

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The official name of the Association shall be the “ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF NEW JERSEY”.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND POWERS

SECTION 1. PURPOSE – The purpose of the ASSOCIATION shall be:

- a. To perpetuate the goals and ideals of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey.
- b. To support the United States Army and the United States Air Force and the Army and Air National Guard in word and deed, within the capabilities and resources of the Association.
- c. To foster this Association and the prestige of the enlisted personnel by encouraging the members of this Association to exercise their authority and judgement to the best of their ability, and to conduct themselves as befits their rank.
- d. To enhance the *esprit de corps* of the enlisted personnel by encouraging a friendly, cooperative attitude among the enlisted personnel and by participation as a group in a variety of military and community projects by providing an active and well-rounded social program within the Association.
- e. To promote the status, welfare, and professionalism of New Jersey National Guard Enlisted Soldiers and Airmen by supporting state and federal legislation that provides adequate staffing, pay, benefits, entitlements, equipment, installations, and missions.

SECTION 2. POWERS – In order to promote the best interest of the Association, and the purposes for which it was formed, it shall have power, through the Executive Council, to receive and collect membership dues and accept contributions, and may acquire, hold, take by gift, devise or purchase property, either personal or real, and invest its funds therein. It may sell and dispose of such property and create obligations when it appears to be in the best interest of the Association. All income or increase from whatever source derived shall be used exclusively to promote the purpose for which the Association is organized. Title to real property shall be taken in the name of the Association; the custody and management of the same shall be invested in the Executive Council; sale, transfer or encumbrance of real estate shall be made by the President of the Association and attested by the

Recording Secretary, when authorized by the Resolution of the Executive Council approving such sale, transfer or encumbrance.

SECTION 3. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

- a. A resolution for dissolution of the Association may be accomplished only by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Council. Such resolution to be valid and enforceable must then be voted affirmatively by two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing present at a meeting specifically called for that purpose. Such notice, in writing, must be mailed to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- b. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the Executive Council will become trustees to the Association. Any and all assets will be held in trust by the Executive Council. Assets may not inure to the benefit of any Executive Council Member or Member of the Association. The assets will be used to grant scholarships for education purposes to persons deemed worthy by the Executive Council without regard to race, creed or color. Also, if necessary, to any educational institution, National Guard Association, or Veterans Organization with exempt status.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The membership of the Association shall be composed of:

- a. **ACTIVE.** All active enlisted personnel of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard of the State of New Jersey shall be eligible for active membership. All enlisted personnel eligible for active membership shall become active upon payment of their dues for the current year. Any member whose qualifications for membership changes from those of an active member to those of an associate member during a membership year, shall automatically become an associate member for the balance of the membership year.
- b. **ASSOCIATE.** All former enlisted personnel of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard of the State of New Jersey shall be eligible for associate membership. All individuals who support this Association are encouraged to join as Associate members, without regard to former military status. Associate members shall not be eligible to hold office in this Association.
- c. **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.** May be extended to any person, civilian or military, male or female. Honorary members are extended the same privileges as active members, however, they may not hold office or vote. Honorary members will not be required to pay dues, nor will any other assessment or charge be made against them. Honorary membership will only be extended upon approval of the Executive Council.

- d. ACTIVE LIFE MEMBERSHIP. May be extended to any person that holds active membership in the Association for the two consecutive years prior to the time he or she retires from the National Guard. Life members have the same privileges as active members and are not required to pay dues.
- e. CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP. May be extended to any Commercial, Fraternal or Veterans Organization that wishes to support our Association, its members and purpose. Corporate membership is a paid membership, and will only be extended upon payment of the appropriate dues and approval of the Executive Council. Corporate members have the same privileges as Active members, as defined in this Constitution, ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, Sub-Section a. with the exception that Corporate members cannot serve as members of the Executive Council.

SECTION 2. MEETINGS.

- a. REGULAR. There shall be one general membership meeting each calendar year, preferably held during the fall of each year. Four Executive Council meetings will be held each calendar year.
- b. SPECIAL. Special meetings will be convened in either of two circumstances. First, upon written request of the Executive Council, with an absolute majority of the entire Council signing the request. Second, upon written request of the membership, providing at least twenty-five percent of the active membership sign the request. The request must state the reason for the special meeting being called. Only the business that was given as the reason for calling the special meeting will be discussed. A request for calling a special meeting must be received by the President at least fifteen days prior to the date of the special meeting.
- c. NOTICE OF MEETINGS. Meetings will be published at least five days in advance of the scheduled meeting time.
- d. QUORUM. The members present at the General Membership or Special Meetings shall constitute a quorum. A majority of active Executive Council members shall constitute its quorum.
- e. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Will be held at the General Membership meeting after election of officers of this Association, as defined in ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 of this Constitution.

SECTION 3. ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES (EANGUS). All enlisted active, life and associate members of this Association will become a member of EANGUS upon their payment of dues to this organization.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS. The officers of this Association shall be:

- a. A President.
- b. A Vice President - Army.
- c. A Vice President - Air.
- d. A Corresponding Secretary.
- e. A Recording Secretary.
- f. A Treasurer.

SECTION 2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS. The duties of the Officers of the Association shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SECTION 1. There shall be an Executive Council of the Association consisting of the Officers of the Association; the Immediate Past President and representatives from Army Guard Units and Air Guard Units, to include retirees. Representatives to be confirmed during the annual general membership meeting IAW ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4, of this Constitution.

SECTION 2. The ordinary powers and duties of the Executive Council shall be prescribed in the By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS. All Officers of the Association shall be elected at the General Membership meeting of the Association and shall hold office for two years, or until successors are duly elected and qualified. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect an Officer. The President shall not be of the same service for more than two consecutive terms.

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS TO HOLD OFFICE. Any active or active life member in good standing may hold office. To qualify to run for the office of President, Vice President - Army or Vice President - Air an active or active life member in good standing must have held a seat on the Executive Council or have been a member of a Standing Committee for a minimum of one term.

SECTION 3. SUCCESSION IN OFFICE.

- a. If the office of the President becomes vacant for reason other than expiration of his/her term, the Vice President from the same branch of service (Army or Air) will become President, and will serve the unexpired term.
- b. If the office of Vice President, opposite branch of service (Army or Air) to the President, shall become vacant, for reason other than the expiration of his/her term, the Executive Council, at the next scheduled meeting of same, shall elect a replacement.
- c. If the office of the Vice President, same branch of service as the President, either Secretary, or the office of the Treasurer becomes vacant, for reasons other than the expiration of their terms, the President will appoint a qualified, active member to the vacated position(s) to serve the unexpired term(s).

SECTION 4. REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

- a: One representative Member shall be elected from the following major commands or groups:

- (1) Joint Force Headquarters – Army Component
- (2) Joint Force Headquarters – Air Component
- (3) 57th Troop Command
- (4) 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
- (5) 42nd Regional Support Group
- (6) McGuire Air Guard
- (7) Atlantic City Air Guard
- (8) Retired Army Guard
- (9) Retired Air Guard

The senior NCO, either CSM or CMSgt, in each unit shall certify, in writing to the President of the Association, the election of the Representative Member thirty (30) days prior to the annual General Membership meeting. The selected Representatives will be installed during the annual General Membership business meeting. If no representatives are elected from any of the Major Commands, Installations, or Retired Members listed above, any member in good standing can be nominated and elected at the annual General Membership meeting to serve as a Representative.

- b. Each Representative Member of the Executive Council shall be elected to serve for a term of three (3) years, except for the initial election which shall be as follows:

Representative from the McGuire Air Guard, 57th Troop Command, and Retired Air Guard for a period of one (1) year.

Representative from the 42nd Regional Support Group, and Retired Army Guard for a period of two (2) years.

Representative from the Atlantic City Air Guard, 50th IBCT, JF HQS – Army Component and JF HQS – Air Component for a period of three (3) years.

Thereafter, all terms will be for a three (3) year period.

c. Any Representative Member that misses two (2) Executive Council meetings without cause in their term of office will be automatically terminated from office, and the position shall be declared inactive in accord with ARTICLE III, SECTION 3, Sub-Section d and not counted against a quorum call. Inactive positions shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4, Sub-Section d. of this Constitution.

d. VACATED POSITIONS WITHIN REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS. Any vacated position within the Representative Members of the Executive Council will be filled in accordance with ARTICLE II of the By-Laws of this Association.

SECTION 5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President. The Chairperson will appoint four members which shall be two (2) members of the Army Guard and two (2) members of the Air Guard.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. STANDING COMMITTEES. The standing committees of the Association shall be:

- a. Membership.
- b. Legislative.
- c. Resolutions.
- d. Publicity and Public Relations.
- e. Arrangements.
- f. Investments.
- g. Awards.
- h. Constitution and By-Laws.
- i. Scholarship.
- j. Junior Enlisted

The membership and functions of all standing committees shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws of the Association.

SECTION 2. FINANCIAL REVIEW OF RECORDS AND FINANCES. A Certified Public Accountant employed by direction of the Executive Council of the Association shall annually review the records and finances of the Association and render a written report thereon to the Treasurer who will forward the same to the Executive Council, and also present the same report in writing to the General Membership at the next Annual General Membership Meeting. The final Financial Review Report will be presented to the Treasurer within sixty days after the conclusion of the calendar year of the Association.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL COMMITTEES. The President of the Association may appoint such special committees as he/she deems necessary. The membership thereof shall consist of such members as the President may determine.

ARTICLE VIII AUXILIARY

This Association recognizes the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey Auxiliary as a viable supportive organization and further recognizes and supports the EANGUS AUXILIARY.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the General Membership meeting. Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the President at least sixty (60) days prior to the General Membership meeting. A detailed description of the proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the membership not later than thirty (30) days prior to the General Membership Meeting. This notification shall occur either via regular mail or E-Mail, depending on whether the member has established an E-Mail address with the Association.