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MEMORANDUM FOR All Officers and Warrant Officers of the Hawaii National Guard

SUBJECT: National Guard Association of the United States and Hawaii National Guard Association 2022 Membership Drive

1. The 2022 membership drive for the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) and the Hawaii National Guard Association (HNGA) starts in December. This year's membership drive runs through the end of February 2022.
2. Both NGAUS and HNGA are powerful institutions which advocate for modernization of laws and policies which benefit all National Guard members. Nationally, NGAUS has gained Congressional support to secure supplemental funding for National Guard equipment, vehicle and aircraft modernization, along with concurrent and proportional fielding of equipment with National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA) funding. Additionally, NGAUS helped prevent Air National Guard budget cuts and promoted the zero cost Tricare for National Guard and Reserve service members. NGAUS has also been a staunch advocate for a Space National Guard. Locally, HNGA was instrumental in advocating for the re-establishment of the State Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) in addition to the vehicle weight tax and other state tax exemptions.
3. During this year's 143rd Annual NGAUS Conference held in Las Vegas, NV, NGAUS priorities were crafted, expanding the National Guard's strategic role within the Department of Defense. Thanks to your continued contributions, Hawaii was again recognized as a 100% NGAUS membership state, for the 22nd consecutive year. Although voluntary, I strongly encourage you to consider membership with NGAUS and HNGA, which continue to work on your behalf to expand benefits for HING service members.

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