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This year we have expanded our services through more online resources at www. ngams.org. Let the NGAMS Standard be your year round guide to our online services and additional resource for information on both our programs as well as the companies that provide you the ability to better serve our state and nation. We are very excited to provide these services to you and look forward to continuing to set the Standard.

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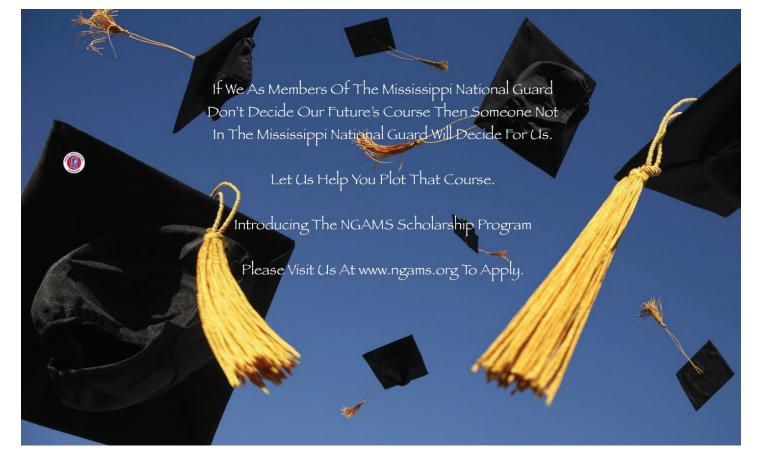
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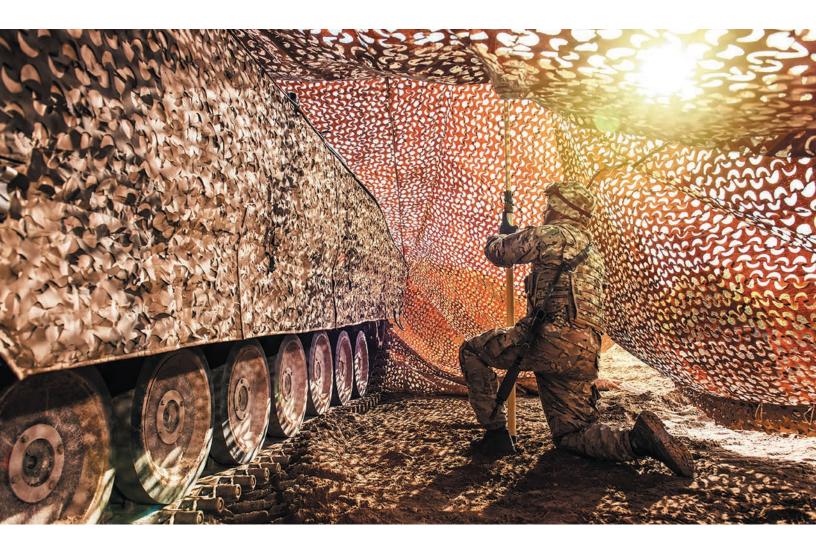
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First, take time this weekend to stop by one of the Mississippi National Guard Outreach Services booths in the Exhibitor Hall. You may also find their ad in this magazine to learn how to download their mobile app. The Mississippi National Guard takes protecting and caring for its military families seriously and have many resources for you.

The National Guard Association of Mississippi feels likewise. We exist to support the role of the Mississippi National Guard in securing our state and nation. As part of that mission we support the Service member AND their families.

Twice a year the officers and their spouses have the opportunity to gather and discuss the issues important to them. During this time together we provide our spouses the opportunity to attend our business session and formal dinner where they are able to hear from the same leaders as their military counterparts. If you missed the national conference in 2016 then you missed hearing from the current President of the United States. At the state confer-



ence this year you will have the opportunity to hear from Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves, our Adjutant General, Major General Durr Boyles and many more key figures in our state and nation.

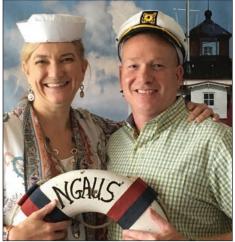
At the Spouses Function on Saturday morning, you will be able to attend a Kentucky Derby Party and see a preview of the national conference September 7-10, 2017 in Louisville, Kentucky.

However, while the conferences are supposed to be fun, let us also share with you more serious and unparalleled accomplishments of Your Association.

We are unveiling this weekend a new National Guard Association Scholarship Fund. Beginning with the Fall, 2018 school year we will provide four \$6,000 scholar-



ships available to our members and their dependents. Once fully implemented we will be providing over \$74,000 in scholar-



ship money each year. Details are available at www.ngams.org.

The National Guard Association of Mississippi Legislative Committee meets each year in the late spring to evaluate the current state laws impacting the men, women and families of the Mississippi National Guard. This year we are proud to announce that for the third straight year we have seen passage of all bills proposed. Further, the Mississippi Military Department was one of very few agencies to receive level funding for the next fiscal year. Take time to read the legislative report in your program and the legislative updates in the NGAMS *Continued on page 34.* 



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## National Guard Association of Mississippi Group Life Insurance Program



**No-cost \$1,000 Death Benefit** For active Guard members only

**Basic Coverage** From \$10,000 - \$35,000 of coverage from \$3.80 per month

#### Enhanced Coverage

Starting at \$4 per month for \$50,000 of coverage for you and your spouse

Your family makes great sacrifices every day that allow you to serve. If you were to make the ultimate sacrifice for your country, your family's grief would be painful enough without added financial worries. Think of the hardship and expenses your family would face alone – without you and the security you provide.

#### No Cost \$1,000 Death Benefit for Active Guard Members

This benefit is free to you. All Mississippi active guard members are covered 24/7 whether drilling or not. There's no enrollment necessary - you are automatically eligible for this benefit should something happen to you. Death benefit is paid to named beneficiary, spouse, or next of kin.

#### Basic Coverage

The Basic program provides financial protection in the event of death. It also provides coverage for your spouse and/or children, all at an affordable monthly cost.

#### Member Coverage

Basic coverage gives you 4 options. After 12 consecutive months, you are eligible for increased insurance which becomes effective on the next June 1 following completion of the 12 month period. **The additional coverage is at no-cost to you.** 

#### **Dependent Coverage**

If you and your spouse are both members of the MS National Guard you must have your own individual coverage. Either you or your spouse can apply for coverage on children but not both.

	Member Coverage			Dependent Coverage	
Amount	Monthly cost	After 12 months	Spouse	Each child	Monthly cost
\$10,000	\$3.80	\$12,500	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$3.00
\$16,000	\$6.00	\$21,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$4.00
\$25,000	\$8.95	\$32,500	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$8.00
\$35,000	\$12.25	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$13.00

**Separation:** If you have been insured for 12 consecutive months, you can retain your basic coverage until age 60. You may keep the same amount in force except for the extra increased insurance. You can pay the monthly contribution on a direct bill basis.

**Retirement:** At retirement, if you have 20 years of service and have been insured for 12 consecutive months, coverage continues in force until age 60 at the same premium. Between 60 - 70 death benefit reduces to \$10,000, spouse benefit to \$10,000, and dependent children to \$2,500. At age 70, death benefit reduces to \$5,000, spouse benefit to \$5,000, and dependent children remains at \$2,500.

**Spouse retention**: A surviving spouse age 59 or less of an insured member who dies before age 60 can retain the coverage he/she carried as a dependent of the deceased Guard member and may include related coverage on the already insured dependent children at a slightly higher cost.

Both the Basic and Enhanced coverage offer these two great benefits:

- Family survivor college scholarship. Surviving spouse and children are eligible for \$10,000 per year, per family, up to a total maximum benefit of \$40,000 toward a college degree when member dies in a combat zone as a result of combat action or acts of foreign or domestic terrorism.
- No combat or terrorism exclusions. No geographical area exclusions.

#### **Enhanced Coverage**

When you have the maximum coverage in the Basic program, you can purchase additional coverage. The Enhanced program provides affordable term life insurance with a level death benefit and only 3 age bands for contributions.

#### Affordable life insurance

You can purchase \$50,000 of protection for as little as \$4 a month if you're under 50 years of age and don't use tobacco products. Contributions increase at each age band as shown below.

No medical exam for Guard members under age 50 applying for up to \$250,000 of coverage and ages 50-59 up to \$100,000. For spouses, no medical exam under age 40 up to \$250,000 and under age 50 up to \$150,000. Just complete the enrollment form and answer a few health questions.

#### Coverage from \$50,000 to \$400,000

Based on your individual situation, you decide how much coverage is right for you and your family.

#### Emergency death benefit payment

Emergency death benefit payment of up to \$15,000 within one business day of notification to help your loved ones with immediate costs.

#### Full coverage after retirement or separation

As long as contributions are paid, coverage continues to age 70\*. There are no occupation restrictions, so regardless of what you do after the military, you're covered. Regardless of any health issues that may develop in the future, you're still covered. Upon retirement or separation, policy contributions will be paid directly to AFBA rather than through allotment.

#### Spouse coverage

You can easily purchase coverage for your spouse on the same application.

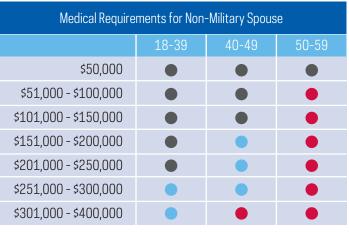
Monthly Contributions (Male/Female) Non-Tobacco**										
Age	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$350,000	\$400,000		
18-49	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$28.00	\$32.00		
50-59	\$18.00	\$36.00	\$54.00	\$72.00	\$90.00	\$108.00	\$126.00	\$144.00		
60-69	\$44.00	\$88.00	\$132.00	\$176.00	\$220.00	\$264.00	\$308.00	\$352.00		

\*\*Tobacco user contributions are two (2) times non-tobacco user contributions. Tobacco user is one who has used any tobacco product in the past 12 months.



Statement of Health

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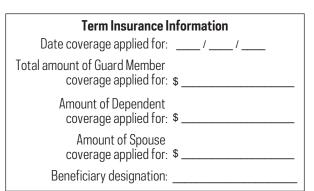


Paramed Exam, Blood Profile and Urinalysis and Resting EKG

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\* After 70th birthday, Enhanced coverage terminates on coverage anniversary date.



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#### **Beneficiary(ies)**

Complete Enhanced section if beneficiary(ies) differ from the Basic. Spouse's beneficiary is the Guard Member unless otherwise designated. If you have additional beneficiaries, please attach a separate 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper.

Beneficiary(ies) of Guard Member:

	Last Name	First Name	Relationship	DOB (MM/DD/YYYY)	%
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#### Other Insurance

Do you or your spouse have an existing individual life insurance or annuity contract with another company? Yes No If yes, and required in your state, please complete and sign the Notice: Replacement of Life Insurance and Annuity. The Notice must be *presented* and *read* to you by your insurance representative at the time he/she takes your application.

If approved, will this coverage replace your existing life insurance or annuity contract? Yes No If yes, what is the company name for your existing coverage? . If yes, and if required, please complete and sign the applicable state-specific Notice: Replacement of Life Insurance and Annuity.

#### Statement of Health

Answer each question and initial below to acknowledge you've read and, <u>TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF</u>, understood each question. Circle the specific condition and give full details to any "yes" answers on a separate 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper (include name, DOB, and question # the answer refers to).

I. In the last 10 years, has any Applicant under this application for coverage:	res	INO	res	INO
A. Had a life or health insurance application declined or rated?	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
B. Been diagnosed or treated by a physician for any of the following: High blood pressure, high cholesterol, cardiac chest pain,				
heart attack, vascular disease (plaque in arteries), or any heart or blood vessel disorder; cancer or blood disorder; stroke,				
seizures, progressive neuropathy, or any nervous system disease; shortness of breath, asthma, chronic obstructive				
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II. In the past 5 years, has any Applicant:		$\overline{}$		
A.Been treated by a physician or medical facility or received professional counseling for alcohol or drug dependency or been				
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B. Been convicted for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or while intoxicated?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
C. Used amphetamines, cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, barbiturates, marijuana, narcotics or any drug except as				
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III. Has any Applicant been diagnosed or treated by a physician or tested positive for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV),				
Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), or AIDS-Related Complex (ARC)?	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
IV. List each prescribed medication taken regularly or frequently by any Applicant:				_
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#### **Conditions Relating to this Enrollment Form**

Eligibility: I am eligible to apply for this group life insurance as a Guard Member as defined in the Master Group Policy. Agreement: I, as Guard Member, have the appropriate knowledge to answer the health questions for my spouse and children. I represent that all statements and answers in this enrollment form are complete, true and correctly recorded <u>TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF</u>. I agree that: 1) upon approval of this enrollment form by 5Star Life Insurance Company, it and the Certificate of insurance coverage issued to me will describe the benefits and terms of coverage provided under the Master Group policy; and 2) if within 180 days of receipt of all required documentation this enrollment form is not approved, it will become void and any contributions paid will be refunded; I will be so notified. <u>Authorization:</u> I hereby authorize any licensed physician; medical practitioner; hospital; clinic; insurance company; employer; Medical Information Bureau (MIB, Inc.); or Motor Vehicle Administration that may have records of my health condition to give 5Star Life Insurance Company, its authorized representative, and its reinsurers any such information. I authorize 5Star Life Insurance Company, or its reinsurers, to make a brief report of health information to MIB, Inc. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for coverage and that I may revoke this authorization and enrollment form at any time by providing written notice. A photocopy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original. This authorization shall be valid for 24 months from the date below. I (or my authorized representative) am entitled to receive a copy of this authorization. Signature must be personal.

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#### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 37 U.S.C. Section 701, E.O. 9397.

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** To permit starts, changes, or stops to allotments. To maintain a record of allotments and ensure starts, changes, and stops are in keeping with member's desires.

**ROUTINE USES:** In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records of information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use to the Federal Reserve banks to distribute payments made through the direct deposit system to financial organizations or their processing agents authorized by individuals to receive and deposit payments in their accounts. It may also be disclosed to the Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Federal, state and local agencies for civil or criminal law enforcement. In addition it can be released for any of the blanket routine uses published at the beginning of the DFAS compilation of system of record notices.

**DISCLOSURE:** Voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information as well as the Social Security number may result in the member not being able to start, change, or stop allotments.

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Under penalty of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, I certify that this allotment is NOT for the purchase, lease, or rental of personal property or payment toward personal property.

21. SIGNATURE OF ALL	OTTER
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22. DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)

**NOTE 1.** Must be different address than allotter. Each dependent allotment must have a different credit line. Only one support allotment per dependent is allowed.

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Finally, life insurance is not a pleasant topic - it forces us to face our own or a loved one's mortality. One hundred and four of our National Guard families faced that mortality this fiscal year. Our insurance program was able to provide \$897,500 in assistance in support of claims of eightyseven Guard members and thirteen dependents. Unfortunately, four of our Guard families did not have coverage through our Association.

Our commanders are responsible for ensuring the readiness of their soldiers and

airmen - this is our number one priority. Part of this responsibility should be addressing financial management planning, which includes life insurance. Right now only a little over half of the members of the Army National Guard participate in the program and only a little over 30 percent of our Air Guard members. Our goal is to make sure our Service members and families are aware of this tremendous benefit offered by the Association and their responsibility to provide for their loved ones when tragedy strikes. Representatives are available in the booth outside so that you don't have to leave here today without the peace of mind that you have taken care of your family.

As we stated at the beginning of this article, our Service members could not serve without your support, every single one of you. Thank you for taking time to read this article. Please read the rest of the informa-



tion in the NGAMS Standard Magazine. You have also shown your dedication by your attendance this weekend. I look forward to a bright future for this Association. We have a very special organization. However, it all depends on having you a part of it. Please spread the word.



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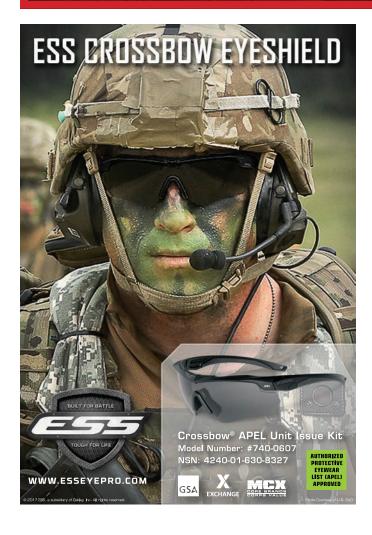
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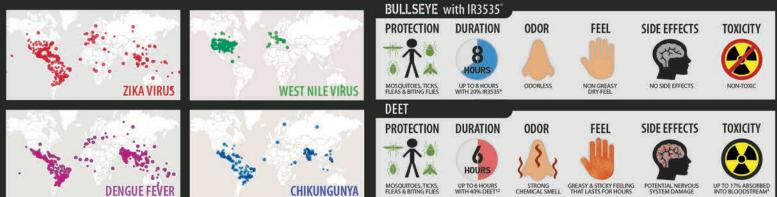
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## **SUPDATE ON MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATION 2017** ≈

The NGAMS Legislative Committee has continued to listen to the issues important to our Servicemembers and their families in an effort to protect their ability to serve our citizens while simultaneously care for their families and function as leaders in their communities. Immediately after the 2016 Mississippi Legislative Session and 2016 NGAMS Annual Conference, the outgoing and newly appointed members of the Legislative Committee met to review the past year and map out a plan for the 2017 session. Through the efforts of the Legislative Committee, the members of the NGAMS, the legislative liaison to the Adjutant General and our leadership in the Mississippi Legislature we are very happy that the following proposals have passed and been signed into law. We thank all those involved for their tireless efforts and their concerns for the well-being of our men and women in uniform.

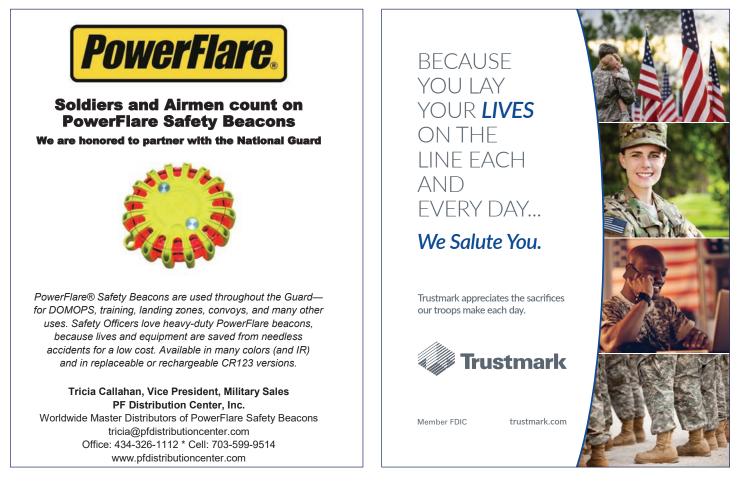
**HB 336:** Amends MS Code Ann. Section 33-4-1 to provide that monies in the Mississippi Military Family Relief Fund may be used to provide assistance to families that experience a financial hardship as a result of a family member who is a member of the Mississippi National Guard regardless of whether the family member is a resident of Mississippi.

**HB 383:** Amends MS Code Ann. Section 63-1-208 to require the commissioner of public safety to adopt rules and regulations that provide for the military skills test waiver for commercial driver's licenses.

**HB 1026:** Creates in the state treasury a special fund to be known as the "Mississippi National Guard State Active Duty Emergency Operations Fund" for the purpose of maintaining annual general fund budget restrictions and enabling the Mississippi

Military Department to respond to domestic events as directed by the governor during declared states of emergency or in conjunction with approved emergency management assistance compacts.

SB 2620: Amends MS Code Ann. Section 33-13-151, to revise the composition of summary courts-martial; Amends Section 33-13-159 to provide that the decision to grant a request for trial before a special or general courts-martial is reserved to the general court-martial convening authority, and to revise the maximum sentence which may be imposed by a summary courtsmartial for a single offense; Amends Section 33-13-179 to revise who may convene a summary courts-martial; Amends Section 33-13-183 to provide that a military judge or a summary court officer shall preside over sessions of the court-martial to which he or she has been detailed; Amends Section 33-(Continued on page 40)





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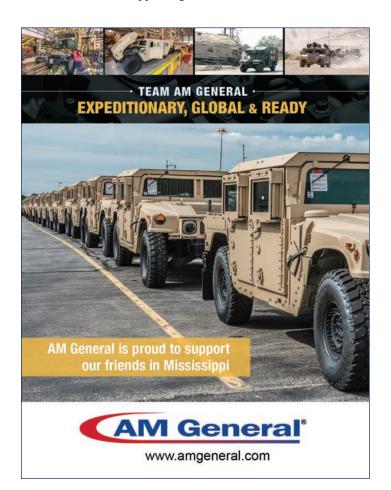
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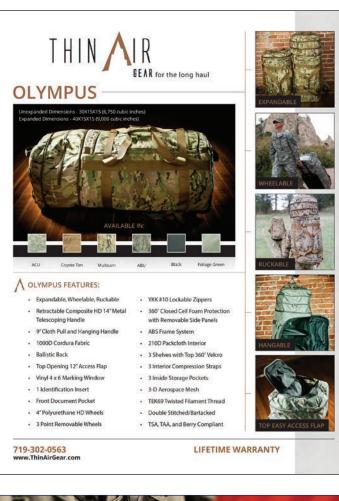
13-325 to increase the amount of fine which may be imposed by a military court for contempt.

**SB 2967:** Provided level funding for the Mississippi Military Department to include funding for the Youth Challenge Program and Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby. The Mississippi Military is one of very few state agencies that did not take a cut in their funding.

To educate our elected officials in our service and needs, the Mississippi National Guard Legislative Committee had a well attended luncheon during the 2017 Legislative Session to include 77 legislators, Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves and State Auditor Stacey Pickering. Members of the Veterans and Military Committees in the legislature also toured the facilities at the Northwest Street Armory in Jackson, Mississippi as a demonstration of our units' capabilities.

The NGAMS Legislative Committee will continue to educate our elected officials on the mission and importance of the Mississippi National Guard and support legislation that benefits our members.







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