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Write to Congress



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Find your Representatives

TODAY !!!

WE NEED YOU TO WRITE TO CONGRESS

Help Texas lead the pack in writing letters to Congress. Currently we are ranked 3rd in the nation but we can do better. If each member used the write to congress feature just once a week or even once a month we as a state would make a significant impact. Help support the below issues by writing to congress today!!!

- [Support the Reserve Retirement Deployment Credit Correction Act, H.R. 1283, which would correct an inequity in the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act \(NDAA\) governing the eligibility age to collect Reserve Component Retirement pay.](#)
- [Authorize military retirees with service connected disabilities rated less than 50% to concurrently receive military retirement pay and VA disability pensions.](#)
- [I urge you to support and co-sponsor the Hire a Hero Act, S. 347, introduced by Sen. Scott Brown \(R-MA\) in the Senate, and H.R.743, introduced by Rep. Lynn Jenkins in the House. The Hire a Hero Act would allow employers to claim the "work opportunity credit" for hiring members of the National Guard and Reserve.](#)
- [Authorize military retirees with service connected disabilities rated less than 50% to concurrently receive military retirement pay and VA disability pensions.](#)
- [Using the National Guard and Reserves as an operational force in the overseas war fight will require more accessible mental health care for members of the Selected Reserve in order to maintain the necessary medical readiness required by deployment cycles.](#)

ARMED FORCES
DAY ★ May 21, 2011

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Free Cruise for OIF/OEF Service Members

For the past several years, Discovery Cruise Line has offered a special program for military personnel serving in the military overseas. To thank them for their service, Discovery offers those who served in Iraq or Afghanistan at any time during the preceding year a free Discovery day cruise to Grand Bahama Island. Hanns J. Hahn, General Manager of Discovery, said "We want to recognize our military personnel and remind their families that the program is on-going. They can give them a gift during the Holiday Season or anytime during the year." The offer, which is

valid until December 31, 2011, is for one free roundtrip cruise to Grand Bahama on Discovery Cruise Line including the cost of all meals served, including a seven-course gourmet dinner in our Grand Bahama Grill on board, all service charges, taxes, and Bahamian departure fees. There is a \$57.00 Bahama tax and port fee. The free cruise is for the service member only. Guest will need to purchase a cruise at the current rate of \$99.00. Advanced reservations are required. Discovery sails daily from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to Grand Bahama Island, departing at 7:45 am and arriving back at the pier at 10 pm. Each year Discovery carries approximately 200,000 passengers between the two destinations. The cruise features all the amenities of a longer cruise in one fun-filled day, including an all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast as soon as you board and an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner on the return cruise. There's also exciting casino action, live entertainment, outdoor games and activities, contests, spacious sun decks, a swimming pool, duty free shopping, and more. For more information about this offer and for reservations call 1-800-93-SHIPS or visit Discovery's web site at www.discoverycruiseline.com.

http://www.discoverycruiseline.com/specials/fun_day_regular_rate

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RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE \$49 MILITARY PRIME TIME ANYTIME MENU IS OFFERED DAILY AND ALL EVENING LONG TO ALL MILITARY MEN & WOMEN—ACTIVE DUTY OR RETIRED— AND THEIR FAMILIES...INCLUDES A GLASS OF MURRIETA'S WELL WINE FOR A SIZZLING SALUTE!

WE WANT OUR MILITARY TO ENJOY A RUTH'S CHRIS EXPERIENCE AND IN SOME SMALL WAY DEMONSTRATE OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

ENJOY A COMPLETE 3 COURSE MEAL THAT INCLUDES A STARTER, ENTREE, SIDE DISH & BENSNEY & A GLASS OF MURRIETA'S WELL WINE * THE WHIP OR THE SPUR

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AT&T Military Discount offers 15% Monthly Service Charge discount available to active and retired military personnel, 2yr. contract required. Handset Pricing: Business 2 year equipment price or best retail offer. Standard IRU validation requirements: Must show valid government employment ID at retail point of sale or validate online with a recognized government email domain (.gov, .mil, et al.) via our online eCommerce site.

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VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

For demobilizing service members of the National Guard, Reserve, Wounded Warriors and their families! *Start charting your course to transition success by participating in these online learning events designed exclusively with you in mind! Our facilitators will teach you to translate your military experience into civilian terms, create a new financial plan or even understand the federal employment system. Sessions are designed to provide you practical information which can be put to use IMMEDIATELY!*

Sessions for May and June:

[Financial Planning for Transition](#) May 18, 8:30 pm Eastern

[Landing a Federal Job](#) May 24, 6:30 pm Eastern

[Financial Planning for Transition](#) May 26, 11:00 am Eastern

[Building Better Resume](#) June 2, 8:00 pm Eastern

[Acing the Interview](#) June 7, 6:30 pm Eastern

[Life After the Military](#) June 9, 6:30 pm Eastern

[Decoding Military Skills for Civilian Employers](#) June 14, 8:00 pm Eastern

[Financial Planning for Transition](#) June 23, 6:30 pm Eastern

[Landing a Federal Job](#) June 28, 6:30 pm Eastern

Requirements:

Computer with broadband internet access

Telephone Line

Commitment to a successful transition

Readiness for interactive learning experience

OFFICE OF WOUNDED WARRIOR CARE & TRANSITION POLICY

Seats are limited and fill quickly, so register today! For more information go to TurboTAP.org.

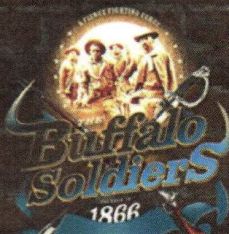


[Home Depot](#) and [Lowe's](#)

10% Military Discount Available Everyday

Home Depot and Lowe's have long been known to offer a 10% holiday discount to military members and their families, and in many cases veterans and retirees. These promotions were usually limited to the main military holidays such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day. Well, no longer - both companies now offer these discounts every day of the week! This offer is for all active duty military personnel, reservists, national guard, retired or disabled veterans and their immediate family. See the [Home Depot](#) or [Lowe's](#) website for more information.





“Paving the Way to the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum”
Leave a Legacy... Buy A Brick

Bricks will be dedicated in honor of veterans, individuals, corporations and/or organizations. Each donor may have their name placed in Soldiers Plaza at the site of the new location of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum - Houston Light Guard Armory.

\$100-Standard	\$500-Crimson	\$1,000-Granite
\$2,500-Granite (Limited Number)	PAUL MATTHEWS CPT U.S. ARMY (Sample)	\$5,000-Granite (Limited Number)

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Reserve Your Brick Today: Call **713.942.8920**
 or visit www.buffalosoldiermuseum.com

Buffalo Soldiers National Museum
 1834 Southmore Blvd
 Houston, TX 77004



BUFFALO SOLDIER RIDE!!!!



DATE: _____
June 18, 2011 @ 7:00A.M.
 Registration: \$25.00 (After June 8th \$35.00)

The ride starts at Houston Community College

10	25	45	66	80
10 MILES (FAMILY)	25 MILES (BEGINNER)	45 MILES (GUNNER)	66 MILES (SPRINTER)	80 MILES (SEASONED)

PLACE: _____
 Houston Community College
 South Campus
 1990 Airport at SH 288

REGISTER AT: _____
 Buffalo Soldiers National Museum
 1834 Southmore

---OR---
 Daniel Boone Cycles
 5318 Crawford

Sponsored by





Register online @ www.buffalosoldiermuseum.com

PEETEY'S CORNER

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU



As a young dog or cat, your pet's eyes should be nice and bright, and translucent. But, as your pet ages, their eyes may become cloudy looking. There are several different reasons for this.

One reason may be that they have developed cataracts. Cataracts are very common in older dogs and cats and can be diagnosed by your veterinarian when they are examining your pet's eyes. They will appear as white chunks on the lens surface. Cataracts can also develop from poor nutrition when the dog/cat is young, injury to the eye or complications from diseases such as diabetes. They are usually treatable with surgery. If left untreated eventually the dog/cat will go blind.

Persistent Pupillary membrane is another cause of cloudiness in pet eyes. This begins before your pet is even born. Blood vessels within the eye do not develop correctly, therefore, the animal is born with strands of fiber which crisscross the eye attaching to the lens and cornea giving them diminished eye site capacity. This is not treatable and appears to be inherited.

Lenticular Sclerosis is probably the most common in older pets. The easiest way to describe this is that the lens of the eye thickens with age as lens fibers of the eye are compressed with new fibers. This causes light to be scattered about the eye which is why you see that bluish haze in your pet's eyes. This however does not affect their eyesight.

A normal, healthy eye will have a greenish shine when it is illuminated for examination.

No matter what the age of your pet is, if their eyes appear to be cloudy, you should have them checked out by your vet to get a proper diagnosis.



FACES of FREEDOM



TEXAS IS HOME TO SO MANY HEROES. HELP US HONOR THOSE HEROES WHO PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS EACH DAY THROUGH THE **FACES OF FREEDOM** PROGRAM.

The Texas Rangers and Southwest Airlines® want to hear your story or that of someone you know who has showed tremendous courage, strength, and patriotism in their line of duty, past or present. Send us your story at texasrangers.com/freedom or fill out the information below and send to **FACES OF FREEDOM**, c/o Texas Rangers Baseball Club, 1000 Ballpark Way, Suite 400, Arlington, TX 76011.

EACH MONTH, THE TEXAS RANGERS AND SOUTHWEST AIRLINES WILL RECOGNIZE ONE MEMBER OF EACH BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES. RECOGNIZED HEROES WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

- Four VIP tickets to a Texas Rangers game
- Behind-the-scenes tour of Rangers Ballpark
- P.A. and video board recognition during the game
- \$100 in Rangers Captain Cash for food during the game
- Pre-game buffet for four in The Diamond Club at Rangers Ballpark
- Goody bag with Rangers and Southwest Airlines goodies
- Recognition in Texas Rangers game program
- Recognition at texasrangers.com
- A trip for two to Washington D.C. in November with other recognized Faces of Freedom. Details to be provided at a later date.

NAME OF NOMINEE _____ BRANCH _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE (E) _____ E-MAIL _____

TELL US WHY THIS PERSON IS A FACE OF FREEDOM _____

NAME OF NOMINATING PERSON (IF NOT SELF) _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE (E) _____ E-MAIL _____

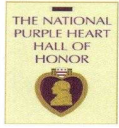


ATI Career Training Center

LARRY GILBERT VFW/MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ATI Career Training is awarding 30 scholarships amount its Texas campuses. Each scholarship will provide a veteran with twelve months to 3 years of career training at ATI in a variety of fields, including health care, automotive repair, massage therapy, personal fitness trainer, business administration, HVAC and welding. Winners are selected by the VFW and will be notified within 90 days. Deadline to submit applications is 4 Jul 11. Go to www.atiforveterans.com to download a scholarship application.

ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR THE ROLL OF HONOR



Note: Please **print**, complete form and return to:
 The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor,
 P.O. Box 207,
 Vails Gate, NY 12584
 Thank you!

ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR THE ROLL OF HONOR

Recipient Info:

Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) PLEASE PRINT _____

Recipient information submitted on _____

Current Address: (if living) _____ (today's date)

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Town: _____
 (At time of service) City State

Date of Birth: M / D / Y Date of Death (if applicable) M / D / Y

Yes, I understand I must submit proper verification of receipt of the Purple Heart medal for enrollment in the Roll of Honor. Please include a copy of **one** or more of the following:

- ____ DD-214 or DD-215 (Discharge Papers) * ____ WD-AGO 53-55 (WWII Discharge Papers)
- ____ General Orders listing the award ____ Purple Heart Award Certificate

____ A photograph of the back of the medal *if* it has the recipient's name engraved.
 *Please cross out or delete the Social Security number for your protection.

If you do not have any of these items, please call us at 845-561-1765 for further information and clarification.

Contact Information:

Relationship to recipient: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

By: Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Would you like to receive NPHHH information or mailings in the future Yes No



Other Information:

____ A photograph of you or the recipient in uniform (or a recent one if that is all that is available). Photos cannot be larger than 8x10 and we cannot return photos as they become part of the archive.

____ A short (paragraph length) narrative that describes how you (or the recipient) were wounded

We will accept up to five pages of additional material (photos, letters, documents) that can be scanned to become part of the Hall-based version of the Roll of Honor.

Dates of Service: Entered M / D / Y Discharged M / D / Y

Status: (Check one) WIA ____ KIA ____ POW ____ MIA ____ Died of Wounds ____

Date when wounded or killed _____ Rank when wounded or killed _____

Conflict/War during which you were wounded: _____ and one or more of the following:

Campaign in which you were wounded _____

Battle in which you were wounded _____

Geographical Location where you were wounded _____

(If you have been awarded more than one Purple Heart, please include additional dates and circumstances for each.)

Branch of Service and Unit: Army: _____ (Unit) Air Force: _____ (Unit)

Marines: _____ Unit Navy: _____ (Unit/Ship) Coast Guard: _____ (Unit/Ship)

Army Air Corps: _____ (Unit) Merchant Marine _____ (Ship)

Member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart? No Yes MOPH membership # _____

*MOPH Membership is not required for Free enrollment in the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

How did you learn about the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor?

Google _____ Newspaper _____ Radio _____ Friend _____ Other _____
 Please indicate source.

Please mail completed form and supporting materials to: Attn: **Roll of Honor, The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, PO Box 207, Vails Gate, NY 12584.**

Thank you for your assistance. Together we will continue to build the Roll of Honor, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor's database and archives.

Revised 1/10

THE NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR

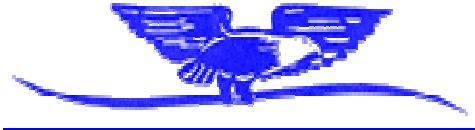
Since 1932, 1.7 million Purple Heart medals have been awarded to America's servicemen and women wounded or lost in combat. The Hall of Honor is the nation's sole repository dedicated to the preservation and collection of Purple Heart stories. The mission of the Hall of Honor is the collection and preservation of the stories from Purple Heart recipients in all branches of service and across all generations to ensure that all recipients are represented. To learn more about the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, please visit our website at: www.thepurpleheart.com or call toll free at 877-284-6667.



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NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS



The Soldiers', Sailors', Marines', Coast Guard and Airmen's Club


YOUR HOME IN NEW YORK CITY

Since its establishment in 1919, we have been honored to have had several million guests. In order to maximize the availability of our facility and to minimize our rates, the Club, unlike other hotels, rents individual beds instead of rooms. The Club has twenty-one rooms with 2 beds to accommodate couples, six rooms with 3 beds, one room with 4 beds, and one room with 6 beds to accommodate families or groups. Depending on occupancy on any given evening, guests of the same gender may be required to share a room. There are separate communal lavatories and showers for men and women on each sleeping floor. Additional beds and cribs are not provided. Guest Services consists of five floors including three sleeping floor. The Club does not have an elevator as it was originally constructed as a town house. A stair chair is available between the lobby level and the first floor. No meals are served at the Club. However, we do have kitchen facilities that may be utilized by our guests, and there are a wide variety of restaurants, pubs, and coffee shops in the immediate vicinity of our facility. Most offer quick delivery of takeout orders that can be enjoyed in our canteen. Likewise, we do not provide laundry and dry cleaning services, although there are self-service laundry and dry cleaners nearby. There are several parking garages in the vicinity.

The Club's common areas include the canteen, two lounges and a library with televisions, VCR's and DVD units. The rooms with 4 and 6 beds each have a television, the smaller rooms do not. Outgoing calls may be made from the pay phone or the hall phones using a phone card which can be purchased at the front desk, and Internet access is available in the lobby lounge. We serve all members of the uniformed services and the Merchant Marine. An eligible individual must be present and proof of eligibility must be shown.

Forms of Identification accepted:
Active Duty Military — Military ID
Retirees — Military ID, DD-214
Veteran — DD-214, VA/VFW/Legion card
NYFD, NYPD, EMS — ID Card

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www.ssmclub.org



DoD to Drop Social Security Numbers from ID Cards

Currently, Social Security numbers are printed on the back of common access cards, and on the front of identification cards issued to dependents and retirees. Beginning 1 June, Social Security numbers on military identification cards will begin to disappear. The effort is part of a larger plan to protect Servicemembers and other DoD identification card holders from identity theft. Social Security numbers embedded in the bar codes on the back of identification cards will remain there for now, but will be phased out beginning in 2012. The identity protection program began in 2008, when DoD started removing Social Security numbers from family member identification cards. To learn more, please go to: <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=63409>



STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR TXMF FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Safe. Secure. Private.

TXMFCONNECT.COM SITE INFORMATION

Social media networking via the web has opened up ease in communication and staying in touch for military service members, friends and family.

TXMFCONNECT.com:

- Offers tools that are simple and easy to use – including registration.
- Includes how-to, step by step instructions in the Help Section for the novice user
- Safe and secure in an SSL environment (https) – see disclaimer below regarding other social media sites
- Password Protected and only those you invite in may view your content.
- Your name/content is NOT searchable via the web.
- No advertising! No sharing of your data or personal information with outside companies.
- Our Terms of Use and Privacy Policy – confirm all of this, and will not change or require you to check your settings throughout your use.
- BEST of all – you own your content and with daily use, you are creating your own Family History, a valuable “reintegration tool” for your deployed service member.
- Imagine having a booklet to share that chronicles the missed moments, and an archive for your entire family.

Dashboard: “your home page”

Each user has their own home page. When you log in, this is where you will go to reach your tools. As you build your TXMFCONNECT.com, your Dashboard will include the calendar (with events), Shout-outs for quick messages, groups and photo albums. Behind the icons you will be able to write letters, blog and find your Commander’s Letter.

Profile: “it’s all about you”

Enter basic info about yourself here, along with a photo. This will personalize your Dashboard.

Groups: “connects people with a like interest”

Share and interact with your military serviceperson, family and friends in a group setting! Connect with members of your FRG and keep informed as to meetings and events. Groups are the best way to keep all informed with same information and details in a timely fashion. Connects people with a like interest - family, friends and your FRGs.

Add the National Guard Association of Texas and the Texas National Guard Family Support Foundation as your friend or favorite group.

Shoutouts: “quick messages”

Have a short message to send? Here is where you simply drop it in. Some suggestions include: a baby is born, your young son just hit a home run, or a meeting time has been changed. Click in the box and type in your text and send!

Blogs & Letters: “get involved, write a blog. Write a letter”

Share here words from your heart by writing a letter. Start a blog, and enter each day events from home or connect with someone who has a like interest such as scrapbooking, reading, exercise, etc.

Photos: “organized in albums, easy to access”

Upload with ease your photos. Share with all your family and friends. Photos can also “tell your story”

Calendar: “keep track of where you need to be and at what time!”

Click on the day and fill in with the event description, time and where you need to be. This is easily shared with your family and friends and great for FRG’s and Yellow Ribbon.

Commander’s Letter: “messages from the command and the unit”

Here as available, you will be able to view letters sent to your Service Member’s unit, by the CO. These letters will be posted based on the FRG info you indicate when you register.

Comments: “we’d love to hear from you”

As we expand TXMFCONNECT.com – let us hear from you. Your feedback is important. Let us know what other tools you’d like to have included or linked! info@txmfconnect.com subject: suggestion

Other Social Networking websites:

So why do you see the use of other websites by government agencies. It is all about pushing out information and an “Open Government Info Sharing”. The use is not about sharing our family information or our innermost thoughts about our families and their concerns. Big difference!

TXMFCONNECT is provided for you to experience a safe, family social networking experience with your service member, family and friends and to have access to the Texas Military Forces Family Programs and the vast amount of resources that provide you with support as a member of the Texas Military Forces.

TXMFCONNECT.COM SITE INFORMATION

TXMFConnect.com is Safe, Secure (SSL) and Private.

The Information you upload and share amongst your servicemember and family and friends—is not shared or collected or sold for marketing uses with outside vendors/companies.

No advertisers are allowed within your own Home/Dashboard or pages.



Your password to set your free account is **TEXAS2011MFC**

Be sure to add the National Guard Association of Texas to your group list.

WEBSITE FEATURES

Groups	Youth Programs Information
Shout-Outs	Resiliency Team
Blogs & Letters	Strong Bonds Family Program
Photos	Single Soldiers
Calendar	BackPack Journalist for the Youth
State Family Programs Information	Soldier Support Services
Survivor Outreach Services	National Guard Association of Texas
Yellow Ribbon Program	Texas National Guard Family Support Foundation
Joint Family Support Services	

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



ARMED FORCES DAY SALUTE TO OUR TROOPS

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 21 as this year's national Armed Forces Day is just around the corner! The Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl invites you to support our troops that say by participating in the DFW Airport's Welcome Home A Hero program to greet men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who are returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Where—DFW Airport. Terminal B (Complimentary parking vouchers are distributed by a USO representative upon arrival to the terminal.)

When—Saturday, May 21. Currently the troops flight is scheduled to arrive at 8 a.m.; however all military flights are subject to change, so it is crucial that you call the DFW recorded answering machine prior to leaving for the airport: (972) 574-0392. It is recommended that you call beginning at 6 p.m. the night prior to leaving for the airport.

How—Spread the words to your friends and family and join others at the airport to say thank you to those who serve. Small flags hand-made signs and other symbols of your patriotism are welcomed and encouraged!

For more information, visit www.dfwairport.com/heroes/. Please note that all gates and arrival times are subject to change.

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)
40th Annual Conference
August 14-17, 2011
Charleston, West Virginia

Make plans to join us in Charleston, West Virginia, at the 2011 EANGUS Conference.
Registration forms are located online at www.ngat.org.



EANGUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WHY JOIN EANGUS?



- ★ When you join EANGUS, you become a part of your state association NGAT.
- ★ To identify yourself as a professional member of a professional organization.
- ★ Your dues help pay for legislative advances at the state and federal level to keep the National Guard strong.
- ★ A grant of \$500 is available from the "We Care for America" Foundation for Guard members and families in severe financial crisis.
- ★ EANGUS Members and family members are eligible to apply for several educational scholarships valued from \$500 to \$2,000.

MEMBERSHIP

EANGUS membership is included in the NGAT Annual Membership through 31 December 2011. Later this year, the NGAT Board of Directors will review annual membership fees to determine if a dues increase will be required. Effective 1 Jan 2012, EANGUS Annual Membership fees will increase from \$9.00 per year to \$12.00 per year. Membership applications are available at www.ngat.org or at www.eangus.org.

TWO MEMBERSHIPS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! LIFE MEMBERS JOIN FOR \$9.00 PER YEAR!

[The DRS Guardian Scholarship Fund](#)

I am so honored to announce the creation of a college scholarship fund for the children of National Guardsmen who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom and liberty, in support of the war on terrorism. The DRS Guardian Scholarship Fund will be administered by The National Guard Educational Foundation (NGEF) here in Washington, D.C., and funded by our corporate partner, DRS Technologies of Parsippany, N.J. Scholarships of up to \$6,250 per year are available to any high school or college student who is a son or daughter of a Soldier or Airman killed in an operational or training mission in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, or New Dawn. Applicants must have already been accepted to a nationally or regionally accredited college, university, or trade school. Deadline for applications for the 2011-2012 school year is June 30, 2011 and recipients will be notified by August 1, 2011.

For more information, and to download an application, please visit: <http://www.ngef.org/index.asp?bid=300>

CSM Virgil R. Williams Scholarship to Grantham University

EANGUS has partnered with Grantham University to offer a full scholarship to the University. The scholarship named in honor of CSM Virgil R. Williams, is valued at \$36,000 and covers tuition costs, required textbooks, software, and fees for the recipient to earn an undergraduate or graduate degree at Grantham University.

Interested applicants must be either a/an:

1. EANGUS member
2. Unmarried son or daughter of an EANGUS member
3. Spouse of an EANGUS member
4. Unmarried spouse or unmarried dependent son or daughter of a deceased EANGUS member who was in good standing at the time of their death.

For more information concerning this scholarship visit www.grantham.edu/alliances/eangus-scholarship

NGAT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

Attention Texas Military Forces Units! NGAT is running a membership drive from 1 Sep 10 through 31 Aug 11. During this period, units are encouraged to sign up new members and spread the word about NGAT.

UNITS WILL BE AWARDED
\$5.00 for each new annual member
\$10.00 for each new life member at the \$100-\$125 rate
\$25.00 for each new life member at the \$150-\$200 rate

Membership applications can be downloaded from our website at www.ngat.org.