

## **2026 National Guard Association of Tennessee Foundation Report**

14 February 2026

Madam President & Members of the Executive Board,

I am pleased to present the annual report for your National Guard Association of Tennessee Foundation, summarizing our accomplishments and contributions over the past year. It has been a year marked by significant achievements and unwavering commitment to supporting the Tennessee National Guard community. We are often asked to step in and support members during some of the most challenging times of their lives. It is because of your support, that we have been able to step in and offer some relief in their times of need.

### **\*\*1. Scholarships:\*\***

One of our primary objectives is to invest in the education and future of our National Guard members and their families. This year, the Foundation awarded a total of twelve scholarships, amounting to an impressive \$38,000. These scholarships have played a crucial role in supporting the educational aspirations of our deserving recipients, contributing to the advancement of our National Guard community. Additionally, the foundation board unanimously voted to continue to contribute an additional \$5,000 to support the Enlisted Associations of Tennessee Scholarships. This stands as a testament to our commitment to collaboration with our enlisted soldiers and airmen.

### **\*\*2. Benevolence Activities:\*\***

The Foundation remains committed to providing essential support to our National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, and their families during times of need. In 2025, we allocated \$21,094 to benevolent activities directly benefiting individuals and families facing challenges such as financial hardships, health issues, and other unforeseen circumstances. This is almost four times the amount of last year. The ability to support the greater need reflects our dedication to the well-being of our community members beyond their service duties.

### **\*\*3. Fundraising\*\***

This past year we had another successful year of fundraising. Through corporate and individual donations, we raised just over \$43,000. This is a direct result of the engagements we have with our community and corporate partners building relationships of trust, integrity, and a common goal of helping our fellow Tennesseans.

### **\*\*4. Partnerships\*\***

As previously stated, our partnerships are essential to our success. Over this past year we have worked hard to continue cultivating those working relationships. As we progress in 2026, we look forward to building upon those and establishing even more partnerships.

The NGATN Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to serving the needs of our National Guard community, and we express our gratitude for the unwavering support of the

Executive Council, the Trust, and all our dedicated members. Again, thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,  
Maj Stephen C. West  
Chariman, NGATN Foundation