# ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES



# **BYLAWS**

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# ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES BYLAWS

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1					BYLAWS HISTORY OF AMENDMENTS
2 3	λυσυετ	30	2017	_	Complete Revision Approved.
4	_				Article VIII Committees, Standing Committees,
5		,			clarifies the budgetary submission timelines
6					for committee Chairs.
7	August	15,	2018	-	Article VIII Committees, Committee on
8					Conferences, clarifies the responsibilities of
9					the committee, corrects the reference as SOP,
10					and reflects the new role as advisors to state
11	7	7	2010		organized conference committees.
12 13	August	/ <b>,</b>	2019	_	Article VIII Committees, Committee on Finance,
13 14					defines the 10 voting and that the Treasurer is a non-voting member.
15	August	7 -	2019	_	Article VIII Committees, Committee on Finance,
16	nagabe	′ /	2015		correcting the frequency of the task to read
17					that the audit records are examined annually.
18	August	7,	2019	_	Article XI Fiscal, Audit, amended to read that
19					the audit is completed annually.
20	August	11,	2021	_	Article IV Executive Council, Duties of Area
21					Chairman and Directors, adds the requirement
22					for submission of a quarterly report to the
23	70	1 1	0001		Executive Council.
24 25	August	⊥⊥,	2021	_	Article V Elections, Tenure, Removal from Executive Council, adds the requirement for
25 26					nominees to use the online nomination form.
27	August	11.	2021	_	Article V, Elections, Tenure, Removal from
28		,			Executive Council, adds the stipulation that
29					full or part-time employees are not eligible
30					to hold Executive Officer or Area Director
31					positions in the Association.
32	August	11,	2021	-	Article VIII Committee on Nominations, changes
33					the Nominations Committee from a Conference
34 35	7110110+	1 1	2021	_	Committee to a Standing Committee.  Article VIII Standing Committees, excludes the
36	August	±±,	2021	_	President from being an ex-officio member of
37					the Committee on Nominations.
38	August	11,	2021	_	Article VIII Committee on Conferences, removes
39	2	·			redundant wording.
40	August	11,	2021	_	Article XII War or National Emergency, changes
41					to permit electronic annual or special
42					meetings in the event of War or National
43	- ·	1 1	0001		Emergency.
44 45	August	⊥⊥,	2021	-	Article XII War or National Emergency,
45					clarifies the wording in Article XII.

# ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES BYLAWS

1	August 10,	2022 -	Article III, Charter and Membership, Classes
2			of Membership establishes a one year "New to
3			the Guard Digital Annual Membership."
4	August 16,	2023 -	Article III, Charter and Membership, Classes
5			of Membership changes name of New to the Guard
6			Digital Annual Membership to New to EANGUS
7			Digital Annual Membership and clarifies who is
8			eligible.
9	August 16,	2023 -	Article III, Charter and Membership, Dues
10			Rates, increases association's annual dues
11			from \$11.00 to \$13.00 effective 1 January
12			2024, and changes title of complimentary
13			digital membership to "New to EANGUS."

#### ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION

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#### NAME OF ASSOCIATION

The name of this Association is "Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States," hereinafter referred to as the "ASSOCIATION".

#### OFFICIAL LOGO

The official logo of the ASSOCIATION is displayed on the cover page of this document.

#### ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

#### STATED PURPOSE OF ASSOCIATION

 The ASSOCIATION is incorporated in the State of Mississippi as a not-for-profit corporation organized for the purpose of engaging in any lawful activity for which corporations may be formed under MS Code § 79-11-101 et seq. Its objective is to promote the interest and maintain the professionalism of the enlisted members of the National Guard of the United States, and except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence. Its purposes are to:

- 1) Promote and monitor legislation affecting the national security of the United States in general, and to uphold the interests of the serving and retired personnel of the National Guard, when service matters are under consideration.
- 2) Provide information to members and legislators regarding active legislation affecting the welfare of the members of the National Guard.
- 3) Promote the welfare of the National Guard members, families, retirees and employers.
- 4) Support the ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY.
- 5) Improve the position and status of the National Guard members and retirees in relationship with the civilian community and the military environment.
- 6) Support the State Associations chartered and recognized by the ASSOCIATION and its bylaws.

- Perpetuate the memory of deceased members of the 1 7) ASSOCIATION and comfort their survivors. 2 Provide information on facts, features and programs 3 8) beneficial to members of the National Guard, their 4 5 families and retirees. 6 9) Promote insurance and other benefits for National 7 Guard members, retirees and their dependents. 8 9 10 ARTICLE III - CHARTER AND MEMBERSHIP 11 12 1) State Associations are chartered upon application and 13 approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership delegates during an Annual or Special Conference. The 14 association types listed below are eligible for 15 16 charter, accreditation, and representation under this 17 ASSOCIATION. State Associations may terminate their charter by 18 2) providing written notice to the ASSOCIATION President. 19 20 Revocation of a charter for a State Association 3) requires that the ASSOCIATION provide notice to the 21 State Association no less than ninety (90) days prior 22 to the start of an Annual Conference. Notification 23 24 must show cause for the revocation. The State's Association President wishing to contest 25 4) 26 the revocation should provide evidence thirty (30) 27 days prior to the start of an Annual or Special 28 Conference. 29 5) The written notice and any State Association's correspondence will be placed on the agenda under new 30 31 business for an Annual or Special Conference. Revocation requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the 32 6) 33 membership delegates during an Annual or Special 34 Conference. 35 36 ASSOCIATION TYPES 37 38 ASSOCIATION Membership will be contingent upon current 1) membership in a Chartered State Association. 39 2) State Associations are determined by a published slate 40 of elected officers, chartered by the ASSOCIATION, in 41 42 good standing with the laws and provisions of the
  - 3) Each State is only allowed one (1) association to be chartered to this ASSOCIATION under one of the following Association Types:

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United States and the respective State government.

#### ENLISTED ASSOCIATIONS

State Associations that consist of enlisted members from that State's National Guard, and which provide a membership class for enlisted and retiree members including the ability to vote and hold an officer position.

#### COMBINED ASSOCIATIONS

State Associations consisting of both officer and enlisted personnel, active and retired, shall be chartered for the enlisted portion of their association with representation in the ASSOCIATION based on its enlisted membership only, provided that their enlisted members are afforded voting rights and the ability to hold officer positions on their State Association's Board.

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP RULES

- 1) For members who hold voting membership in more than one chartered State Association, that member must declare which State Association they want to be represented by, and that member can only be counted towards delegate representation in that State.
- 2) National Guard members and retirees who spent a majority of their military service as an enlisted person are eligible for any Enlisted Annual or Life Membership in the ASSOCIATION.
- 3) Regardless of the member's grade on the Retired List, the member shall have enlisted voting rights in one of the categories of State Association Types listed in this Article.

#### DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP

 Unless otherwise directed by a State Association, the Enlisted and Associate Annual Membership in the ASSOCIATION will be for twelve (12) months in duration, beginning on the day that the membership is paid and expiring on the twelfth (12) month anniversary of that payment.

# TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION BETWEEN STATES

1) ASSOCIATION members may only have their vote counted once.

- 2) ASSOCIATION members must declare which State Association is their primary State Association for the purposes of delegate representation.
- 3) When a transfer is requested by the member, the ASSOCIATION will work with the State Associations to facilitate the transfer of membership between the State Associations.

#### PROCEDURE FOR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

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  - No member shall be terminated or denied renewal, except for cause.
     Cause shall include, but is not limited to, intentional
  - 2) Cause shall include, but is not limited to, intentional violation of the ASSOCIATION Bylaws and/or policies, or conduct unbecoming of a member of the ASSOCIATION.
  - 3) A Member shall not endorse, support or oppose political candidates or campaigns in the name of the ASSOCIATION.
  - 4) A Member may be removed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Council or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates at an Annual or Special Conference.

#### RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Dues paying members may resign from the ASSOCIATION. Upon written notification to the Secretary of the ASSOCIATION, the member's name will be removed from active membership rolls. Dues are non-refundable.

# CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

#### ENLISTED ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Upon application and payment of dues, an Annual Enlisted Membership may be issued to an enlisted member, currently serving, separated, or retired, of the National Guard, provided they are a voting enlisted member of one of the categories of Association Types listed in this Article. An Enlisted Annual Membership holder may become an accredited State delegate to an Annual or Special Conference, may hold office, and be entitled to vote.

# ENLISTED LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Upon application and payment of the prescribed Life dues, a Life Enlisted Membership may be issued to an enlisted member of the National Guard, provided they are a voting Life member of one of the categories of State Association Types listed in this Article. Enlisted Life Membership duration is for the lifetime of the member. An Enlisted Life Membership holder may become an accredited State delegate to an Annual or Special Conference, may hold office, and be entitled to vote.

# AT-LARGE MEMBERSHIP

In a State where enlisted National Guard members and retirees are not afforded an association membership, representation or voting rights, and those enlisted members may join this ASSOCIATION with an Enlisted Annual or Life Membership in an "at-large" status. An At-Large Member may hold office and be entitled to vote by virtue of position held.

#### ENLISTED "NEW TO EANGUS" DIGITAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

 Upon application, a complimentary, 12-month, Enlisted Digital Annual Membership, may be issued to an enlisted member who has never been a previous member of EANGUS, provided they are a voting enlisted member of one of the categories of Association types listed in this Article. A New to EANGUS Digital Annual Membership holder may become an accredited State delegate to an Annual or Special Conference, may hold office, and be entitled to vote. This membership will entitle the member to only digital access to EANGUS publications.

#### ASSOCIATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Upon application and payment of the prescribed dues, a person not otherwise qualified for membership may be issued an Associate membership. An Associate member may not be an accredited state delegate, hold office, or be entitled to vote.

#### ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Upon application, and payment of the prescribed dues, a person not otherwise qualified for membership may be issued a LIFE Associate membership. A LIFE Associate member may not be an accredited state delegate, hold office, or be entitled to vote. ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP duration is for the lifetime of the member.

# CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Upon application and payment of fees in accordance with the ASSOCIATION Corporate Prospectus, an organization with a common interest in the goals and objectives of the ASSOCIATION becomes a corporate member. Corporate Members shall not be an accredited state delegate, hold office, or be entitled to vote.

#### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Council of the ASSOCIATION may, by majority vote, confer HONORARY membership upon a person who has rendered outstanding service to the United States, any political subdivision thereof, and the National Guard of the United States. An HONORARY member may not be an accredited state delegate, hold office, or be entitled to vote. HONORARY membership duration is for the lifetime of the member.

#### DUES RATES

# ENLISTED AND ASSOCIATE ANNUAL AND LIFETIME DUES

The ASSOCIATION dues rates for membership are:

- 1) ENLISTED ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$13.00 (Effective January 1, 2024)
- 2) ENLISTED LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Ten (10) times the ENLISTED ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP rate paid in advance.
- 3) ENLISTED "NEW TO THE EANGUS" DIGITAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$0.00
- 4) ASSOCIATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$13.00 (Effective January 1, 2024)
- 5) ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Ten (10) times the ASSOCIATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP rate paid in advance.

### CORPORATE

Corporate Membership dues are in accordance with the ASSOCIATION Corporate Prospectus.

#### HONORARY

Honorary Membership dues are at no cost.

#### ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DUTIES

The Executive Council, under the powers granted it by the Membership, shall:

1) Ensure that the will and direction of the ASSOCIATION's Membership is carried out.

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 Supervise, control and direct the affairs of the ASSOCIATION between the Annual or Special Conference.

 3) Convene, at the call of the President, unless otherwise excused by the President.

 4) Sign and abide by the terms of the annual Ethics and Conflict of Interest statements.

 5) Pursue the purposes listed in the Bylaws and implement the ASSOCIATION's policies.

 6) Propose Standing Rules needed to conduct business and inform the ASSOCIATION membership within forty-five (45) days of any changes adopted by the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

7) Comply with all articles of the Bylaws.

 8) Order an audit of records and finances of the ASSOCIATION by a Certified Public Accountant in addition to the annual audit when deemed necessary.

9) Direct the President of the ASSOCIATION to issue the call for the meeting, through a majority vote, when deemed necessary. Confirm Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman Appointments.

10) Approve an annual budget for the upcoming year, no later than December 1st of each year by a majority vote.

11) Investigate instances where approved budget expense limits were exceeded, to determine if the ASSOCIATION will assume responsibility for the expense or whether disciplinary or civil actions will be taken against the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Member or Committee Chairman responsible for the overspending.

12) Review, accept, and respond to the findings of the Financial Audit of the ASSOCIATION.

# COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The voting members of the Executive Council shall be comprised of:

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27	2)	Approv	e agen	das for all m	eetings	prior to di	stribution.
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34		the po	licies	adopted duri	ng all I	Executive Co	ouncil
35		meetin	gs.				
36	6)	Appoin	t Comm	ittee Chairma	n and V	ice-Chairman	of each
37		Standi	ng and	Special Comm	ittee,	except for t	the Committee
38		on Nom	inatio	ns. All appoi	ntments	shall be co	onfirmed by a
39		majori	ty vot	e of the Exec	utive Co	ouncil. The	appointees
40		will s	erve c	oncurrently w	ith the	serving Pre	esident,
41		unless	soone	r replaced.			
42	7)	Issue	a call	for an Annua	1 Confe	rence and, w	hen directed
43		to do	so by	the Executive	Council	l, issue the	call for a
44		Specia	l Conf	erence of the	ASSOCIA	ATION and en	sure the
45		necess	ary ar	rangements ha	ve been	made and ar	e conducted
46		in acc	ordanc	e with the ap	plicable	e guidelines	· .

- 8) Direct the operations of the National Office of the ASSOCIATION with the approval of the Executive Council.
  - 9) Render an annual report to the membership at each Annual and/or Special Conference, showing a summary of the major achievements and activities of the ASSOCIATION Committees and the National Office.
  - 10) Perform other duties as prescribed by the Bylaws or assigned by the Executive Council.
  - 11) Incur such incidental expenses as may be necessary for operation of the ASSOCIATION within the budget set by the Executive Council.
  - 12) Designate in writing, the Executive Director or other officer, employee, or agent of the ASSOCIATION to sign deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Executive Council has reviewed and authorized.
  - 13) Appoint special staff officers (i.e., Chaplain, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-at-Arms) incidental to the conduct of Annual or Special Conferences and Quarterly or Special Executive Council meetings.
  - 14) Prepare annually and present to the Committee on Finance a proposed budget consisting of an itemized statement of estimated revenues and proposed expenditures no later than four (4) weeks prior to the start of the 4th Quarter meeting of the Executive Council.
  - 15) Ensure annual elections are held.

# VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall:

- 1) Perform the duties usually performed by the Vice-President of an organization and such duties as may be prescribed by the Bylaws or assigned by the President.
- 2) Assume the office, title and prerequisites of the President in the event of termination, resignation or removal from office and serve the unexpired term of office.
- 3) Perform the duties of the President, when the President is unable to perform his/her duties for any reason.
- 4) Oversee the function of Standing and Special Committees of the ASSOCIATION and other duties as the President shall designate.
- 5) Maintain quarterly contact with committee Chairmen.
- 6) Prepare the agenda and scripts for all Annual and Special Conferences, in conjunction with the Parliamentarian.

#### IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT

The Immediate Past-President shall:

1) Maintain communications with the Past Presidents.

  Ensure that all meeting minutes, Tellers' reports, and Standing Rules are provided to the Past Presidents.
 Not succeed to any other office by reason of absence,

incapacity, death, resignation, or removal from office of such other officer.

4) Chair the Committee on Nominations.

#### SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

- 1) Ensure that the draft meeting minutes are read and approved by the Executive Council or the delegates of the Annual or Special Conference.
- 2) Notify in writing, all Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of their appointment.
- 3) Produce a draft copy of all Executive Council meeting minutes to the Executive Council within thirty (30) days from the closing of Executive Council meeting.
- 4) Publish agendas for Quarterly and Special Executive Council meetings, including all matters that require the attention of the Executive Council members.
- 5) Maintain the Leadership Directory.
- 6) Act as a liaison between the Executive Council and the membership of this ASSOCIATION. The Secretary will have custody of and maintain general records of the ASSOCIATION, including:

a) Approved Annual or Special Conference and Executive Council meeting minutes,

b) Roll Calls and attendance,

 c) Official correspondence of the ASSOCIATION,d) A contact roster of all Executive Council Members and Committees,

e) An official copy of the Bylaws with all amendments posted, and

f) All Standing Rules established at Annual or Special Conference and Executive Council meetings, and Tellers' Reports, as applicable.

#### TREASURER

The Treasurer, acting directly with the ASSOCIATION accountant, shall:

 Ensure accountability of all receipts and deposits of all funds due the ASSOCIATION.

2) Ensure that all bills and claims of the ASSOCIATION are paid. Provide to the Executive Council, an account of all such transactions and the financial condition of the ASSOCIATION.

3) Be available for the annual audit.

 4) Present results of the annual audit of finances of the ASSOCIATION to the Executive Council.

 5) Present an annual report of finances to the Annual Conference.

 6) Furnish such bond as may be required by the Executive Council, the premium of which will be paid from funds of the ASSOCIATION.

 7) Manage the approved Financial Planning Worksheet.

 8) Ensure that funds are not disbursed beyond the limits set forth in the budget approved by the Executive Council.

9) Have the authority to decide whether to temporarily authorize expenses in excess of the Financial Planning Worksheet and report his decision to increase an expense to the Finance Committee Chairman and the President within seven (7) days, and include justification in his Treasurer's report to the Executive Council at the next

Quarterly Executive Council meeting.
10) Maintain copies of all 990 IRS tax forms.

 11) Assist the President in preparing an annual Financial Planning Worksheet for Executive Council approval.

 12) Perform other duties as assigned by the Executive Council.

#### AREA DIRECTORS

1) The Area Directors are voting members of the Executive Council.

2) Area Directors are elected at the Annual Conference of the ASSOCIATION by the Area Caucus.

3) Each of the seven (7) Areas will elect three (3) Area Directors to the Executive Council, with one (1) of the Area Directors taking on the additional responsibilities of Area Chairman.

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AT-LARGE AREA DIRECTOR

One (1) Director (either Army or Air, regardless of enlisted rank) shall be elected on even numbered years.

#### ARMY AREA DIRECTOR

One (1) Area Director shall be elected from each Area on odd numbered years.

#### AIR AREA DIRECTOR

One (1) Area Director shall be elected from each Area on odd numbered years.

#### AREA CHAIRMAN

The Area Chairman shall be designated each year by a majority vote during the Area Caucus, from the three (3) Area Director positions.

#### DUTIES OF AREA CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTORS

#### The Area Chairman shall:

- 1) Submit financial worksheet to ASSOCIATION president No later than six (6) weeks before fourth quarter Executive Council meeting.
- 2) Approve and submit Area expenses to the ASSOCIATION Treasurer.
- 3) Submit to the ASSOCIATION Secretary, current contact information, with updates as necessary, on:
  - a) State Association leadership and board positions.
  - b) Auxiliary Association leadership and board positions.
  - c) State Chairmen for Legislative, Membership, and Resolutions committees.
  - d) State Point of Contact for their website/social media Chairmen.
  - e) State Senior Enlisted Leaders and Senior Enlisted Advisors of both the Army and Air branches of the National Guard within their States.
  - f) State Adjutants General.
- 4) Submit Area committee members to ASSOCIATION Secretary.

5) Provide a quarterly report to the Executive Council summarizing goals, objectives, and activities of the Area Directors to include communications with the States and the ASSOCIATION.

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#### Area Directors shall:

- 1) Be assigned as a representative to specific States within their Area and act as liaison between the ASSOCIATION and those assigned States.
- 2) Attend State functions within their Area, to include meetings, events, and Annual Functions.
- 3) Provide information/advice on ASSOCIATION matters to the States and information/advice on State matters to the ASSOCIATION.
- 4) Submit requests for Area expense reimbursement to the Area Chairman within thirty (30) days of the completion of travel.
- 5) Provide a quarterly report to their respective Area Chairman, summarizing all communications with the States and the ASSOCIATION.
- 6) Submit to the Area Chairman, current contact information, with updates as necessary, on:

- a) State Association leadership and board positions.
- b) Auxiliary Association leadership and board positions.
- c) State Chairmen for Legislative, Membership, and Resolutions Committees.
- d) State Point of Contact for their website/social media Chairmen.
- e) State Senior Enlisted Leaders and Senior Enlisted Advisors of both the Army and Air National Guard within their States.
- f) State Adjutants General.

#### ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS, TENURE, REMOVAL FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

#### ELECTION PROCESS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- 1) The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the ASSOCIATION shall be elected biannually on even numbered years by majority vote at an Annual Conference of the ASSOCIATION.
- 2) Nominees must be an Enlisted Annual Member or an

- Enlisted Life Member of the ASSOCIATION with a current state membership, with voting rights. Full and part-time employees of the ASSOCIATION are not eligible to run for executive officer positions.
- 3) All members who desire to run for an EANGUS Executive Office will fill out the online Nominations Form and submit to Nominations Committee prior to election. Upon vetting membership requirements, that member will be allowed to run for said office.
- 4) In the event there are three (3) or more nominees for an Executive Officer position, ballots shall be cast until one (1) nominee receives a majority of the votes.
- 5) The nominee receiving the least number of votes will be eliminated from the ballot.

# ELECTION PROCESS FOR AREA DIRECTORS

Area Directors are elected at an Annual Conference of the ASSOCIATION by an Area Caucus.

- 1) Must possess an Annual Enlisted or a Life Enlisted membership of the ASSOCIATION with a current membership, with voting rights, from a state within the Area they are being elected to represent. Full and part-time employees of the ASSOCIATION are not eligible to run for Area Director positions.
- 2) All members who desire to run for an EANGUS Area Director position will fill out the online Nominations Form and submit to Nominations Committee prior to election. Upon vetting membership requirements, that member will be allowed to run for said office.
- 3) Area Director Positions will be elected one (1) position at a time.
- 4) Each State present during the Area Caucus may cast a total of two (2) votes, provided one (1) from an Army caucus member and one (1) from an Air caucus member are physically present from the State.
- 5) The voting during an election process shall be done by written ballot unless the election is uncontested, in which case the matter is decided by "acclamation".
- 6) Area Directors shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the State Army and Air representatives.
- 7) If there are only two (2) nominees, the nominee receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared the winner.
- 8) In the event there are three (3) or more nominees for an

Area Director position, ballots shall be cast until one of the three (3) or more nominees receives a majority of the votes.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

The following Oath of Office shall be administered to all elected or appointed Officers and Directors prior to assuming office:

 "I, (repeat full name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully perform the duties of (repeat Position) of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States and will, to the best of my knowledge and ability, preserve and protect the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Bylaws of this great Association, so help me God."

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TERMS OF OFFICE

1) Members of the Executive Council shall be installed on the last day of the Annual Conference by which they were elected.

 2) Unless terminated or removed therefrom as provided in these Bylaws, members of the Executive Council shall serve as such members for a term of two (2) years, not to exceed three (3) consecutive terms in each position. (NOTE: current Executive Council members, elected on or before the effective date of these bylaws, may serve remainder of their current term of office).

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER VACANCIES

 1) In the event the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall become the President, and the office of Vice-President will remain vacant until the next Annual or Special Conference, at which time a new Vice-President shall be elected.

2) In the event the office of Vice-President becomes vacant, the position will remain vacant until the next Annual or Special conference, at which time a new Vice-President shall be elected.

3) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, the Executive Council shall elect another member of the Executive Council (except the Parliamentarian and the Executive Director) to fill the unexpired term of

Treasurer.

4) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary, the Executive Council shall elect another member of the Executive Council (except the Parliamentarian and the Executive Director) to fill the unexpired term of Secretary.

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VACANCIES

- 1) A vacancy in this position may be replaced through the Area Director Election process outlined in these Bylaws, at an Area Caucus during an Annual or Special Conference or during an Area Caucus held between Annual and/or Special Conference.
- 2) Area Directors may vacate their position early and run for any of the Area Director positions for which they are eligible.

#### REMOVAL FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

 Tenure in office is terminated, provided sufficient cause has been presented, by a vote of the Executive Council at a Quarterly or Special Executive Council meeting. The procedure set forth below shall be followed:

1) An Executive Council member may be removed from office by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Council or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates at an Annual or Special Conference.

2) The Executive Council member who is the subject of the termination request shall be given notice at least 15 days prior to the vote.

3) The Executive Council's decision shall be final. Executive Council members approved for removal are immediately removed from their position.

 4) All correspondence, including the original filing, notes, minutes, and determination of the committee will remain confidential.

# ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- 1) An Executive Director is hired through a competitive process, in accordance with the Succession Plan and other related Standing Rules, by a vote of Executive Council.
- 2) The duties of the Executive Director position are outlined

in the Executive Director Contract.

- 3) The President of the ASSOCIATION negotiates the terms of the Executive Director's contract with the incumbent or the candidate. The President of the ASSOCIATION presents the negotiated Executive Director contract to the Executive Council for approval.
- 4) The President of the ASSOCIATION will propose an annual salary in the contract submitted to the Executive Council. The Executive Council will approve the contract and salary of the Executive Director by a majority vote.
- 5) The Executive Director may attend Executive Council meetings and may be invited to attend Committee meetings and Caucuses in a non-voting status.

#### ARTICLE VII - CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

An Annual Conference of the ASSOCIATION shall be held each year.

#### SPECIAL CONFERENCE

- 1) A Special conference is held between the Annual Conferences. Special Conferences may be called by:
  - a) The President, or
  - b) A majority of the Executive Council, or
  - c) A majority of the Chartered State Associations.

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Executive Council meetings will be scheduled quarterly between Annual Conferences.

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETINGS

- 1) Executive Council Special meetings of this ASSOCIATION may be called by the President, at his/her discretion, and shall be called by the President when requested by the Executive Council.
- 2) A majority of the Executive Council may call a special meeting of the Council by verbal or written notice to all members of this Council.

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#### UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

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- 1) Members of the Executive Council absent from two consecutive Executive Council meetings without being excused by the President, may be considered to have resigned.
- 2) All requests for excused absence will be before the start of the meeting.
- 3) Executive Officers will request an excused absence directly from the President.
- 4) Area Directors will request their excused absence to the President through their Area Chairman.

#### EANGUS AREA CAUCUSES

- 1) An EANGUS Area Caucus is a meeting of the respective states in an Area for the purpose of conducting business of the ASSOCIATION.
- 2) A caucus may exist when members from the majority of the states in the respective area and a minimum of fifteen (15) members are present. States within the area will have a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice of the meeting.
- 3) An EANGUS Area Caucus shall be convened at an Annual or Special Conference for the purpose of selecting and referring to the Committee on Nominations the names of eligible members of the ASSOCIATION from the service and Area they represent to be nominated by that committee to fill vacancies on the Executive Council of the ASSOCIATION.
- 4) Additional Area Caucus meetings may be held during the interim between Annual and/or Special Conferences at the call of the Area Chairman.
- 5) An EANGUS Area Caucus:
  - a) Shall be presided by the Area Chairman.
  - b) Has the ability to fill vacant Director Positions.
  - c) Has the ability to remove Directors.
  - d) Shall review and forward documentation from the States or Areas concerning ASSOCIATION committees, as required.
  - e) Shall select area representatives for ASSOCIATION committees and forward to the ASSOCIATION Secretary.
  - f) Each State, present during the Area Caucus may cast a total of two (2) votes, provided one (1) from an Army caucus member and one (1) from an Air caucus

member are physically present from the State.

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A quorum shall exist at any meeting of the Executive Council when at least 51% of the members of the complete Council are present. Proxy votes are not permitted.

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A quorum shall exist at any Annual or Special Conference when not less than thirty (30) Chartered State Associations are represented, and at least 51% of the eligible delegates are represented, and not less than sixty (60) members are present.

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- 1) A quorum shall exist at any Area Caucus when at least 51% of the Area State Associations are represented.
- 2) Proxy votes are not permitted during Area Caucus meetings.
- 3) Proxy votes are permitted during an Annual or Special Conference.

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#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 29 1) The order of business at the Annual or Special 30 31
  - Conference of the ASSOCIATION shall be as follows:
    - Conference is called to order by the President
    - Posting of the Colors, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance
    - Posting of the Sergeant at Arms C)
  - Roll Call 36 d)
    - Remarks by the Conference Chairman e)
    - Reading and Approval of the Minutes f)
    - Reading of Communications g)
    - Report of the Officers h)
    - i) Report of the Committees
    - Unfinished Business j)
    - k) New Business
      - 1) Election of Officers

m) Adjournment

2) The President may alter the agenda to meet exigencies.

#### ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

The ASSOCIATION is authorized to convene Executive Council meetings, committee meetings, and Area Caucus meetings by means of teleconference, video teleconference, web conference, or other electronic means available, provided that all participants are able to conduct two-way communications throughout the meeting.

#### DELEGATE REPRESENTATION

Representation at an Annual or Special Membership meeting of the ASSOCIATION will consist of:

One (1) delegate will be awarded for President of the State

a) In the event the President is unable to attend the meeting, an alternate designated by the State, President.

b) In a combined association an enlisted member shall serve as a delegate in the event the President of the State organization is ineligible for an Enlisted Annual or Life Membership.

2) One (1) delegate will be awarded to the State each member they have on the ASSOCIATION Executive Council.

3) One (1) delegate will be awarded for each 200 current and paid Enlisted Annual members or Enlisted Life Members, or major fraction thereof, of the State on the 31st day of December of the year prior to the Conference year.

4) Notice of any discrepancies between the State records and the ASSOCIATION'S delegate report as of the 31st day of December of the Conference year, must be submitted to the National Office no later than the 1st day of July in the Conference year.

5) States shall ensure that each of their accredited delegates will possess a current and paid Enlisted Annual or Life Membership throughout and to the end of the Annual or Special Conference.

#### ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

- 1) The President shall appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman to each of the Standing Committees of the ASSOCIATION.
- 2) Unless otherwise noted, each Standing Committee shall be comprised of one (1) Army Guard Member and (1) Air Guard Member from each of the Areas. These committee members shall be selected by the Areas during their Area Caucus.
- 3) The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees except the Committee on Nominations.
- 4) Members of each Standing Committee shall be an Enlisted Annual or Life Member.
- 5) The Chairman or Vice Chairman of each Committee shall participate in a quarterly Committee Chair meeting with the Vice-President prior to a Quarterly Executive Council meeting.
- 6) All Committees shall render an Annual Report to the ASSOCIATION during the Annual Conference.
- 7) All Committee Chairmen shall submit an annual budget request to the President no later than 15 September of each year or as directed by the President.

#### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

The Committee on Legislation shall:

- 1) Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and members made up of one (1) Army National Guard and one (1) Air National Guard member from each Area as determined by the Chairman of the respective Area.
- 2) Keep the membership informed on all matters relating to proposed legislation affecting the National Guard, especially those resolutions referred to it by the ASSOCIATION.
- 3) Present a report at the Annual Conference.
- 4) Publish quarterly updates to the membership through electronic or paper means.

# COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance consists of eleven (11) members, of which 10 (10) are voting members:

1) Committee Chairman

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1	2)	Committee Vice-Chairman			
2	3)	An Area I Director			
3	4)	An Area II Director			
4	5)	An Area III Director			
5	6)	An Area IV Director			
6	7)	An Area V Director			
7	8)	An Area VI Director			
8	9)	An Area VII Director			
9	10)	President			
10	11)	Treasurer, non-voting			
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12	The	Committee on Finance shall:			
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14	1)	Develop the Annual budget of the ASSOCIATION and			
15		recommend its adoption by the Executive Council.			
16	2)	Manage the Financial Planning Worksheet.			
17	3)	Consider requests for extraordinary or unforeseen			
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19		Worksheet and, if deemed warranted, recommend to the			
20		Executive Council for approval.			
21	4)	Examine the annual Financial Audit of the records of the			
22		ASSOCIATION.			
23	5)	Recommend to the Executive Council any changes in			
24		Standing Rules.			
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#### COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

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The Committee on Membership shall:

1) Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and members made up of one (1) Army National Guard and one (1) Air National Guard member from each Area as determined by the Chairman of the respective Area.

- 2) Issue a quarterly report to the Executive Council reflecting the increases or decreases in membership, by
- 3) Identify States that are behind in their dues payments to the ASSOCIATION.
- 4) Present an annual report during the Annual Conference.

# COMMITTEE ON THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

The Committee on the Army National Guard shall:

1) Consist of an Army National Guard Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and one (1) Army National Guard Member from

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- each Area.

  Report to the Executive Council their findings from the Command Sergeants Major Advisory Council (CSMAC)

  meetings.

  Report to the Executive Council on any tasks or recommendations that the ASSOCIATION can assist with
  - 4) Facilitate the Army National Guard breakout at the Annual Conference.

regarding policies that affect the Army National Guard.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The Committee on the Air National Guard shall:

- 1) Consist of an Air National Guard Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and one (1) Air National Guard member from each Area.
- 2) Report to the Executive Council their findings from the Enlisted Field Advisory Council (EFAC) meetings.
- 3) Report to the Executive Council on any tasks or recommendations that the ASSOCIATION can assist with regarding policies that affect the Air National Guard.
- 4) Facilitate the Air National Guard breakout at the Annual Conference.

#### COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS

 The Committee on Bylaws shall:

- 1) Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and members made up of one (1) Army National Guard member and one (1) Air National Guard member from each Area as determined by the Chairman of the respective Area.
- 2) The Committee shall meet for the purpose of reviewing the ASSOCIATION Bylaws and recommending areas for amendment.
- 3) Review proposed Bylaws amendments submitted from the membership and present those amendments for consideration at an Annual or Special Conference
- 4) Present a report at the Annual Conference.

# COMMITTEE ON RETIREE AFFAIRS

The Committee on Retiree Affairs shall:

1) Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and members made

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- up of one (1) Army National Guard and one (1) Air
  National Guard member from each Area as determined by
  the Chairman of the respective Area.
  - 2) Report to the Executive Council their findings from National Guard Retiree events in each Area.
  - 3) Report to the Executive Council on any tasks or recommendations that the ASSOCIATION can assist with regarding policies that affect the retired Army and Air National Guard Members.
  - 4) Present a report at the Annual Conference.

# COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The Committee on Ways and Means shall:

- 1) Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and members made up of one (1) Army National Guard and one (1) Air National Guard member from each Area as determined by the Chairman of the respective Area.
- 2) Report to the Executive Council a quarterly report on revenue streams that come from programs and partnerships that are assigned to it by the Executive Council for oversight and management.
- 3) Present a report at the Annual Conference.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

- 1) The Committee on Resolutions consists of the following voting members.
  - a) Chairman
  - b) Vice-Chairman
  - c) One (1) Army National Guard member from each State chartered in the ASSOCIATION.
  - d) One (1) Air National Guard member from each State chartered in the ASSOCIATION.
  - e) President of the ASSOCIATION.
- 2) The Committee on Resolutions shall consider each resolution referred thereto and may revise, amend or modify it only to the extent of clarification and not to an extent that changes the meaning or content of the original submission.
- 3) The Committee shall consider said resolutions provided such resolution(s) is/are submitted in writing to the Committee on Resolutions Chairman by the 30th of May

with the following exceptions:

- a) If a State Conference occurs between the 15th of May and prior to the National Conference, the time frame requirement may be waived by the Resolutions Committee Chairman, upon a request from the state(s) affected.
- b) Resolutions submitted from the floor of a Conference will be considered with the provisions that, if accepted, the Resolutions Committee has the opportunity and responsibility to determine the specific intent of the resolution from the State submitting the resolution and research the content, clarity, and correctness prior to submission to the respective agency to which the resolution is directed.
- c) The Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions shall report to the Annual Conference only those resolutions the Committee recommends for adoption.
- d) Resolutions not submitted for Annual Conference approval will be attached to the report and submitted to the Secretary of the ASSOCIATION.

#### COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee on Scholarships shall:

- Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and one (1) member from each Area as determined by the Chairman of the respective Area.
- 2) Provide applications and ensure that information of the scholarship programs are made available to all members.
- 3) Present an annual report to the ASSOCIATION including the names of recipients and alternates for scholarship.

#### COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR ENLISTED

The Committee on Junior Enlisted shall:

- 1) Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and members made up of one (1) Army National Guard and one (1) Air National Guard member from each Area as determined by the Chairman of the respective Area.
- 2) Advise and recommend to the Executive Council policies which will increase the efficiency and promote the welfare of all Junior Enlisted.

- 3) Promote a general understanding between Junior Enlisted personnel of the Army and Air National Guard.
  - 4) Present a report at the Annual Conference.

#### COMMITTEE ON HISTORY

The Committee on History shall:

- 1) Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, ASSOCIATION Past Presidents, and members made up of one (1) Army National Guard and one (1) Air National Guard member from each Area as determined by the Chairman of the respective Area.
- 2) Advise and recommend to the Executive Council, policies to record, collect, and maintain the history of the ASSOCIATION.
- 3) Present a report at the Annual Conference.

#### COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

The Committee on Awards shall:

- 1) Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and members made up of one (1) Army National Guard and one (1) Air National Guard member from each Area as determined by the Chairman of the respective Area.
- 2) Conduct those operations outlined in the Awards Committee Standing Rules.
- 3) Present a report at the Annual Conference.

#### COMMITTEE ON CORPORATE PROGRAMS

The Committee on Corporate Programs shall:

- Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and one (1) member from each Area as determined by the Chairman of the respective Area.
- 2) Maintain contact with current and potential corporate members and personnel that support the objectives and administration of the ASSOCIATION.
- 3) Present quarterly reports to the Executive Council.
- 4) Recognize the current Corporate members at the Annual Conference.
- 5) Conduct those operations outlined in the Corporate Programs Standing Rules.
- 6) Present a report at the Annual Conference.

#### COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

The Committee on Time and Place shall:

1) Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and members made up of one (1) Army National Guard and one (1) Air National Guard member from each Area as determined by the Chairman of the respective Area.

2) Receive bid packets from States and forward to the Secretary.

- 3) Consider only those invitations for the time and place of a succeeding Annual Conference that have been certified to the Committee by the Executive Council of the ASSOCIATION as meeting criteria established in the Time and Place Standing Rules.
- 4) Report to the Annual Conference their recommendation to the time and place of any future Annual Conference.

#### COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

The Committee on Conferences shall:

1) Consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and additional members to be determined.

2) Provide recommendations to the Executive Council on Conference requirements.

- 3) Maintain the National Conference Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).
- 4) Present a report at the Annual Conference.
- 5) Be advisors to the State hosting the conference.

#### COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Nominations shall:

- 1) Be chaired by the Immediate Past President.
- 2) Consist of (1) member per Area, as determined by the Chairman of the respective Area.
- 3) Receive all nomination forms for all offices being elected during the Annual Conference.
- 4) Convene on the first day of the Annual Conference where elections shall take place.
- 5) Prepare a slate of nominations consisting of the names of eligible members of the ASSOCIATION for each office required to be filled at that Annual Conference.

1 2	6)	Present a report at the Annual Conference to the membership on nomination forms received and the office
3		for which they are running.
4	7)	Receive the nomination forms for each elected office.
5	8)	Present eligible nominations to the delegates during
6		each of the business sessions during the Annual
7		Conference.
8	9)	Accept nominations made from the floor of the Annual
9		Conference provided they are made prior to the final
10		report of the Committee on Nominations.
11	10)	Elections will take place after the final report of the
12		Committee on Nominations, but before the adjournment of
13		the Annual Conference.
14	11)	Accept and review all online nomination forms
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23	The	Committee on Credentials and Rules shall:
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25	1)	Consist of no more than five (5) members of the
26		Executive Council of the ASSOCIATION appointed by the
27		President to serve during an Annual or Special
28		Conference of the ASSOCIATION or until discharged by
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30 31	2)	Subject to an appeal to the Annual or Special
31		Conference, rule on the credentials of each delegate to
32	2.\	an Annual or Special Conference of the ASSOCIATION.
33	3)	Ensure each member of the voting body of an Annual or
34 25		Special Conference of the ASSOCIATION be provided with
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36 37	4)	Present a report to each Annual or Special Conference
37 20		of the ASSOCIATION, consisting of:
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39 40		a) A list of the members of the voting body.
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42		adopted by the Conference.

ARTICLE IX - VOTING

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#### ANNUAL AND SPECIAL CONFERENCES

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- 1) All voting by the general membership shall be by majority vote of the delegates unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws of this ASSOCIATION and shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- 2) A vote by written ballot may not be taken.
- 3) Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, the method of voting during an Annual or Special Conference (to include Area Caucus meetings and committee meetings of the ASSOCIATION) will be determined by the presiding officer or Chairman thereof.
- 4) Voting may be by proxy in accordance with the maximum number of delegates authorized the State Organizations as presented in writing to the Credentials and Rules Committee by the State, and as approved by the Credential and Rules Committee.
- 5) Upon demand of five (5) or more State Organizations, a Roll Call vote is in order, and the presiding officer shall order a roll call vote of the States.

# EANGUS AREA CAUCUSES

- 1) The Area Chairman shall be the presiding officer of an Area Caucus.
- 2) Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, the method of voting during an Area Caucus meeting will be determined by the Area Chairman or an alternate so designated by the Area Chairman.
- 3) For the purpose of election of Area Directors each State may cast a total of two (2) votes, provided one (1) Army caucus member and one (1) Air caucus member are physically present from the State.
- 4) A vote may be taken by written ballot, if so determined by a majority of the members present during the Caucus.

### ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the ASSOCIATION in all cases to which they are applicable except where modified by:
  - 1) The Bylaws of the ASSOCIATION,
  - 2) Rules of Order, or

3) Standing Rules established by an Annual or Special Conference or Executive Council meeting.

#### ARTICLE XI - FISCAL

The Fiscal Year of the ASSOCIATION commences on January 1 and ends on December 31.

#### AUDIT

The President and the Executive Council shall have an audit of the records and finances of the ASSOCIATION annually.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS UPON DISSOLUTION

In case of the dissolution of the ASSOCIATION, all assets of EANGUS will be divided among the different States non-profit associations, based upon the last year of membership count.

#### **EXPENDITURES**

- 1) The budget, once approved by the Executive Council, authorizes the ASSOCIATION to expend funds to the limits in each Financial Planning Worksheet account.
- 2) If an account has to exceed its approved limit, the officer or chairman responsible for the account must request approval for additional funds from the Executive Council prior to the ASSOCIATION becoming liable for the expense. Failure to do so may result in the officer or chairman being removed in accordance with ASSOCIATION Bylaws and may include civil action.
- 3) Once approved by the Executive Council, bills, claims and expenditures of the ASSOCIATION shall be:

a) Certified by the Treasurer of the ASSOCIATION.

b) Position bonds shall be furnished by the ASSOCIATION for the Treasurer and any other officers who handle funds of the ASSOCIATION. The amount of such bonds shall be determined by the Executive Council and the cost paid by the ASSOCIATION.

c) Paid by warrant drawn of the funds of the ASSOCIATION and executed by any of the following: a. President

- b. Vice-Presidentc. Treasurerd. Secretary
  - e. Executive Director

# CONTRACTS

- 1) The Executive Council shall have oversight of the affairs of the ASSOCIATION between Annual Conferences, and in keeping with good management practices.
- 2) All contracts shall be presented to the Executive Council, for review, formal presentation, motion for consideration, discussion, and a vote before they may be executed on the part of the ASSOCIATION.

#### ARTICLE XII - WAR OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY

 This Article may be invoked by majority of the Executive Council of the ASSOCIATION and shall take precedence over any conflicting provision(s) of the Bylaws of the ASSOCIATION, in the event of:

- 1) War.
- 2) National Emergency.
- 3) Proclaimed by the President of the United States, or
- 4) Declared by the Congress of the United States.

#### TENURE AND FILLING VACANCIES

- 1) On and after the date of invocation of this Article, subject to the provisions of Article V, of these Bylaws, the tenure in office of each officer of the ASSOCIATION is, if so determined by a majority vote of the Executive Council of the ASSOCIATION, extended for the duration of the war or National Emergency and for six (6) months thereafter or until the Executive Council, by majority vote determines that this Article shall no longer remain in effect.
- 2) In the event of a vacancy in the office of President of the ASSOCIATION and there is, at that time, no Vice-President of the ASSOCIATION to succeed thereto, the Executive Council shall elect to the office of President, by majority vote, a member of the existing Executive Council.
- 3) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice-

- President, Secretary, or Treasurer of the ASSOCIATION, the Executive Council shall elect to that office by majority vote, a member of the ASSOCIATION.
  - 4) A member of the Executive Council elected to be an officer of the ASSOCIATION vacates his/her original seat on the Executive Council; and the Executive Council may suspend the operation of any provisions of Article V of the Bylaws.
  - 5) In the event of a vacancy of an Area Director on the Executive Council, the respective area shall elect thereto, by majority vote, a member of the appropriate Area to serve the unexpired period of tenure.

#### ANNUAL AND SPECIAL CONFERENCES

- 1) On and after the date of invocation of this Article, the Executive Council is authorized to convene electronic Annual and Special Conferences by means of teleconference, video teleconference, web conference, or other electronic means available, provided that participants are capable to conduct two-way communications throughout the meeting.
- 2) This authorization is in effect for the duration of the war or National Emergency and for six (6) months thereafter or until the Executive Council, by majority vote determines that this Article shall no longer remain in effect.

#### ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

# BYLAWS AMENDMENT PROCESS

The following procedure shall govern the amendment process through a two-thirds (2/3) vote:

- 1) These Bylaws may be amended at an Annual or Special Conference of the ASSOCIATION by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present.
- 2) An amendment may be proposed by a State or a member of the ASSOCIATION and shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the ASSOCIATION at least ninety (90) days prior to the date set for the convening of the Conference at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.
- 3) As soon as practicable after its receipt, the Secretary

- shall deliver copies of the proposed amendment(s) to the Chairman of the Committee on Bylaws.
  - 4) The Chairman of the Committee on Bylaws shall make available, copies of the proposed amendment(s) to the Executive Council and the President of each state not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the convening of each Conference.
  - 5) After Committee consideration, the Bylaws Committee Chairman shall present a report to such conference, with such recommendations concerning the proposed amendment as the Committee may see fit.

The following procedure shall govern the amendment process through a Unanimous Vote:

1) These Bylaws may be amended at an Annual or Special Conference of the ASSOCIATION by a unanimous vote without prior notice provided the Committee on Bylaws has reviewed the proposed amendment(s) and made its recommendation to the ASSOCIATION.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

1) Unless otherwise provided, an amendment of the Bylaws shall be effective upon the adjournment sine die of the Annual or Special Conference which adopted it.

1 **DEFINITIONS** 2 3 For the purpose herein: 4 5 • Accreditation: Refers to being in good standing with the Secretary of State Registry and financial matters with the 6 7 Internal Revenue Services. 8 9 • Annual Conference: Refers to a conference of delegates held annually. 10 11 12 • Area Chairman: Refers one of the three (3) Area Directors who has been elected to that position and shall be the 13 coordinator for their Area. 14 15 • Charter: Refers to a written certificate stating that a 16 17 State Association is eligible to have delegates seated 18 during the Annual and Special Conferences. 19 20 • Enlisted Members: Refers to active, current, separated, or 21 retired enlisted National Guard members and belonging to a chartered state association with voting rights. 22 23 24 • EANGUS: Acronym for the Enlisted Association of the 25 National Guard of the United States. 26 27 • EANGUS Area means and includes: 28 29 - EANGUS AREA I: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New 30 Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and 31 Vermont. 32 33 - EANGUS AREA II: Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, NGB T-10, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, 34 Virginia, and West Virginia. 35 36 37 - EANGUS AREA III: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the Virgin Islands. 38 39 40 - EANGUS AREA IV: Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Mississippi, 41 Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. 42 43 - EANGUS AREA V: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and 44

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- EANGUS AREA VI: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

- **EANGUS Area VII:** Alaska, California, Guam, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington.

• Financial Planning Worksheet: Refers to the Committee on Finance's working document.

• Good Standing: Refers to state association that are compliant with federal and state requirements; refers to members who are current with annual or life dues.

• IAW: Means in accordance with.

• Leadership Directory: Refers to positions and committee assignments and the respective contact information.

• National Office: Refers to the EANGUS Administrative Office and Staff functioning at 1 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 880, Washington, D.C., 20001.

 • President of State Organizations: Refers to and includes the elected President of a State Organization or the elected member chosen to represent the enlisted portion of the Chartered State Organization.

• Rules of Order: Refers to Parliamentary Authority.

• Special Conference: Refers to a separate session held at a different time than an Annual Conference.

• Standing Rules: Refers to established rules approved by an Annual or Special Conference or Executive Council Meeting.

• State: Refers to and includes a State, Commonwealth, Territory, the District of Columbia, and NGB T-10.

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3	• May is used in a permissive sense.	
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5	• Shall is used in an imperative sense.	
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7	• May not is used in a prohibitive sense.	
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9	• Majority Vote means and includes a majority of the legal	
10	votes cast.	
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12	• Two-Thirds (2/3) Vote means and includes two-thirds (2/3)	!
13	of the legal votes cast.	
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I CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF THE CURRENT BYLAWS OF THE ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES. THE BYLAWS CHANGES SHOWN ON PAGE 7 WERE APPROVED DURING THE 2023 GENERAL CONFERENCE ON 16 AUGUST 2023.

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