



**TRAINED, EQUIPPED,  
RESPECTED**

## ALWAYS READY, ALWAYS THERE

The men and women of the Army National Guard are always ready to aid fellow Americans during natural disasters and civil emergencies. This became evident following the events of 9/11. Under the presidential authority, the Army National Guard mobilized over 50,000 troops across the nation to secure airports and other vital infrastructure and support Operation Noble Eagle's homeland defense and overseas operations.

## EXCEPTIONAL REWARDS FOR YOUR SERVICE

The Army National Guard offers real, tangible rewards for serving in defense of our country, like providing you with the financial assistance to help pay for a college education. Yours will be a serious commitment, and one that will be rewarded.

- Monthly paycheck
- Tuition Assistance
- Montgomery GI Bill
- Student Loan Repayment - up to \$50,000
- Specialized training in over 150 career fields
- Excellent retirement benefits for part-time service
- Low-cost life insurance and health care
- 401(k)-type savings plan (Thrift Savings Plan)

## ADDITIONAL THINGS TO CONSIDER

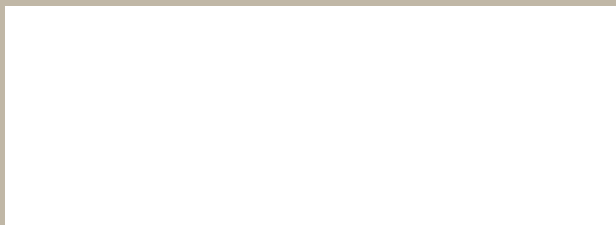
- Affordable medical and dental care for you and your family (TRICARE Reserve Select)
- Low-cost life insurance (SGLI)
- Free academic testing and counseling
- Begin planning for your retirement with the Blended Retirement System (BRS)
- Discounted and tax-free grocery and shopping privileges at post exchanges and commissaries
- Free military air flights based on space availability
- Access to recreational facilities on military installations



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## PART-TIME SERVICE IN THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD CAN HELP YOU GET AN EDUCATION AND PREPARE YOU FOR LIFE.

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## CONNECT WITH THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



\*Army National Guard programs and benefits are subject to change.  
Your Army National Guard Recruiter is the best source for  
up-to-date information on the range of opportunities available to you in the Army National Guard.



## MISSION TRAINED, EQUIPPED, RESPECTED

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The Army National Guard Soldiers are rooted in the communities of all 54 states and territories. They are your local neighbors, teachers, students, doctors and firefighters, while also being an elite group of warriors tasked with safeguarding America's freedoms.



# A UNIQUE MISSION

## A PROUD HISTORY

The Army National Guard is the oldest U.S. Armed Forces component, more than 100 years older than the Army. Embodying over 375 years of traditions and values, the Army National Guard has played an integral role in our nation's history and development. In the early 1600's, fellow citizens banded together in Salem, Massachusetts, to defend against attacks, forming a militia that became known as the National Guard. The



## REACH YOUR FULL POTENTIAL

The Army National Guard strives to assist its Soldiers in living up to their full potential by providing education programs and advanced training.



Citizen-Soldier's role was further defined in 1903, when national legislation recognized the National Guard as a reserve force for the U.S. Army. The Army National Guard's presence from the Revolutionary War to current conflicts further establishes our position as a vital military component.

## CITIZEN - SOLDIERS

The Army National Guard is for students, people with part-time and full-time jobs, those with or without prior military service experience, or any other citizen who has a desire to serve their country and learn skills to further themselves as leaders within their community.

## ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ANSWERS THE CALL

The incredible versatility of the Army National Guard enables its troops to respond to domestic emergencies, combat mission, counter drug efforts, reconstruction missions and more — all with equal speed, strength and efficiency.

Whether the call is coming from the state Governor or directly from the President of the United States, Army National Guard Soldiers are always ready and always there.

## SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY, STATE & COUNTRY

As an Army National Guard Soldier, you can expect your primary area of operation to be your home state, following the leadership of your state Adjutant General and governor.

This may include community efforts, such as responding to wildfires and floods, or it may include missions such as training foreign forces.

You will also be prepared to mobilize when directed by the President of the United States; this may include service overseas or domestically, for missions such as serving along the U.S.-Mexico border.

So, what does the Army National Guard do? Whatever is needed, wherever it is needed.

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