

FISCAL YEAR 2025

MAIN MOTION

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A MAIN MOTION

To amend Article IV, Section 3 of the bylaws, effectively expanding complementary membership in the Association to any newly commissioned officer or appointed warrant officer in the Louisiana National Guard for a period of up to two years.

WHEREAS, the National Guard Association of Louisiana (NGALA) currently offers a complimentary membership to newly commissioned Second Lieutenants and Warrant Officers appointed in the Louisiana National Guard between the previous year’s annual conference and the current years’ annual conference; and,

WHEREAS, the complimentary membership is valid for the balance of the calendar year in which they are appointed and the next full year’s membership for the succeeding calendar year; and,

WHEREAS, this complimentary membership is not provided to new officer and warrant officer members of the Louisiana National Guard that are not newly commissioned; and,

WHEREAS, the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) currently offers a free one-time complimentary annual membership for newly commissioned or newly assessed National Guard officers and warrant officers; and,

WHEREAS, this complimentary membership is available to newly appointed officers and warrant officers *regardless of grade* for calendar year in which it is purchased through the following calendar year; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Association to closely align its membership options with NGAUS to benefit the member.

THEREFORE, A MAIN MOTION is hereby made, in writing, and submitted effective 14 January 2025, to amend Article IV, Section 3 of the bylaws to read as follows:

1 *Complimentary Membership. Newly commissioned officers and newly appointed warrant*
2 *officers in the Louisiana National Guard, regardless of grade, will be given a complimentary membership.*
3 *The complimentary membership is effective from the date of their commission or appointment through the*
4 *end of the following calendar year. New officers and warrant officers to the Louisiana National Guard that*
5 *are not otherwise eligible will not be afforded the benefits of a complimentary membership.*

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared to summarize this motion. It constitutes no part of the motion itself.

MAIN MOTION Original (Mathies)

Revises Article IV, Section 3; changes the intent of a complimentary membership to clearly define eligibility criteria, length of eligibility, and more closely follows NGAUS' complimentary membership offering.