



**LEGISLATIVE & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION
2020 Annual Report
12 March 2021**

Chairman: Mark Pickett

Legislative Initiatives and Resolutions Committee meetings and major events:

- Bi-Monthly meeting held on the second full week Wednesday at 1400hrs
- Annual NCNGA Legislative Luncheon - postponed due to COVID

2021 Big Three Current State Legislative Initiatives:

1. **Military Retiree State Income Tax Relief** – The General Assembly is currently reviewing and voting on several versions of Military Retire State Income Tax Relief. One version is all military retirees in the State while another is ALL State Employees. NC, while stating that it's "one of the most military friendly", is in the minority of states not providing this benefit (33 other State do). Your association is in close contact with the bill sponsors but we strongly encourage members to contact your representative and encourage their support for these bills.
2. **NCTAP Funding** - Increase of \$900,000 to current annual NCNG State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) funding to cover anticipated future shortfalls. NCTAP is one of our most effective recruiting and retention tools for Soldiers and Airmen. Increasing demand and rising tuition cost continues to decrease available funds. This can be accomplished using legislative or administrative actions both being worked by your Association.
3. **NCNG State Pension** - Increase in NCNG State Pension funding to meet future requirements. This year, in close coordination with and the support of the NC Treasurer's Retirement Service Division, an additional \$2 million of funding was made available to the pension fund on a two year non-recurring basis. The intent is to bring the NCNG Pension Fund to the level of funding on par with other NC Treasurer managed pensions.

****143rd NGAUS Conference - planning on going to host National Guard Association of the United States in Charlotte, NC 9-12 September 2021****

2021 Federal Level support to NGAUS and EANGUS. The Same Equipment, The Same Resources, and The Same Benefits for the Same Mission. Some of the agenda items with direct impact to the NCNG:

1. Increased Full-time Manning and Support
2. Zero Cost TRICARE to Ensure Reserve Component Readiness
3. Increased National Guard Military Construction
4. Protecting National Guard Equities in Duty State Reform
5. Continued National Guard Integration in Total Force Cyber Mission and Training
6. AH64E Apache Battalions Equipped at 24 Aircraft
7. National Guard Counterdrug Program

Final Thoughts: Our committee continues to look for ways to improve and increase benefits to our Members. We encourage you to contact Larry Coleman, our NCNGA President or myself with any other recommendations or feedback.