

SDNGEA Resolutions 2015-1

Subject: Concurrent Receipt of Federal Tuition Assistance (TA) and MGIB

Change 3 to DoDI 1322.5 Para 1k was changed in July of 2014 to remove this allowance for service members to utilize more than one assistance program together. The removal of this benefit to the service members has been detrimental to recruiting and retention for the Army National Guard nationwide. The SDNGEA recommendation is to allow both Federal TA and MGIB for college students to promote education in South Dakota and return the retention and recruitment endeavors of the SDARNG.

SDNGEA Resolutions 2015-2

Subject: 100% Tuition Reduction for State Supported Universities/Schools

Currently, South Dakota National Guard members are eligible for a 50% reduction in tuition at state supported Universities/Schools. While this has been a great benefit offered to our members, rising costs of tuition would warrant rising this reduction to 100%. Surrounding states such as Minnesota and Iowa offer 100% tuition assistance at state supported universities/schools and this makes recruiting and retaining members into the South Dakota National Guard more difficult to compete for those individuals looking at these benefits as a reason to join and stay. The Resolutions Committee's recommendation is to support the efforts to raise tuition reduction at state supported universities/schools to 100%.

SDNGEA Resolutions 2015-3

The Watertown Regional Center have hosted a terrific 56th Annual South Dakota enlisted conference and the members and guest have enjoyed a well-hosted conference with all the amenities that have been provided.

Recommendation:

The Conference delegates give a round of applause to the people responsible for such an outstanding conference on the 18th day of April 2015.