



NGAM National Guard Association of Michigan

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 20 May 2023

TO: NGAM Membership and General Conference Attendees

FROM: NGAM Legislative and Resolutions Committee

SUBJECT: 2023 NGAM Legislative and Resolutions Committee Report

1. The NGAM has continued to be active and engaged as a legislative organization, building some strong relationships in Washington DC and with our state Legislature. Our reputation as a voice is growing and is well-respected. We continue to focus on the legislative purpose of the organization and to meet the strategic goal of developing NGAM into a national leader in legislative advocacy. Today, we can honestly say that we have legislators asking us for our input, seeking our opinion, and hoping that we will be able to provide some support on a bill. We have been asked to lead discussions and host congressional hearings. We have corporate partners trusting us to be champions of legislative influence. The best example of being a national leader is that other states are sending us their needs hoping we will carry issues, knowing that if Michigan is on board, it has a better chance to gain traction.

2. 2021-2022 Accomplishments:

a. 8 trips to Washington DC, to include EANGUS and NGAUS Legislative Conferences, NGAUS Capital Summit, and AUSA Conferences. Including a Michigan National Guard Professional Development trip to AUSA, we were able to send almost 30 people to DC this year to visit our congressional delegation.

b. Utilized Voter Voice as an online platform to allow our membership to communicate with the state legislators. This year, NGAM members sent more than 200 letters in support of expanding MINGSTAP. We are excited to use this tool more often in the future.

c. Participated in 6 campaigns initiated by EANGUS and NGUAS to contact congressional leaders for support: TRICARE for All, GI Bill Parity, the Richard Star Act, and tax incentives for employers of Guardsmen.

d. Testified before both the Michigan House and the Michigan Senate on multiple occasions with respect to the Veterans Support Grant and MINGSTAP, and lead one congressional testimony on mental health for our Veteran Communities.

e. HB 4199 was passed into law and allows for the expansion of MINGSTAP to spouses and dependents.



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3. Legislative Focuses/Resolutions for 2023:

a. Continued support for our 2022 initiatives, including efforts for Selfridge, NADWC, MILCON projects, and VSG Growth

b. Tricare for All- State resourced premiums/ Federal premiums

c. Call for Indirect Fire Training Modernization with voice recognition (EANGUS/NGAUS)

d. C-IED roller protective devices

e. Weapon rack modernization for current and future weapon systems

f. Reinvestment into the NGB Controlled Humidity Program

g. Secure Tactical Chat programs for RPA's

h. Army NETCOM funding

i. State Sponsored Life Insurance funding as a benefit of service in the Michigan National Guard

j. Modernization of the SAD pay system

k. State support for Motor City 2024

l. Establishment of a state National Guard Caucus

m. NADWC growth, expansion, and utilization (to include Northern Strike) (EANGUS/NGAUS/MI State Legislature)

n. 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.

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