



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

COLLEGE EDUCATION - Tuition assistance is paid directly to your school. Current school year maximum funding is up to \$7,500.00 FY (\$2,500.00 per semester) and \$350 per semester for books. This grant **cannot** pay for Room/Board. Also qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB), which pays **up to \$362.00 monthly to full time college students**. Some careers also offer the Kicker Program, which pays **up to an additional \$350 monthly along with MGIB, Cash Bonuses**. Pursue an Associate Degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

HIGH TECH TRAINING - Will equip you with vocational training second to none. Earn while you learn with the best vocational training available in your chosen Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC).

PAY - An E-1 can earn \$182, as an E-2 \$222 and an E-3 \$234 for a weekend drill. That's 4 days pay for 2 days participation (one weekend each month.)

STATE TAX BENEFIT – Virginia Air Guard members ranked O-3 and below receive a \$3,000 per year military pay exclusion on state income taxes.

AGE – Applicant must be at least 17 years old, but not have reached age 40 on date of enlistment. Parental consent is required for those who are 17 unless married.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE - Full Coverage for Guard members while in a duty status. Low cost Tricare Medical (\$192.89 for a family of 4 and \$54.35 per person) & MetLife Dental Insurance (\$30.89 for a family of 4 and \$10.30 per person).

PROMOTIONS - Promotions mean an increase in your paycheck, authority, prestige, responsibility and training. You must meet the required time in service, time in grade, level of Professional Military Education (PME), and be recommended by your supervisor.

BASE EXCHANGE & COMMISSARY - Unlimited shopping privileges for Guard members and their families at the Base Exchange and Commissary.

MORALE, WELFARE, & RECREATION (MWR) – You may use base facilities (gym, golf course, dining hall, libraries). Use of military recreation and camping facilities throughout the country as well as discounts. Space Available (Space A) Military aircraft travel for Guard members. Military discounts.

LIFE INSURANCE (optional) - Serviceman's Group Life Insurance is available for you, your spouse and minor children. Coverage is 24/7 whether you are on duty or not and ranges from \$50,000.00 to \$400,000.00. Maximum cost is \$27.00 per month. Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) - SGLI is a low cost group life insurance members of the Air Guard can purchase.

FREE LUNCH & LODGING - Guard members eat free lunch at Base Dining Facilities on **training weekends**. Members outside the commuting distance are provided with lodging Saturday night of the training weekend at no cost to the member.

RETIREMENT - 20 years earns a military retirement. At age 60 you begin to draw your monthly retirement check and you will receive ALL the benefits entitled to any retiree (Unlimited Base Exchange/Commissary, access to all facilities on military installations, medical and dental coverage for you and your dependents.)

COMMITMENT – Service commitment is for 3 or 6 years for Prior Service and 6 years for Non Prior Service.

SERVE CLOSE TO HOME – Your duty assignment is in the state of Virginia. You will work close to home! The Virginia Air National Guard has units located in Virginia Beach-203rd Red Horse, Hampton- 192D Fighter Wing and in Richmond – the 200th Weather Flight.

1. **VA HOME LOAN GUARANTIES** - are issued to help eligible Service members, Veterans, Reservists, National Guard and certain unmarried surviving spouses obtain homes, condominiums, and manufactured homes, and to refinance loans. For additional information or to obtain VA loan guaranty forms, visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans>.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS MAY INCLUDE:

Limited legal assistance; Military burial assistance; Military clothing sales stores; Military death gratuity; Military discounts on tickets, shows, and activities;