

EAANG

Enlisted Association of the Arkansas National Guard

DATE: 23 April 2015

TO: General Assembly

FROM: Legislative Affairs Committee Chairman

SUBJECT: 2015 Legislative Report

1. Mister President and members of the Enlisted Association of the Arkansas National Guard: The Legislative Affairs Committee had a busy and productive year in the past 12 months. Some of the highlights of the past year were:

- Resolution 14-02 (Unspecified Minor Military Construction) was sent to EANGUS and was successfully written into the 2015 NDAA.
- Resolution 14-03 (Tricare Reserve Select) was sent to EANGUS and while there is still work to be done on the issue, it sparked a valuable discussion in NGB and DoD concerning the benefits afforded to Reserve Component members.
- Resolution 14-01 (Arkansas Military Retiree Income Tax Exemption) was brought to Arkansas House and Senate Committees. Members of EAANG were in the forefront of the effort to pass those bills and testified before both committees. While this effort was not successful, great headway was made towards seeing this issue eventually become law.

2. The Legislative Affairs Committee has received draft copies of the 6 proposed 2015 resolutions and look forward to starting work on those issues that are adopted by the EAANG body.

3. As the Chairperson of the Legislative Affairs Committee I want to thank the committee members and all members of EAANG that worked on these important issues throughout the year. Through these efforts, we hope to provide a solid cause for our association as we move forward into the next year and through.

6. Mister President, I move for acceptance of this report as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Howard
Legislative Affairs Committee Chair

