

The New York *State Guard*



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Welcome

Many of us have wondered what we can do to help in times of emergency or natural disaster. The men and women of the NEW YORK GUARD work together to perform valuable services for our Communities, our State, and our Nation.

Service with the NEW YORK GUARD offers veterans the opportunity to utilize the skills they have acquired through their prior service and share it with others. Those with no prior military experience are provided with the training they will need to allow them to serve alongside these veterans.

Members of the NEW YORK GUARD serve without pay unless deployed under orders during a state activation. These volunteers serve within New York State and participating states during emergencies *with no possibility of overseas deployment*. Consequently, members can serve without serious disruption to their lifestyles. Also, *when members serve under orders during state emergency activation, N.Y. State law protects their jobs*.

Objectives

The NEW YORK GUARD's primary mission is to serve as a support element for the New York Army National Guard as a participant in the state's Homeland Security and Aid to Civilian Authority missions in the event of natural disaster, domestic disturbance, or national emergency.

Secondary Missions include

- . providing assistance to the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO)
- . providing assistance to other State signatories to the Interstate Compact for Mutual Aid and Assistance.

Organization

The NEW YORK GUARD is one of four military components of the State military forces which function under the supervision of the State Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA). The other three are the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard and the New York Naval Militia.

With Headquarters at Camp Smith, near Peekskill, New York, the NEW YORK GUARD is organized into several brigades stationed throughout New York State.

As Commander-in-Chief of the New York Guard, New York State's Governor fully supports its efforts to increase the Guard to its authorized strength in order for it to fulfill its mission.

Training

Each unit conducts regularly scheduled drills at its home station for the purpose of training its personnel in varied skills required to support their assigned mission.

In addition to Home Station Drills, annual field training is conducted at Camp Smith.

New members with prior military experience begin by training for and practicing their skills in specific NEW YORK GUARD military assignments.

Those without prior military experience begin with participation in a Basic Training course during annual field training at Camp Smith.

All members also can learn new skills or can bring the ones they have developed in their civilian careers to assist in such areas as

CERFP: Learn decontamination and rescue techniques, plus train in the use of the equipment needed in order to respond to chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear incidents.

CERT: Train and work in conjunction with disaster relief professionals as well as qualified civilian volunteers in order to offer aid and guidance to victims of catastrophic events.

MEMS: The MEMS Academy of the State Guard Association, U.S. (SGAUS) offers NEW YORK GUARD members the unique opportunity to earn the nation's only professional qualification as Military Emergency Management Specialists.

SAR: Acquire the skills needed for you to participate as a trained professional in search and rescue field missions.

MERN: Develop the radio communications skills necessary to work on the Military Emergency Radio Network.

JAG: Legal professionals can use their skills both within the NEW YORK GUARD as well as for members of the New York National Guard who need assistance with legal matters prior to deployment overseas.

Medical: All health professionals can provide necessary medical services both within the NEW YORK GUARD as well as in the field during emergencies.

Educators: Use your skills and experience to help develop and present courses and training for NEW YORK GUARD members.

Engineering/Tradesmen: Professionals can put their skills and experience to work on military bases as well as in the field during emergencies.

Public Affairs: Professionals in public relations, advertising, marketing, web design, journalism, graphic arts, and all areas of media production can assist with the production and distribution of information to the public.

Band: Musicians can utilize their talents at official functions or can help maintain morale with public performances during activations.

Enlistment

A candidate for acceptance must be between 17 (with parental permission) and 55 years of age (age waivers can be made for applicants up to 65 years of age with prior military experience). All candidates must be in reasonably good health and must pass a physical examination.

Veterans must be honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or of a friendly ally.

Enlisted personnel serve three year terms; officers maintain permanent New York State commissions.

Upon enlistment, all personnel will wear uniforms and equipment appropriate for the performance of drill and training duties.

In the event of state mobilization, personnel ordered to full-time duty will receive pay and allowances in accordance with pay scales designated by New York State for the duration of their mobilization.

Opportunities for advancement in rank in the NEW YORK GUARD are based upon an individual's ability and level of participation in NYG activities.

For more information, contact

the New York Guard website:
<http://newyorkguard.org>

or your local recruiter