



# **NGAM** National Guard Association of Michigan

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** 21 May 2022

**TO:** NGAM Membership and General Conference Attendees

**FROM:** NGAM Legislative and Resolutions Committee

**SUBJECT:** 2022 NGAM Legislative and Resolutions Committee Report

1. The NGAM Legislative Committee has focused this year on finding ways to provide evidence to our members of a focused, active, and engaged organization. While we are continuing to re-establish ourselves as a strong advocate for Guard and Guard family issues, we have been very successful this year at establishing multiple congressional relationships that will set the stage for future success. It is important to the committee that NGAM find its legislative foundation and work to create a reputation for the organization as a national leader among all Guard Associations. As you look at the new NGAM Strategic Plan, our existence as a Guard advocacy organization was at the forefront of the plan. The new "Mission and Vision" statements, along with the first strategic objective, are both focused on guiding NGAM to a future of legislative effectiveness.

### **2. 2021-2022 Accomplishments:**

a. 8 trips to Washington DC, to include EANGUS and NGAUS Legislative Conferences, NGAUS Capital Summit, and AUSA Conferences. We had a total of 15 members travel to DC and conducted 24 legislative visits.

b. Wrote 5 different letters of support for congressional action, both at the state and federal level.

c. Participated in 10 campaigns initiated by EANGUS and NGUAS to contact congressional leaders for support: TRICARE for All, GI Bill Parity, Flight and Hazardous Duty Pay Parity, DD 214 for the National Guard.

d. Congressional and policy victories: DD 214's for National Guard members, GI Bill Parity, Flight Pay Parity, Congressional Recognition as an Association.

e. HB 4908, Bill to expand the NGAM Lottery Program, was introduced into the state legislature and allowed NGAM to testify before the MI House Committee twice.

### **3. Legislative Focuses/Resolutions for 2022-2023:**

a. Life Cycle Extension for the Army National Guard C12 Transport Aircraft Fleet (NGAUS)

b. Army Aviation Degraded Visual Environments (DVE) procurement (NGAUS)



# **NGAM** National Guard Association of Michigan

- c. Call for Indirect Fire Training Modernization (EANGUS/NGAUS)
  - d. KC-135 Modernization update to current NGAUS Resolution Emergency Response Refueling Equipment Kit (ERREK) (NGAUS)
  - e. A-10 funding for BriteCloud EW System Decoy (NGAUS)
  - f. Recapitalization of Aircraft to support future missions at Selfridge Airbase (NGAUS)
  - g. Tricare for All (EANGUS/NGAUS)
  - h. Expansion of the Veterans Support Grant (MI State Legislature)
  - i. Expansion of MINGSTAP for Guard Family Members (MI State Legislature)
  - j. Armory Modernization and funding (MI State/Federal Legislature)
  - k. NADWC growth, expansion, and utilization (to include Northern Strike) (EANGUS/NGAUS/MI State Legislature)
  - l. Continue to provide a strong, professional voice to pending issues for the Soldiers, Airmen, and families of the MING, NG, EANGUS, NGAUS, and matters of the Department of Defense.
4. NGAM will strategically apply legislative and policy influence throughout the year, as appropriate, to each of these matters to represent the best interests of our members and the entire National Guard. Advocacy will come from letters of support, professional engagements, and participation in legislative events.

Jeromie Golab  
Legislative And Resolutions Committee Chairman