

# NGAT NEWS NUGGETS



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**NGAT SALUTES ALL  
OUR VETERANS ON  
VETERANS DAY**



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Veteran's Day is a popular holiday to say thanks to our country's military members. Many stores, restaurants and other businesses offer discounts to military members, retirees, and other veterans. Proof of service is often required such as a military or retiree ID card, DD Form 214, VA card, or other proof of service, so be prepared if you are asked. I recommend you call ahead, because some locations may not participate. If you would like to have a VA card, simply register at your local VA Medical Center (with your DD-Form 214), and you can receive a photo ID card.

## Sign Up For The 51st Annual NGAT Conference

- Joint Conference
- Informative Business Sessions
- Exhibits
- Golf Tournament
- TX Hold'em Tournament
- Wine Tasting

- Bowling Tournament
- Fun Run
- Welcome Party
- "NGAT IDOL" Party
- Spouses Luncheon
- Retiree Luncheon

- Enlisted Breakfast
- Saturday Dinner
- Prayer Breakfast

Book your hotel today! Registration forms and conference information is located at [www.ngat.org](http://www.ngat.org).

SEE YOU THERE!!



## PEETEY'S CORNER

I am proud to be the pet of two  
Army veterans.  
"Happy Veterans Day"

### DON'T FORGET THE FLEA TREATMENT

The hot days of summer are almost behind us, but that doesn't mean you can let down your guard and forget about flea and tick protection. Fall is still flea and tick season in most areas. Since fleas thrive in temperatures around 70 degrees, October and November in Texas are still prime time flea months. Ticks populate in piles of fallen leaves. Though many pet owners think these parasites are primarily a warm weather problem, flea and tick protection is essential this time of year. Fleas live all year long in warm southern climates like Texas. They can also live year round in a warm house. You know how much one small insect bite can itch. Imagine not one but 10, 20, 50 or more bites at one time. While living and feeding on a dog or cat, a single flea can lay hundreds of eggs. Besides itching and discomfort, flea bites can cause serious skin irritation. Some animals will develop an allergy to flea saliva. Some animals with flea allergic dermatitis will suffer intense itching and aggravation from even a single flea bite. Vigorous scratching will cause hair loss and the formation of scabs, leading to bacterial skin infection. So don't skip the flea treatment just because the temperatures are dropping. We really need it!! Thanks from all my furry friends.

Meow From Peetey



### SEND A DEPLOYED SERVICEMEMBER SOME CHEER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Here is a list of items that troops would really appreciate receiving

- Baby Wipes - packets are better than tubs. If you can find them, the "Hoo Ahhs" brand of pre-moistened, alcohol-free, unscented field towels are better to send. [www.hooahhs.com](http://www.hooahhs.com)
- Beef Jerky/Slim Jims
- Any True product - True Lemon, True Lime or True Orange. These can be added to water to help it taste better (since the water the soldiers drink undergoes a lot of processing) and to season foods. [www.truelemon.com](http://www.truelemon.com)
- Camelbak Elixir - It is a sugar-free effervescent tablet, loaded with electrolytes, designed specifically for a CamelBak hydration system. Elixir dissolves easily in water and won't leave a sticky residue if used in a reservoir. Use one tablet for every 24 oz of water. Only 10 calories per serving. Buy on ebay for best price.
- Powdered drink mixes. Again to help water taste better.
- Energy Bars. "HOOAH!" brand energy bar based on the U.S. military's own specially formulated bar that better meets the soldiers' needs than standard energy bars but any - Power Bars, etc. - are appreciated.
- Hot Sauce (Tabasco, Red Devil, etc.) Wrap glass bottle in duct tape and place in doubled zip-lock bags
- Sunflower seeds
- Peanuts
- Seasoning Salt (Lawry's, etc.)
- Atomic Fireballs/Jolly Rancher hard candy (for service member use)
- Smarties or SweetTart candies (for local children who prefer sour style candy to build relationships with community)
- Powdered Energy/Electrolyte Replacement Drink Mix (Gatorade, etc.)
- Chewing Gum [www.joltgum.com](http://www.joltgum.com)
- Avon Skin So Soft great for removing face paint and also reputed to be an effective bug repellent (the latter seems variable based on personal experience and reports)
- AA-cell Alkaline Batteries
- Personal Hygiene Gear: Soap, Body wash, Disposable Razors, Toothbrush and Tooth Paste
- Eye Wash/Drops (Visine, etc.) for flushing dust and sand out of the eyes
- Zip-Lock style Plastic Storage Bags - assorted sizes, heavier freezer style are better
- Pre-paid Phone Card so service member can call home



EANGUS Area IV Midwinter Conference

February 13-14, 2010

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

201 Lafayette Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70801

(225) 344-5866

[www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)

Registration Fee \$50 per person includes:

Friday Night Mixer w/Cash Bar

Saturday Casual Dinner w/Cash Bar

Registration Fee after 1 February 2010 \$60 per person

Rooms Rates \$101 plus tax per night

Mail registration to Richard Blanchard

5445 Point Clair Rd Unit S-4

Carville, LA 70721



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Names for Name Tags \_\_\_\_\_

An LSU Athletic Facilities Tour has been scheduled for Saturday. Transportation will be provided.

Will you attend? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_)

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**STOP LOSS COMPENSATION PAY ARE YOU ELIBIGLE**

Recently enacted legislative action led by Representative Murtha (D-PA), now allows servicemembers who were involuntarily held on active duty beyond an approved separation or retirement date as a direct result of stop loss from Sept. 11, 2001 - Sept. 30, 2009, to be eligible for a **Retro-active Stop Loss Special Pay compensation** of \$500 for each month they were affected. To file a claim, eligible active, retired and former servicemembers, or legally designated beneficiaries, must provide documentary proof they were stop loss. Family members of deceased service members should contact their decedent's military service for claims filing assistance. The following links will provide stop loss information for the services;

**Army:** <https://www.stoplosspay.army.mil>  
or email [RetroStopLossPay@CONUS.Army.Mil](mailto:RetroStopLossPay@CONUS.Army.Mil)

**Navy:** Email [NXAG\\_N132C@navy.mil](mailto:NXAG_N132C@navy.mil)

**Marine Corps:** <https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/stoploss>  
or email [stoploss@usmc.mil](mailto:stoploss@usmc.mil)

**Air Force:** <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss/>

 **FREE**  
**Legal Advice**

**For All U.S. Vets**  
November 14, 2009

9 a.m. - Noon

**American Legion**  
**Post 560**

3720 Alba Road  
Houston, TX 77018

\*Financial guidelines apply for free legal representation. Clinic open to all U.S. veterans or spouses of deceased veterans. No appointment necessary.



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(713) 759-1133 or [www.hba.org](http://www.hba.org)



**FREE MEAL FOR VETERANS FROM GOLDEN CORRAL**

Golden Corral restaurants nationwide welcome our nation's veterans and active duty military members to a free buffet dinner and drink on "Military Appreciation Monday 2009" on 16 November 2009, between 5 and 9 p.m. Go to [www.goldencorral.com](http://www.goldencorral.com)

**APPLEBEE'S THANKS VETERANS**

Applebee's says THANK YOU to active duty service members and veterans with a free meal on Veterans Day. Simply show proof of military service, and your entrée is on Applebee's! Available during business hours on Nov 11, 2009 at participating Applebee's only. Dine-in from limited menu only. Beverage and gratuity not included.



The Veterans of Foreign Wars is proud to provide a FREE CALL DAY HOME each month. Free Call Days are connected through MWR SPAWAR Internet Cafes.

**RETURNING THE FAVOR**



Free Call Days. No Card. No Cost.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

For benefits available to you and your family email us at: [NationalMilitaryServices@vfw.org](mailto:NationalMilitaryServices@vfw.org)

**2009-10 Schedule**

**Free Call Days**

- September 29<sup>th</sup>
- October 18<sup>th</sup>
- November 26<sup>th</sup>
- December 25<sup>th</sup>
- January 17<sup>th</sup>
- February 14<sup>th</sup>
- March 14<sup>th</sup>
- April 4<sup>th</sup>
- May 9<sup>th</sup>
- May 30<sup>th</sup>
- June 20<sup>th</sup>
- July 4<sup>th</sup>
- August 22<sup>nd</sup>



**10% Discount at Home Depot for Veterans Day**

The Home Depot is offering all active duty personnel, reservists, retired military, veterans and their families a 10 percent discount off their purchases in honor of Veteran's Day. The offer is valid on purchases of up to \$2,000 for a maximum discount of \$200 between November 6 and November 11, 2008, at the Home Depot stores.

**SHOW YOU CARE - THANK A VETERAN TODAY**

**LOWE'S OFFERS MILITARY DISCOUNT FOR VETERANS**

Lowe's Companies, Inc. will offer all active, reserve, honorably discharged, retired military personnel and their immediate family members a 10 percent discount on in-store U.S. purchases made during the Veterans Day holiday. The discount is available Nov. 6 - Nov. 11. The discount is available on in-stock and special order purchases up to \$5,000. To qualify, individuals must present a valid military ID or other proof of service. Excluded from the discount are sales via Lowes.com, previous sales, and purchases of services or gift cards.



**VETERANS DAY MILITARY DISCOUNT**

*In Appreciation of Your Service*



**15% OFF**

**YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE\*\***

(SOME EXCLUSIONS MAY APPLY. SEE STORE FOR DETAILS)

**NOVEMBER 11, 2009, ONLY.**

*Please bring identification to verify your military status for this offer.*

**VALID AT YOUR LOCAL SPORTS AUTHORITY NOVEMBER 11, 2009, ONLY.**

\*\*Special discount is valid in store only for active or retired military personnel. Please bring identification to verify your military status for this offer. Discount will be taken off total transaction, excluding sales tax. No cash value. No cash back. No rain checks. Offer not valid on prior purchases or the purchase of gift cards. Cannot be combined with any other offer or coupon. Offer good on in-stock merchandise only. Offer not valid online. Some exclusions may apply, including the purchase of Nintendo Wii and Wii Fit hardware systems and software/game products, firearms, ammunition, electronics, select fitness equipment and team championship apparel.





## Grantham University's Blue Star Flag Program for Servicemembers

Grantham University's Blue Star Flag program has been providing FREE Blue Star Flags to Servicemembers and their families since 2006. Grantham University is also offering scholarships and grants to Servicemembers and veterans. For further information about the Blue Star Flag program, please go to: <http://www.mybluestarflag.com>. To read more about Grantham University's scholarship opportunities, please click on: <http://www.grantham.edu/ausa.html>



### Veterans Cash From The Texas Lottery

The Veterans Cash is a \$2.00 Texas Lottery ticket that goes on sale starting 9 November 2009. The proceeds from the sale of this ticket will help the Texas Fund for Veterans Assistance. There is over \$10.5 million in prizes in this game. Support a veteran and buy a ticket and you too could be a winner.

### Come Run Mabry! Veteran's Day 10k and 5k

11 Nov 09 @ 4 P.M. Veterans Day 5k & 10k Run, Camp Mabry, Austin. We are currently looking for mobile counseling units to come out and offer services to Soldiers Airmen and Family members. Displays & booths encouraged. (No Fee) Contact 512-965-5909 for more information.



## 36th CAB Heritage Project

In an attempt to preserve and protect the historical documentation of the 36th Combat Aviation Brigade's (CAB) mobilization and deployment to Iraq (OIF 06-08), Texas Military Forces contracted the "Heritage Project". Eighteen months of research, data mining, and interviews culminated in the production of a 55

minute video documentary, a 324 page historical book and a 71 " x 34 " painting by James Dietz.

The 36th CAB (Task Force Mustang) was the first fully transformed National Guard Combat Aviation Brigade to mobilize and deploy in support of the Global War on Terror. The 36th CAB was comprised of more than 2,800 Soldiers from 44 states and 3 U.S. territories. TF Mustang was deployed to Iraq during some of the most intense periods of enemy insurgent resistance and activities (June 2006 to October 2007). TF Mustang redeployed as one of the most highly decorated Combat Aviation Brigades since the Gulf War.

### The Heritage Project is the story of the 36th CAB and the battalions that made up TF Mustang:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HHC 36th CAB (Austin, TX)    | 449th ASB (San Antonio, TX) |
| 1-149th ARB (Houston, TX)    | 2-135th GSAB (Aurora, CO)   |
| 1-131st AHB (Montgomery, AL) | 1-108th AHB (Topeka, KS)    |
| OSACOM (Ft Belvoir, VA)      |                             |

The book, painting, and video are the property of, and copyrighted by, the Texas Military Forces and the artist (James Dietz). Reproduction, distribution, and marketing rights have been given solely to the National Guard Association of Texas and Angel Hawks (friends and families of the 36th CAB), for the purpose of charitable fund raising in support of Soldiers and families in need.

**Purchase Prints and DVD's on our web site at [www.heritageproject.net](http://www.heritageproject.net)**





JOIN US FOR THE  
132<sup>ND</sup> NGAUS GENERAL CONFERENCE

21-23 AUGUST 2010

AUSTIN, TEXAS



**NGAT HAS \$165.00 WAITING FOR YOU!!!**

NGAT invites you to attend the 132<sup>nd</sup> NGAUS General Conference compliments of NGAT. You must be a current member of NGAT and NGAUS to qualify for the complimentary NGAUS registration. (This is a \$165.00 value) Complimentary registration does not include hotel or travel cost.

**RENEW YOUR NGAUS DUES TODAY!!**

**I CHALLENGE YOU TO RECRUIT OTHERS.**

Are you interested in working at the NGAUS Conference?  
Contact the NGAT office to get your name on the list.  
Be sure to add your email on your bill so we can stay in touch.

512-454-7300 or email [membership@ngat.org](mailto:membership@ngat.org)  
[www.ngat.org](http://www.ngat.org)

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USAA OPENS  
MEMBERSHIP TO  
MORE VETERANS

**USAA membership is now open to anyone who has honorably served in the U.S. military.**

Starting with their first eligibility expansion in 1923, the USAA family has grown by embracing an ever-larger portion of America's active duty, retired and separated military members. Each time, they have been careful to ensure that USAA has the financial strength, the staff and the technology to maintain their high standards for exemplary member service, competitive pricing and value. Opening their doors today to all veterans who have honorably served, regardless of dates or length of service, fulfills their mission and leaves no one behind.

If you know veterans who honorably served but haven't become USAA members, please share this news with them. [www.usaa.com](http://www.usaa.com)



THIS IS WHAT WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY NEVER LEAVE A FALLEN SOLDIER

I've never seen or heard of anything like this. It is worth watching. It's just so shocking when you watch it that the whole thing doesn't hit you right away. Here is a report concerning PVT Channing Moss, who was impaled by a live RPG during a Taliban ambush while on patrol. Army protocol says that medevac choppers are never to carry anyone with a live round in him. Even though they feared it could explode, the flight crew said damn the protocol and flew him to the nearest aid station. Again, protocol said that in such a case the patient is to be put in a sandbagged area away from the surgical unit, given a shot of morphine and left to wait (and die) until others are treated. Again, the medical team ignored the protocol. Here's a seven-minute video put together by the Military Times, which includes actual footage of the surgery where Dr. John Oh, a Korean immigrant who became a naturalized citizen and went to West Point, removed the live round with the help of volunteers and a member of the EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) team. Moss has undergone six operations but is doing well at home in Gainesville, GA. This is one of the most amazing stories and you'll find the video pretty remarkable.

[http://www.militarytimes.com/multimedia/video/rpg\\_surgery/](http://www.militarytimes.com/multimedia/video/rpg_surgery/)