



DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR the ARNG Education and Incentives Personnel of all States, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, Guam and the District of Columbia.

SUBJECT: Guard Bureau (NGB) Education Division, Arlington Hall, Virginia

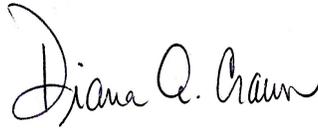
1. The Army National Guard, a fighting force 362,000 strong, proudly meets the challenges of its historic dual mission of preserving peace and public safety at home and defending the nation's security abroad. The NGB mission is to effectively and efficiently acquire, distribute, and manage personnel resources to meet the current and future readiness requirements of the Army National Guard thru voluntary education. Consequently, in order to better serve the educational and professional needs of National Guardsmen and their families, the NGB reorganized its education branch into a stand-alone education division, effective 15 July 2008.
2. The name of the new education division is Education, Incentives and Employment. The name accurately reflects the expanded scope and depth of its many programs and technical guidance offered to all fifty states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and District of Columbia. The new NGB-EDU Division is headed by LTC Diane Craun, with LTC Schwickerath serving as Division's Deputy and MAJ Gregory as the Division's Executive Officer. The complete NGB-EDU flow chart is attached.
3. The new Division comprises of five branches:
 - a. **Education Oversight Branch.** The main focus of this branch is strategic oversight (policy, Congressionals, ULBs, funding, and info systems) of Tuition Assistance program, testing, certification, and five GI Bill programs, including those specific to the Reserve Component.
 - b. **Incentives Oversight Branch.** Strategic Oversight (policy, Congressionals, exceptions to policy, ULBs, funding, and info systems) of enlisted and officer bonuses, specialty incentives, and student loan programs are at the center of this branch activities.
 - c. **Employment and Education Outreach Branch.** This branch activity includes such programs as industry partnerships, apprenticeship initiatives, job skills and job placement, pilot programs, and high school and employment initiatives.
 - d. **Operations Branch,** Little Rock, Arkansas. This branch provides the national-level "glue", as it is tasked to be the "operational" connectivity both internal to ARNG and to external entities such as central focal point for Veteran Affairs regional processing offices, central focal point for DMDC and DFAS, central focal point for MEPS guidance counselors or RCCC recruiters at Active Army installations, or central focal point for Soldiers and their dependent's questions or servicing reference tuition assistance, GI Bill programs, Student Loan Repayment programs, testing / licensing / certification programs, enlistment and extension bonuses, degree planning and educational counseling, etc. This team also provides "training" for the ARNG's recruiters, retention staff, unit administrators, as well as education and incentive staff at the State-level. They are also the cadre and contract staff running the ARNG's GED program; i.e. conditional accession and subsequent instruction at Little Rock site, to obtain GED before shipping to Basic Training.

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e. **Patriot Academy Branch.** This branch, located at the ARNG Readiness center provides oversight to the Patriot Academy which will open its doors 1 June 2009 at Muscatatuck Urban Center in Indiana. The academy will provide non-prior service (NPS) high school drop-outs who are potentially at-risk, with an accelerated path to achieve their high school diploma. These Soldiers will receive training and valued work experience while earning a military pay check. This program will give Soldiers a second chance to obtain a high school diploma.

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