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We have worked hard this past year to increase our influence in Congress and in the NJ Assembly. We proudly partnered with NGAUS where we could on some very important issues. We hope you see the benefit of joining your Association and with helping to advance what is important to you.

Early Retirement Credit Under 12304b Orders

The Issue

National Guard servicemembers have deployed under U.S.C Title 10, Section 12304b orders since 2012 for pre-planned missions in support of Combatant Commands, but are not authorized to receive the same benefits provided under other overseas mobilization authorities.

Accomplishment

Section 604 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) authorizes early retirement credit for National Guard and Reserve servicemembers serving under Title 10, Section 12304b orders

TRICARE Reserve Select Access Starting in 2030

The Issue

National Guard servicemembers can face unique challenges in obtaining health care access or ensuring continuity of care. Significant numbers of servicemembers without health care can directly impact deployability of National Guard forces.

Accomplishment

Section 701 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) authorizes, beginning in 2030, access to TRS for federal employees who serve in the National Guard, including National Guard dual-status technicians

Continued UH-60 Black Hawk Modernization & Recapitalization

The Issue

The Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter fleet continues to age, with many units operating aircraft that are over 25 years old.

Accomplishment

Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Defense appropriations legislation provides \$862.0 million for UH-60 Black Hawk M model helicopters for the Army consistent with the FY21 budget request

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Continued High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle Modernization

The Issue

Modernized High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs) have an immediate, positive impact on readiness in Army National Guard units. However, a significant shortfall remains, with more than half of National Guard HMMWVs currently beyond their expected useful lives.

Accomplishment

Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Defense appropriations legislation provides \$100.0 million for the Army National Guard HMMWV modernization program.

F-16 Viper Modernization

The Issue

The Air National Guard operates significant numbers of F-16 Viper aircraft. Robust funding is required to ensure aircraft are modernized and can operate safely, reliably, and effectively during overseas deployments and in protecting U.S. airspace.

Accomplishment

Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Defense appropriations legislation provides \$75.0 million for F-16 Viper Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radars for the Air National Guard

Army National Guard JLTV Procurement

The Issue

The Army National Guard is an operational force that consistently deploys in support of overseas combat operations performing the same missions as the Active Component and provides domestic emergency response. Yet, it is not equipped in the same manner.

Accomplishment

Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Defense appropriations legislation provides \$884.4 million for Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTVs) for the Army consistent with FY21 budget request, which included 512 JLTVs for the Army National Guard.