

CHAPTER 192

NATIONAL GUARD

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192.381 ADJUTANT GENERAL TO FURNISH AN AMERICAN FLAG.

Upon the death of any person who has honorably served six or more years or is in active service in the Minnesota national guard and upon request of the person designated to direct disposition of the remains, the adjutant general shall furnish an American flag if a flag is not furnished by the United States government.

History: 1989 c 53 s 1

192.501 FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS.

Subdivision 1. **Reenlistment bonus.** (a) The adjutant general shall establish a program providing a reenlistment bonus for members of the Minnesota National Guard in accordance with this section. An active member of the Minnesota National Guard serving satisfactorily, as defined by the adjutant general, shall be paid \$250 per year for reenlisting in the Minnesota National Guard.

(b) A member must reenlist in the Minnesota National Guard for a minimum of three years.

(c) A member is eligible for subsequent reenlistment bonuses to the extent that total years of bonus eligibility are limited to 12 years.

(d) Bonus payments shall be paid in the month prior to the anniversary of a member's current reenlistment.

(e) A member electing to receive tuition assistance under subdivision 2, shall forfeit the reenlistment bonus for the years that the tuition assistance is provided.

Subd. 2. **Tuition reimbursement.** (a) The adjutant general shall establish a program providing tuition reimbursement for members of the Minnesota national guard in accordance with this section. An active member of the Minnesota national guard serving satisfactorily, as defined by the adjutant general, shall be reimbursed for tuition paid to a post-secondary education institution as defined by section 136A.15, subdivision 5, upon proof of satisfactory completion of course work.

(b) In the case of tuition paid to a public institution located in Minnesota, including any vocational or technical school, tuition is limited to an amount equal to 50 percent of the cost of tuition at that public institution, except as provided in this section. In the case of tuition paid to a Minnesota private institution or vocational or technical school or a public or private institution or vocational or technical school not located in Minnesota, reimbursement is limited to 50 percent of the cost of tuition for lower division programs in the college of liberal arts at the twin cities campus of the University of Minnesota in the most recent academic year, except as provided in this section.

(c) If a member of the Minnesota national guard is killed in the line of state active duty, the state shall reimburse 100 percent of the cost of tuition for post-secondary courses satisfactorily completed by any surviving spouse and any surviving dependents who are 21 years old or younger. Reimbursement for surviving spouses and dependents is limited in amount and duration as is reimbursement for the national guard member.

(d) The amount of tuition reimbursement for each eligible individual shall be determined by the adjutant general according to rules formulated within 30 days of June 4, 1989. Tuition reimbursement received under this section shall not be considered by the Minnesota higher education coordinating board or by any other state board, commission, or entity in determining a person's eligibility for a scholarship or grant-in-aid under sections 136A.09 to 136A.132.

Subd. 3. **Record keeping; recruitment and retention; fiscal management.** The department of military affairs shall keep an accurate record of the recipients of the reenlistment bonus and tuition reimbursement programs. The department shall report to the legislature on the effectiveness of the reenlistment bonus and tuition reimbursement programs in retaining and recruiting members for the Minnesota National Guard. The report to the legislature shall be made by January 1 of each year. The report shall include a review of the effect that the reenlistment bonus and tuition reimbursement programs have on the enlistment and reenlistment of national guard members. The report shall include an accurate record of the effect that both the tuition reimbursement program and the reenlistment bonus program have on the recruitment and retention of members by rank, unit location, race, and sex.

The department of military affairs shall make a specific effort to recruit and retain women and members of minority groups into the guard through the use of the tuition reimbursement and reenlistment bonus programs.

History: 1989 c 335 art 1 s 182

192.51 PAY FOR ENLISTED MEMBERS.

Subd. 2. **Active duty pay.** When called into active service by the governor, other than for encampment or maneuvers, including the time necessarily consumed in travel, each enlisted person of the military forces shall be paid by the state the pay and the allowances, when not furnished in kind, provided by law for enlisted persons of similar grade, rating and length of service in the armed forces of the United States, or \$130 a day, whichever is more.

History: 1989 c 335 art 1 s 183