

131st NGAUS GENERAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION – J #5

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT ALL NATIONAL GUARD AND
RESERVE COMPONENT SERVICE MEMBERS RETURNING FROM DEPLOYMENT

Recommendation

To ensure the delivery of proper behavioral health care for the reserve components, the National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in collaboration with local behavioral health service providers, veterans and their families, develop a “needs analysis” to determine the current requirement for mental health resources to adequately support all reserve component (RC) service members returning from deployment
- B. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in collaboration with local health care providers, to provide adequate community based mental health care for RC veterans
- C. Formalize a military institution of behavioral and mental health services in the National Guard, and specifically the state’s Joint Force Headquarters
- D. Study ways to provide reserve component members with access to mental health alternatives other than existing non-confidential military sources
- E. Review and update TRICARE benefits for behavioral and mental health services coverage for service members and their families.

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