

131st NGAUS GENERAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION – J #16

RELATING TO BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES  
WITH THOSE OF THE ACTIVE FORCE

**Recommendation**

To provide improved benefits for members of the National Guard and their families, the National Guard Association of the United States supports:

- A. Members of the National Guard are afforded the same space available travel benefits as their active component (AC) counterparts by amending Department of Defense 4515.13-R, or enacting a statute that would designate retired and active National Guard Members and their dependants as Category IV space-available passengers
- B. Authorize surviving spouses unaccompanied space-available travel unless they have remarried a person who would not qualify for space-available travel
- C. Enable reserve component (RC) members age 70, and those who have paid Survivor Benefits Plan (SBP) premiums for at least 30 years (effective October 1, 2008), to discontinue paying premiums while retaining SBP coverage for their survivor
- D. Legislation to ensure RC members shall attain paid-up status upon the payment of premiums for 30 years, or the death of the service member, whichever occurs first
- E. Include an "open window" under the SBP for RC retirees to re-select SBP at age 60 to allow for life-changing events
- F. Legislation that allows a tax credit for all out-of-pocket expenses (travel, etc.), including uniform expenses, incurred as a result of membership in the National Guard or Reserves without a distance restriction

JOINT PERSONNEL TASK FORCE