



## WHAT IS THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD?

The Air National Guard (ANG) is a reserve component of the United States Air Force. By serving one weekend each month and two weeks every year, you are a valuable part of the world's greatest Air Force. This enables you to pursue full time education, employment and other personal interests or goals.

**ANG STATE AND FEDERAL MISSIONS:** The ANG's state & federal mission is to provide trained, well-equipped men and women who can augment the Active Duty Air Force during national emergencies, war, provide assistance during natural disasters and civil disturbances. **STATE MISSIONS** include disaster relief in times of earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, forest fires, search and rescue, protection of vital public services and support to civil defense. **FEDERAL MISSIONS** require the ANG to provide operational ready combat units, combat support units and qualified personnel for active duty to fulfill war and contingency commitments. As a member of the ANG you enjoy many benefits:

**EXTRA INCOME:** Joining the ANG augments your existing income with an extra paycheck. The pay you earn by serving 2 days each month is equivalent to 4 active duty days. You may also be eligible for an enlistment bonus.

**COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE:** We offer up to 100% tuition reimbursement up to UW Madison's rate. The ANG also offers financial assistance for college through the Montgomery/Post 9-11 G.I. Bill.

**VALUABLE TRAINING:** The ANG offers additional training in your current career field or a different career field of your choice.

**MILITARY RETIREMENT:** For your part-time service today, you can earn a military retirement. All prior military service counts towards retirement. To be eligible for retirement, you must complete 20 years of satisfactory military service.

**INSURANCE:** Guard members may elect the \$400,000 "Serviceman's Group Life Insurance" coverage for approximately \$29.00 per month. (Optional election)

**MEDICAL COVERAGE:** Members are eligible to purchase medical coverage through Tricare Reserve Select. More information can be found at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/trs](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/trs) [https://www.hnfs.net/training/guard\\_reserve/index.html](https://www.hnfs.net/training/guard_reserve/index.html)

**ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:** Unit members and families are eligible for such federal benefits as SGLI, BX and Commissary privileges.

**PROMOTIONS:** Promotions in the Air National Guard translate into responsibility, authority, prestige and additional money. Meet the time-in-grade, time-in-service, and Professional Military Education requirement and with the recommendation of your supervisor and you can be on your way to your next rank.