisconsin National Guard. We are your voice on Capitol Hill.

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Bucky's Auxiliary News



WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

SIDE-BY-SIDE WE STAND WITH PRIDE

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER



*Cathrine Berry,
WNGEA Auxiliary President*

EANGUS Auxiliary Meeting in Albuquerque... Wisconsin Highlights from Cathy Berry

Roxanna Barwick was recognized for Legislative Endeavors from June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020. Since 2020 Conference was cancelled, the certificate was presented in Albuquerque.

Katelyn Hannah (granddaughter of Cheryl Hannah) and Gretchen Yenchesky (granddaughter of Bette Yenchesky) both from Wisconsin were awarded 2021 EANGUS Auxiliary \$1000 scholarships.

With several more auxiliaries dormant or dissolved, there were less states voting. The life EANGUS Auxiliary members without active chartered states were in a group with one delegate voting for the group.

Debra Campbell is the new Treasurer (prior treasurer resigned).

Area V Caucus reelected Edna Steinberg as Auxiliary V Director. One vacancy remains since Cora Sowers resigned. Robbie Nathe and Cathy Berry from Minnesota were willing to serve, but Minnesota is dormant and thus they are not eligible to serve.

Cathy Berry met with the Scholarship Committee in Albuquerque. Kathy Serrahn continues serving on the EANGUS Scholarship Committee. Please note that the \$2 annual scholarship assessment must be paid by December 31st of the 2 years prior for members or dependents to be eligible for scholarships. This assessment was paid by the WNGEA Auxiliary through 2020; but was discontinued when our WNGEA Auxiliary dissolved in 2020. Any questions can be directed to Cathy Berry at berrycm67@gmail.com.

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EANGUS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to EANGUS 2021 Auxiliary Recipients
Katelyn Hannah (WI), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00);
Gretchen Yenchesky (WI), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

WNGEA Auxiliary Life Members - Auxiliary Scholarships for 2022

Even though the Wisconsin Auxiliary was dissolved in December 2019, WNGEA Auxiliary life members, their spouse, unmarried children/step-children, grandchildren/step-grandchildren, up to age 26, are eligible to apply for EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarships. To be eligible however, it is up to the auxiliary life member to submit \$2 to the EANGUS auxiliary treasurer before December 31, 2021. Make sure to note it is for the Auxiliary scholarship fund. You as the sponsor need to submit this \$2 assessment to the EANGUS Treasurer Debra Campbell, 14383 Ramblewood Ter, Choctaw, OK 73020, campbelldj@cox.net.

You will find the EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship information/forms packet on the following website: <https://eangusauxiliary.org>. Sometimes this information/forms are not available until end of the year. Make sure the date on the form indicates revised 2021. The information will also be printed in THE SIGNAL which also can be found at <https://eangusauxiliary.org> under Publications.

2021 EANGUS RESOLUTIONS

EANGUS Conference 2021, Albuquerque, New Mexico

August 7-12 2021

2021 EANGUS Resolutions

- 21-01 Tricare Reserve Select Extension for Surviving Families NE
- 21-02 Affordable Tricare for Grey Area Retirees ND
- 21-03 Retiree continued contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan SD
- 21-04 Military Occupation compatibility with Civilian Certificates SD
- 21-05 Automatic re-enrollment in Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) after Active Duty (AD) when Tricare Prime was in effect SD
- 21-06 TRS eligibility for Reserve Component to take effect before SD January 1, 2030 SD
- 21-07 Personnel Pay & Member Benefits HI 21-08 National Guard Counterdrug Program HI
- 21-09 Personnel Training HI
- 21-10 Retirement & Veterans Issues HI
- 21-11 Education and the GI Bill HI
- 21-12 Tricare Coverage of Infertility Treatments TN
- 21-13 National Guard Childcare Navigator Position Proposal WA
- 21-14 Support the National Guard Association of the United States EANGUS
- 21-15 EANGUS appreciation of Albuquerque, New Mexico The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Mexico and Auxiliary EANGUS RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Go to EANGUS.ORG for a complete description of each Resolution.

Click on the following links: [Library](#) – [Conferences](#) – [2021](#) – [Committee Reports](#) – [Resolutions Report 8.11.21](#)



EANGUS Group Picture names:
 CMSgt Meredith Conn, Command Chief, WIANG, Delegate
 TSgt Libby Schmiedlin, President, WNGEA, Delegate
 CSM Georgette Hall, Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL) WING, Delegate
 SSGT Andrew Webster, Professional Development
 SGT Sharon Booth, Vice President, WNGEA, Delegate
 SGT Matthew O'Brien, Delegate
 Stephen Berry, Leader of Prayer, WNGEA, Delegate
 Cathy Berry, Past President, WNGEAA Auxiliary
 Lorri Hans, WNGEAA Auxiliary Member
 Gary Hans, WNGEA Executive Director, Delegate

LEADER OF PRAYER

Greetings from The Leader of Prayer!

In August we were happy to attend the 50th Anniversary of EANGUS at the conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Cathy and I got to the conference on Saturday, 7 August to help the crew set up for conference registration. On Sunday morning, I was honored to open the Area V Caucus with a prayer. On Monday, I attended the Retiree Affairs meeting. The prime thing from the VA representative in the meeting to pass on is that we should all keep our personal and family information up to date in the DEERS system. USAA and the AF Enlisted Village representatives also gave presentations.

We should like to express our gratitude to the entire Enlisted Association of the New Mexico National Guard for a first-class conference! We're looking forward to seeing everyone in Little Rock next year!

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

AWARDS REPORT

**Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee, WI
25-27 June 2021**

2021 Air Guard Award Recipients

2021 AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

SrA Sarah E. Dickmann
128th Air Refueling Wing (ARW/MD), Milwaukee

2021 NCO OF THE YEAR

SSgt Andrew Webster
128th Air Refueling Wing (ARW/SCX), Milwaukee

2021 SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR

SMSgt Adam J. Roehl
115th Fighter Wing (MXS/LGRDX), Madison

2021 FIRST SERGEANT OF THE YEAR

MSgt John R. Fleming
Volk Field (CRTC), Camp Douglas

2021 Army Guard Award Recipients

2021 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

SPC Timothy I. Hicks
Company B, 173rd BEB, Onalaska

2021 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR (Alternate)

SPC Ryan C. Walczak
Co D(-) 1st Battalion, 147th AVN, Madison

2021 NCO OF THE YEAR

SGT Savannah J. Lipinski
Recruiting and Retention Battalion, Madison

2021 NCO OF THE YEAR (Alternate)

SGT Jacob W. Lewis
54th Civil Support Team (WMD), Madison

Awards Chair, WNGEA



State Sponsored **Life Insurance Program (SSLI)**

The Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA) makes available affordable group term life insurance for Soldiers and Airmen; including Active Duty (AGR and Technicians), M-Day, Veterans and Retirees.

The advantages of SSLI* are:

- **Most valid claims are paid within 24 hours.**
- **You can keep your insurance with no premium increase when you separate from the Guard (rates increase as you enter a new age bracket).**
- **After the first year of coverage, Guardsmen receive a 70% increase in coverage at no additional cost to you.**
- **\$1,000 of life insurance at no-cost to all Guardsmen.**
- **Premiums are payroll deductible.**
- **New Guardsmen receive \$10,000 coverage at no cost for one year.**

Other important features of the SSLI Insurance Plan are:

- Base coverage is available from \$10,000 to \$45,000.
- Maximum coverage with the 70% increase is \$77,500.
- Coverage is available for your spouse to age 70.
- Dependent children covered to age 21 or 25 if a full-time student.
- No health underwriting required for dependent children.
- Coverage is 24 hours/day, 365 days/year.
- No war clause, aviation accident or hazardous duty restrictions.
- Members 18-59 years of age are eligible to apply for insurance coverage.
- Coverage reduces by 50% at age 60 with premiums remaining the same.

Office Location: JFHQ, 2400 Wright Street, Room #162, Madison, WI 53704

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phone: 608/242-3100 Fax: 608/242-3106

E-mail: insinfo@winga.org Web Page: www.winga.org/insurance.html

Underwritten by Armed Forces Benefits Association (AFBA), 909 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.
Policy #: MAT POL Ed. WINGABROR0119. This is a brief summary of benefits available under SSLI Group Life Plan. For specific provisions, please refer to the Certificate of Insurance.

“Insurance for You, Protection for Your Family”

Department of Defense Mandates COVID-19 Vaccinations for Service Members

By TRICARE Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – On Aug. 24, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III issued a memo directing mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for all uniformed service members. The news from the Department of Defense (DoD) comes after careful consultation with medical experts on ways to protect the health and readiness of the force during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are confident the men and women of our military—even the ones who have been hesitant—will comply with this requirement, just as they do when given any other mission-essential order,” said Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III.

With the news of the COVID-19 vaccine mandate, you may have questions. Here are some answers about how this may impact you.

Q: Why is the DoD mandating the COVID-19 vaccine now?

A: The virus that causes COVID-19 continues to change through mutation. This has caused new variants of the virus, including the Delta variant, to appear in places around the world. The Delta variant has led to a rise in COVID-19 cases. And health experts warn that it’s more contagious and causes a more severe illness than other coronavirus variants. Because of these concerns, the DoD believes that vaccination is the best way to protect the health and well-being of service members. Currently, there are three vaccines authorized and recommended in the U.S. to protect people from COVID-19. The Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine is the first to receive full approval from the Food and Drug Administration to vaccinate those who are age 16 and older.

Q: Does the COVID-19 vaccine mandate apply to me?

A: If you’re an active duty service member (ADSM) or National Guard or Reserve member, you’re required to get the COVID-19 vaccine as part of a readiness requirement, unless you have a medical or administrative exemption. Keep in mind, each service has its own guidance and procedures for requesting exemptions. Service members who are actively participating in COVID-19 clinical trials are also exempt from mandatory vaccination.

Q: Are there enough vaccines available to meet the demand?

A: Yes. The DoD has enough vaccine supply to vaccinate remaining unvaccinated service members. That means whether you’re a service member stationed stateside or overseas, there will be a COVID-19 vaccine available for you.

Q: Can service members get the vaccine from a non-DoD provider?

A: Yes. If you haven't gotten the COVID-19 vaccine yet, you do have the option to receive it outside of the DoD. Your options for getting the vaccine include:

- Military hospitals, clinics, and vaccination sites
- A civilian provider
- State and local-run vaccination sites
- Pharmacies participating in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program

Are you an active duty family member, retiree, or another TRICARE beneficiary? If so, you can use these vaccination options as well.

Remember, the COVID-19 vaccine is free. But if you aren't on active duty, you may have a cost for an office visit when seeing a civilian provider, or if you need follow-on care. If you do get the vaccine outside of the DoD, make sure you provide your primary care manager (PCM) with a copy of your vaccine card to show proof of your vaccination. This will also help your PCM enter your vaccination status into your medical record.

As you follow the DoD vaccine mandate, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also recommends that you protect yourself and others by practicing these healthy habits:

- Wear a mask
- Stay 6 feet away from others
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces
- Wash your hands often
- Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces daily
- Monitor your health daily



You can be the face of change in the life of a National Guard member through your donation to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). You can be the face of change and help us help Soldiers and Airmen by selecting the “EANGUS We Care for America Foundation.”

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