

# Bucky's Bulletin

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION



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ENLISTED ASSOCIATION**

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**WNGEA Scholarship**



SMGT Jason Walker presents SrA Jared Mertens-Pellitteri this years scholarship awardee.

# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ROSTER

Name	Last	Council Position	Membership	Status
Sharon	Booth	President	Life	*
Libby	Schmiedlin	Past President	Life	*
		Vice President (Election 2024)	Life	*
Curtis	Leren	Acting Vice President / By-Laws Manager	Life	*
Gary	Hans	Executive Director / Treasurer / Insurance Liaison	Life	*
Rhonda	Martinson	Secretary	Annual	*
Roberta	Coker	State Conference Committee Co-Chair	Life	*
Patti	Winter-Schmidt	Publications Manager	Life	*
Jason	Walker	Education Selection Chair	Life	*
Jason	Walker	Co-Legislative Manager - State / National		
Stephen	Berry	Leader of Prayer	Life	*
Jay	Brody	Co-Legislative Manager - State / National	Annual	*
Kyle	Kenowski	Junior Enlisted Manager - Army	Life	*
Rich	Kocejka	Junior Enlisted Manager - Air	Life	*
Alyssa	Meyers	Junior Enlisted Manager - Air	Life	*
Stephanie	Corson	Junior Enlisted Manager - Air	Life	*
Sharon	Booth	Membership Marketing - Army / Facebook Admin	Life	*
Gary	Hans	Website Manager / APP Manager	Life	*
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Membership Marketing - Air</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Historian</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Parliamentarian</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Special Projects Manager</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Awards Manager</b>		
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>Corporate Partnership Manager</b>		
<b>Area V Directors as of 10 October 2023</b>				
Chuck	Viola	EANGUS Area V Director		South Dakota
Stephanie	Gelbowitz	EANGUS Area V Director Chair		Iowa
		EANGUS Area V Director		Illinois

*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 **go to USAA.com** 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.



## Report of Change of Contact (Please Print)

(Please update your own record online if you know your access information)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

New Email: \_\_\_\_\_

RETIREES ONLY: IF NO INTERNET ACCESS, CHECK HERE: [ ]

Email to: [wngea@yahoo.com](mailto:wngea@yahoo.com) or mail to: WNGEA Executive Director, 2400 Wright St., Dist. Box 39, Madison WI 53704

# ON THE COVER

SMSGt Jason Walker presents WNGEA Scholarship

SrA Jared Mertens-Pellitteri is attending Edgewood College for a double major of Psychology and Neuroscience. He is an Aerospace Medical Technician in the 115th Medical Group and serves on the CERFP unit, the Mass Casualty Hazardous Response for the Mid-West region, FEMA Region V.

SMSGT Jason Walker also attended the 9/11 Gala. The event was a great tribute to the National Guard highlighting the sacrifice and commitment following the tragic events in New York, Washington D.C. and the Flight 93. I met Kelsey Grammer, Jacob Rademacher, and Al Sapienza. There was entertainment and speeches from Vice Presidential nominee/Ohio Senator JD Vance and other VIP guests. It truly was a once in a lifetime event for me.



# 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) and a list of upcoming important dates to remember. It has been a very busy year for the Association.

**The 2024 Wisconsin National Guard (WING) Conference:** The 2024 Officer and Enlisted Conference was held at the Osthoff Resort on 26-28 April 2024. It was hosted by the RRB and the RTI. We had 229 registered for the conference including members, spouses, guests and corporate sponsors. We had 200 banquet attendees on Saturday evening. We had 76 Officers and 57 Enlisted personnel with 68 Army Guard and 65 Air Guard. We also recognized the Airmen and Soldiers of the year and had 22 Professional Development personnel present.

The WING Associations sponsored Professional Development Classes for Junior Officer and Junior Enlisted Personnel at the Conference. The Professional Development classes were open to all registered attendees.

**2024 EANGUS Area V Caucus (17-18 May 2024, Detroit, MI)** The EANGUS Area V Caucus was held on 17-18 May 2024 at Huntington Place in Detroit, MI, and hosted by the MI National Guard. 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 2024 EANGUS Conference.

**2024 EANGUS Conference:** The 2024 EANGUS Conference was held on 18-22 August 2024 at Huntington Place in Detroit, MI, and hosted by the MI National Guard. We had 17 participants from WI including delegates, Senior Enlisted Leadership, spouses and Professional Development personnel. I want to thank all attendees for their participation in making the EANGUS Conference an enjoyable experience for all involved.

Their participation in the various committee meetings, including, Resolutions, Junior Enlisted, By-Laws, Retiree Affairs and Scholarships to name a few, contributed to the overall success of the conference.

The 2024 Resolutions Committee forwarded 27 resolutions which were passed by the General Session. Go to EANGUS.ORG for a complete description of each Resolution. These resolutions represent the hard work by many State Associations and individuals from across the country to address issues that affect Enlisted Soldiers and Airmen.

**Attendees also listen to guest speakers such as Maj Gen Duke A. Pirak, Acting Director of the Air National Guard, MG Joseph R. Baldwin, Acting Director of the Army National Guard, the ARNG Command Sergeant Major, CSM John Raines, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, SEA Tony Whitehead, Command Chief Master Sergeant Lisa Perry, Interim Command Chief Air National and CMSgt Deny Richardson, Command Chief, CONR-1 AF.**

**EANGUS Attendees:** Sharon Booth, WNGEA President, Delegate Curtis Leren, WNGEA Vice President, Delegate Bobbie Coker, EANGUS Scholarship Chair, Delegate Stephanie Corson, Junior Enlisted Co-Chair for Air, Delegate Jason Walker, Scholarship/Legislation Committee Chair, Delegate Libby Schmiedlin, WNGEA Past President, Delegate Gary Hans, WNGEA Executive Director, Delegate Lorri Hans, WNGEA Auxiliary Roxie Barwick, WNGEA Auxiliary Professional Development, SFC Alex Kilbane (2024 Soldier of the Year) Professional Development, SGT Caleb Campbell Professional Development, TSgt Luis Rosado Professional Development, SrA Caroline Ergish Professional Development, SrA Carver Empry

**We also want to thank the WI State Senior Enlisted Leadership for their support: State Command Sergeant Major, CSM Duane Weyer State Command Chief, CMSgt Chad Workman The 115th Air Wing Command Chief, CMSgt Michael Alvarez**

## **Upcoming events for 2025!**

### **2025 EANGUS Conference (10-15 August 2025).**

The 2025 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) 54th Annual Conference will be held in Reno, Nevada at the Grand Sierra Resort from 10-15 August 2025 with 10 and 15 August being travel days.

**Until you take the time to attend National Conference you will not full 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 2025 Enlisted Association Conference as a delegate in Reno. 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.

**Download our App (WNGEA)** Go to the App Store and download our App (WNGEA) for current information at your fingertips. You will have access to the WNGEA.ORG website, current information on our Annual Wisconsin National Guard Conference and current issues of the EANGUS New Patriot and the Wisconsin Bucky Bulletin.

Mark your Calendars:

- 2025 EANGUS Legislative Workshop (February 2025) Washington DC
- 2025 WING Annual Conference/Professional Development, Double Tree by Hilton Madison East, Madison, WI. Hosted by the 115th (FW) on 25-27 April 2025
- 2025 Area V Caucus, 16-18 May 2025, Omaha, NE (Maybe Warner Ball Park)

- 2025 EANGUS Conference will be held 10-15 August 2025 in Reno, NV.
- 2025 RAD Meeting, Fort McCoy, WI. (WINGA/WNGEA Combined Table). Sep?
- 2025 Officer/Enlisted Sportsman Challenge (19 Sep 2025) North Bristol Sportsman's Club, Sun Prairie, WI
- 2025 WINGA/WNGEA Golf Outing (TBA)
- 2026 WING Annual Conference, 24-26 April 2026, Rothchild, WI, Holiday Inn and Suites and the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center.
- 2026 Area V Caucus, Fargo, ND.
- 2026 EANGUS Conference, bid placed for Daytona, FL. (Dates TBA)
- 2027 and 2028 EANGUS Conference, bids placed for Denver and Chicago

**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. <https://eangus.org/legislative-calls-to-action-2/>

**Please visit our websites** at [www.WNGEA.org](http://www.WNGEA.org) and [www.EANGUS.org](http://www.EANGUS.org). 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.

**“The Wisconsin National Guard Foundation,** a 501(c)3 charitable foundation, is now offering opportunities for soldiers, airmen and family members to apply for grants and scholarships for 2024. Instructions and application forms are available at [www.wi-ngfoundation.org](http://www.wi-ngfoundation.org).

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

	Account	2023 Actual Budget as of: 31 Dec 2023	2024 Proposed Budget 28-Oct-23
<b>Acct Code</b>			
4010	WINGA Insurance Trust	\$30,000.00	\$44,000.00
4020	Membership Dues	\$6,862.84	\$6,000.00
4040	Ways & Means Sales	\$0.00	\$200.00
4050	Interest Income	\$0.00	\$50.00
4060	Misc Income	\$0.00	\$100.00
4070	USAA Education Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
4075	State Conference Income	\$10,398.18	\$10,000.00
4080	Raffle Income	\$0.00	\$500.00
4085	Area V Caucus Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
4090	Donations	\$220.00	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>48,481.02</b>	<b>61,850.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
5020	Raffle Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
6010	EANGUS Dues	\$3,300.00	\$2,500.00
6050	Membership Expense	\$1,153.69	\$2,200.00
6100	WNGEA Grants	\$100.00	\$3,500.00
6120	Awards	\$806.01	\$900.00
6200	Payroll Expense	\$10,917.20	\$9,600.00
6205	W.C. Insurance Expense	\$0.00	\$300.00
6210	Executive Director Expense	\$1,862.92	\$2,700.00
6300	Professional Fees	\$1,150.00	\$1,000.00
6350	Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	\$50.00
6400	Association Office	\$2,391.54	\$3,200.00
6500	Publications Expense	\$3,119.24	\$3,000.00
6600	Presidents Fund	\$1,510.74	\$3,000.00
6650	State Conference Expense	\$12,879.67	\$20,000.00
6670	Executive Council Mtg Exp	\$1,164.60	\$700.00
6700	National Educational Seminar	\$6,369.73	\$8,000.00
6790	Regional Educational Seminar	\$0.00	\$500.00
6850	Committee Expense	\$0.00	\$100.00
6950	Taxes	\$52.00	\$100.00
6980	Permits, License, Fees	\$25.00	\$50.00
6999	Misc Expense		\$0.00
8010	Donations	-	\$0.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$46,802.34</b>	<b>\$61,400.00</b>
<b>Submitted By: Gary R. Hans, Treasurer, WNGEA</b>			

## UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

We are asking all of our membership to go into the WNGEA.ORG website and update their profile. Failure to follow these steps will lessen our ability to keep you informed of important Association information. If you have a military email addresses listed on WNGEA.ORG we are asking you to use a civilian email address. The Military address will strip out all attachments we may send you direct our email to SPAM. We also need everyone to verify their correct mailing address in the database. This can be accomplished by logging into WNGEA.ORG.

1. Type in your username or email address
2. Enter your password, or send for lost password
3. Upper right screen, click on Howdy, your name
4. Click on edit my profile
5. Go to Civilian Email and enter new email
6. Screen down and verify that your mailing address is correct

Please contact me if you are having issues logging into WNGEA.ORG or correcting your profile.

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**ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE  
NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES**



**2024**

**RESOLUTION  
PROPOSALS  
REPORT**

**PREPARED BY**

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Vice-Chairman, Resolutions Committee

**CONFERENCE PACKAGE**

REVISION 2  
17 July 2024



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## Want to Stay Informed

Then go to any of the following web sites and read these publications.

**WNGEA for the Bucky Bulletin**

**EANGUS for the New Patriot or the EANGUS Minute Man Update**

**EANGUS Auxiliary the Signal News**

## USAA

The United Services Automobile Association is a Texas-based Fortune 500 diversified financial services group of companies including a Texas Department of Insurance-regulated reciprocal inter-insurance exchange and subsidiaries offering banking, investing, and insurance to people and families who serve, or served, in the United States military. At the end of 2017, there were 12.4 million members.

- Customer service:** 1 (800) 531-8722
- Representative:** [Chat online on Messenger](#)
- Founded:** 1922
- Revenue:** \$30.02 billion USD (2017)
- Headquarters:** [San Antonio, TX](#)
- Number of employees:** 32,896 (2017)

EANGUS NATIONAL CONFERENCE WITH WNGEA PRESIDENT SHARON, DOING THE ROLLCALL OF WISCONSIN DELEGATES IN DETROIT





SAVE THE DATE FOR EANGUS CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR



**Reno, NV | 11-14 AUGUST 2025**  
**Grand Sierra Resort | 2500 E 2nd ST | Reno,**  
**NV 89595**

# Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association College Grant Program

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association has established a grant program. The following persons are eligible: WNGEA members, unmarried son or daughter's of WNGEA members, spouse of WNGEA members, and unmarried son, daughter, or spouse of deceased WNGEA members. Applicants must be enrolled as a full time, part time (minimum 9 credits), graduate or undergraduate student at a college, university, trade or business school.

Up to four college grants will be offered in the amount of \$500.00 each for the current school year of application for students taking at least 9 credits. One grant will be reserved for graduate students. In addition, we will have one yearly grant in the amount of \$1,000.00. That scholarship will be called the "RAYMOND A. MATERA SCHOLARSHIP" and will be awarded to the individual selected as the top applicant for the year. This award was established by our Executive Council in honor of MG Raymond A. Matera, the former Adjutant General for Wisconsin. Also, a \$1000.00 yearly grant will be awarded from funds donated by USAA.

There shall be no consideration whatsoever given because of friendship, rank or grade of applicant, applicant's parents or applicant's spouse. Neither shall the applicant's geographical place of residence in the state be considered. The grants will be awarded on the basis of need, leadership, and good moral character.

## **APPLICATION PACKETS WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

1. WNGEA College Grant Program application form.
2. Copy of latest school or college transcript. If applicant has been out of school for more than one semester, copy of most recent educational transcript **MUST** be included.
3. A letter from the applicant with outlining facts as to:
  - a. His/her desire to continue their education
  - b. Why financial assistance is needed.
  - c. Awards received, accomplishments, volunteerism and hours volunteered per week or month.
  - d. Organizational membership and role in organization.
4. A signed letter of academic reference from Principal, Dean or Counselor.
5. Three signed letters of personal reference and recommendation from minister, community leader, etc., giving general personal traits. If applicant is a National Guard member, one of these letters **MUST** be from their First Sergeant or Commander outlining the soldier's contribution to the unit.
6. Proof of acceptance to the applicant's school or educational program.
7. Your WNGEA/EANGUS membership will be validated against the current master list from the EANGUS/WNGEA membership database.

A scholarship recipient may not reapply for two years after receipt of a grant. Those persons who applied and were not selected are encouraged to reapply.

If the awardee does not complete the school term for which the grant was awarded due to any cause other than sickness or physical injury, he/she will refund the award to the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association within 60 days of the date enrollment was terminated.

If a new enlistee is unable to complete his/her contract for any cause other than sickness or physical injury he/she will refund the award to WNGEA within 60 days of the date enrollment was terminated.

**Applications must be RECEIVED by the Chair no later than 01 June. No other application forms will be accepted other than the current year's application. The deadline for applications will be observed in all instances. In the event of a full Mobilization, the grant program will be suspended and all money placed in a trust fund until such time as the WNGEA shall once again become active.**

The college grant/education committee of the WNGEA shall be made up as follows:

1. Chairman - This person will be appointed by the president of the WNGEA.
2. The remainder of the committee shall be made up of A, B or C below.
  - A. Voting members from the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard.
  - B. A committee of professional educators or
  - C. A combination of Air National Guard, Army National Guard members and professional educators.

The president of the WNGEA shall be a permanent associate member of the committee but will have no vote, and will serve in an advisory capacity only.

**MAIL TO: WNGEA Executive Director  
ATTN: Scholarship Chair  
2400 Wright Street, Dist Box 39  
Madison, WI 53704**

Revised 28 January 2020

**Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association  
Educational Grant Application  
Must be received no later than 01 June**

1. Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

2. Your Full Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

2a. Your location: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY ST ZIP+ (AREA CODE) HOME PHONE

2b. Primary Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

4. Enlisted Association Membership:  I am a member  I am sponsored by my parent/spouse who is a member (check one)

5. Expiration date of current WNGEA membership \_\_\_\_\_ Circle who's membership: (Yours) (Sponsor's)  
(DATE)

6. Your: Military Rank, Unit name. Or, your sponsor's Name, Rank, Unit name, Home Address, and Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Expiration term of military enlistment: (member) (sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Current status of applicant: (check one)  High School, must be scheduled to begin college this fall.  College  
 Business/Trade School  Working.  Graduate School. If in high school or college, name and address of school and grade/ term.

Will be attending:  Full Time (12 or more credits)  Part Time (6-11 credits) (check one) **Must be completed.**

9. Have you applied for or received any other educational assistance?  yes  no (include GI Bill & WI Tuition Assistance)

If so, specify type and amount \_\_\_\_\_ Awarded? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you live with your parents? YES [ ] NO [ ]. Are you claimed by anyone as a dependent for tax? YES [ ] NO [ ]

11. If you are claimed as a dependent, give the number and ages of other children living at home with financial dependence on parents, including those in college: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Approximate family income: Under \$25,000 [ ] \$25,000-\$35,000 [ ] \$35,000-\$45,000 [ ] \$45,000-\$50,000 [ ]  
\$50,000-\$65,000 [ ] \$65,000-\$75,000 [ ] Over \$75,000

13. Are you employed? If so, type of employment and employer? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Other sources of income? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Name and address of school that you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

A. I HAVE ANSWERED THE ABOVE QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

B. If I receive a grant, and I fail to complete the school term for reason other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any grant monies received by me to the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association.

C. I further state that I have provided this information freely and voluntarily and hereby waive any objections to providing this information which might be made pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5USC, Section 552a. WNGEA has my permission to use the information given in considering and processing this application.

**IMPORTANT**

**These items MUST be attached**

1. Latest transcript
2. Cover Letter from application (need For assistance, etc.)
3. Letters of recommendation (3)
4. Letter of academic reference
5. Proof of acceptance to school

**Use this list as a checklist before you seal your Package for mailing.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR IF APPLICANT IS A DEPENDENT

Revised 22 Jan 2019



## **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.
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- Members 18-59 years of age are eligible to apply for insurance coverage.
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With thousands of National Guard members and their families facing financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing economic challenges, the United States Automobile Association (USAA) and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) We Care for America Foundation are teaming up to help National Guard members and families in need.

The We Care for America Foundation is dedicated to providing emergency financial assistance to the men and women of the National Guard and their families. Each day, across the 54 States and territories, our National Guard members are working hard to support their communities and protect our Nation and we want to be there when they are affected by a catastrophic personal hardship, a declared national disaster, or a nationwide pandemic.

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