

NGAUS

National Guard Association of the United States

Retired & Separated Caucus

Task Force Concept Overview

Mobilizing the Experience,
Credibility & Networks of
National Guard Retirees and
Separated members to advance
NGAUS priorities

PURPOSE

Establish a Retiree & Separated Caucus Task Force to mobilize the experience, credibility, and networks of NGAUS retirees and separated members to:

- Advance legislative priorities
- Strengthen advocacy efforts
- Expand NGAUS influence across the Guard community & the nation

STRATEGIC INTENT

NGAUS represents a uniquely capable retiree population with deep operational, policy, and leadership experience.

This Task Force will transition the retiree and separated caucus from passive members to active contributors — serving as:

- **Advocates**
- **Mentors**
- **Educators**
- **Storytellers**

...to shape outcomes on key issues affecting the National Guard and broader uniformed services community.

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Healthcare & Benefits Security

- TRICARE access and affordability
- Gray-area retiree inequities
- SBP and Medicare alignment
- Provider participation

2

Retirement Equity & Transition

- 20-year retirement parity
- Tax treatment of retired pay
- Early retirement credit
- Enhanced transition support

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Force Relevance & Guard Future

- Modernization parity
- Force structure
- Full-time manning
- Infrastructure & emerging missions

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Advocacy, Membership & Influence

- Membership growth & engagement
- Communications modernization
- Advocacy tools & partnerships
- Revenue concepts

Advocacy

Federal & State

Support NGAUS legislative priorities through coordinated outreach, state-level engagement, and grassroots activation aligned to NDAA and appropriations cycles.

Strategic Storytelling

Guard Voices Network

Deploy a retiree network to engage civic organizations, contribute to local media, and elevate real-world narratives that reinforce NGAUS priorities.

Education & Awareness

Subject Matter Expertise

Amplify the National Guard Bureau's narrative across the states, elevating Guard priorities and reinforcing advocacy efforts.

Mentorship

Transition Support

Establish a structured mentorship network connecting retirees with transitioning service members, with emphasis on career pathways and benefits navigation.

Community & Employer

Engagement

Activate retirees to strengthen employer relationships, support Guard-friendly policies, and enhance local understanding of the Guard's role and value.



NGAUS Staff Integration — Government Relations · Membership · Communications

OPERATING MODEL

Monthly

Task Force meeting for strategic alignment

Biweekly

Working group sessions focused on execution

Quarterly

Review aligned to legislative and organizational milestones

KEY OUTPUTS

Legislative One-Pagers

Problem statement, NGAUS position, and specific legislative ask — ready for Hill visits.

Advocacy Toolkits

Member outreach templates, messaging frameworks, and state engagement guidance.

Engagement Plans

Storytelling, mentorship, education, and community outreach plans aligned to strategic priorities.

INITIAL PRIORITIES

01 TRICARE Access

Improve access and provider participation for retirees and their families.


02 Gray-Area Retiree Inequities


Address gaps in benefits and compensation for gray-area retirees.


03 Transition Guidance & Support


Provide structured guidance and support for separating Guard members.

STRATEGIC VALUE

-  Expands NGAUS influence beyond Congress into communities, industry, and public understanding

-  Strengthens advocacy through credible, experienced voices

-  Enhances member value, engagement, and retention

-  Builds a scalable model to sustain Guard relevance and impact

END STATE

A fully integrated, scalable model.

Positions NGAUS retirees and separated members as a force multiplier for advocacy, engagement, and strategic influence at the national, state, and community levels.

Advocacy

Engagement

Strategic Influence

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Retired/Separated Caucus/
Day 4 (Sunday 8/30)

- Location: Indiana War Memorial
- Contract Status: Signed
- Time: TBD
- Resource Requirements: Transportation; PAO
- Sponsor(s): TBD

