



# NGAOK Newsletter

*National Guard Association of Oklahoma*

## CHANGES COMING TO OKLAHOMA INCOME TAX ON MILITARY PAY

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 3rd NGAOK BOD meeting @ JFHQ Classroom in USPFO Building
- December 24-25 Christmas Holidays Observed (NGAOK Office Closed)
- December 31 New Years Eve (NGAOK Office will close early)
- January 1 New Years Observed (NGAOK Office Closed)

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Starting January 1st, the State of Oklahoma will no longer tax military income. Through the work of sponsors Senator Steve Russell and Representative Gary Banz, Senate Bill 881 makes Oklahoma the 16th state in the nation to not tax military pay.

This change in the Oklahoma Tax Code applies only to the compensation received for military duty, both active duty and inactive duty. It does not apply to military retirement income.

While the purpose of the tax law change was to encourage active duty personnel to claim Oklahoma as their official home of record, the benefits of the lower State tax bill will

apply to all military members.

The law requires that military personnel continue to have State income tax withheld from their pay through 30 Jun 2010. This is because the State did not pass this law until the Fiscal Year had already begun. Military

This law will remain in place until 2015. It will then continue only if tax revenue received from other tax sources (motor vehicle taxes, etc...) adequately offsets revenue that would have been collected on military income.

[\* Information was found in the Oklahoma State Senate 2009 Legislative Summary and FY'10 Budget Review, and from Sen. Russell's 21 May 09 press release]



## 2010 NGAOK MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS COMING TO AN END

The NGAOK 2010 Membership Drive is slowly coming to an end. We still have 5 weeks to go before it ends and we encourage everyone to get their application in before the December 31, 2009 date.

If you have questions regarding

your membership status please contact the NGAOK Office at (405) 424-1231 or e-mail [ngaok@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ngaok@sbcglobal.net).

Please visit [www.ngaok.org](http://www.ngaok.org) and sign up today if you aren't already a member.



## SEND A DEPLOYED SERVICEMEMBER SOME CHEER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

1. **Baby Wipes** - packets are better than tubs.
2. **Beef Jerky/Slim Jims**
3. **True Lemon, True Lime or True Orange.** These can be added to water to help it taste better (since the water the soldiers drink undergoes a lot of processing) and to season foods.
4. **Camelbak Elixir** - It is a sugar-free effervescent tablet, loaded with electrolytes, designed specifically for a Camelbak hydration system. Elixir dissolves easily in water and won't leave a sticky residue if used in a reservoir. Use one tablet for every 24 oz of water. Only 10 calories per serving. Buy on ebay for best price.
5. **Powdered drink mixes.** Again to help water taste better.
6. **Energy Bars.** "HOOAH!" brand energy bar based on the U.S. military's own specially formulated bar that better meets the

soldiers' needs than standard energy bars but any - Power Bars, etc. - are appreciated.

7. **Hot Sauce** (Tabasco, Red Devil, etc.) Wrap glass bottle in duct tape and place in doubled zip-lock bags
8. **Sunflower seeds**
9. **Peanuts**
10. **Seasoning Salt** (Lawry's, etc.)
11. **Atomic Fireballs/Jolly Rancher** hard candy (for service member use)
12. **Smarties or SweetTart** candies (for local children who prefer sour style candy to build relationships with community)
13. **Powdered Energy/ Electrolyte Replacement Drink Mix** (Gatorade, etc.)
14. **Chewing Gum**
15. **Avon Skin So Soft** great for removing face paint and also reputed to be an effective bug repellent (the latter seems variable

based on personal experience and reports)

16. **AA-cell Alkaline Batteries**
17. **Personal Hygiene Gear:** Soap, Body wash, Disposable Razors, Toothbrush and Tooth Paste
18. **Eye Wash/Drops** (Visine, etc.) for flushing dust and sand out of the eyes
19. **Zip-Lock style Plastic Storage Bags** - assorted sizes, heavier freezer style are better
20. **Pre-paid Phone Card** so service member can call home



{ *Happy Holidays* }



### IS YOUR INSURANCE POLICY UP TO DATE??

Things happen fast in life and NGAOK would like to be there to help you and your family over the rough spots. If you currently have life insurance through NGAOK, please consider the following:

- Do you know who your current beneficiary is?
- Have you moved recently?
- Are you newly married?

- Do you have a new child?
- Are you recently divorced?
- Are you retiring from the National Guard?
- Are you being mobilized?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please contact Dale Carney at 866-399-0180 or 405-279-1064 or

[dale.carney@valornet.com](mailto:dale.carney@valornet.com) to update your policy. If you don't have life insurance, please consider taking out a policy before you retire from the Guard.

## HOLIDAY RECEPIES

### PRALINE COOKIES

1 cup of light brown sugar

1 tablespoon of flour

1/3 teaspoon of salt

1 egg white, beaten

1 teaspoon of vanilla

2 cups of pecans

Mix sugar, flout and salt; sift.

Add beaten egg white, vanilla and pecans.

Drop by the teaspoonful on cookie sheet heavily greased with shortening.

Bake at 275 degrees for 35 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet before cookies are cold.

### WHITE FUDGE

One 7-oz jar marshmallow cream

1 1/2 cups sugar

One 5-oz can (2/3 cup) evaporated milk

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter

1/4 teaspoon salt

Two 6-oz pkgs (6 foil-wrapped bars) Nestle Premier White baking bars, broken up

1/2 cup nuts, chopped

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Grease 8 or 9 inch square pan. In 2-quart heavy-gauge saucepan, combine marshmallow cream, sugar, evaporated milk, butter and salt. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium to medium high heat, stirring constantly. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, Stir in Premier White baking bars until smooth. Stir in nuts and vanilla extract. Pour into prepared pan. Cool until firm, about 2 hours. Cut into 1-inch squares

Makes about 2 lbs. or 64 pieces fudge



## 10 RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

1. Spend More Time with Family & Friends.
2. Fit in Fitness
3. Take a Trip
4. Quit Smoking
5. Enjoy Life More
6. Quit Drinking
7. Get Out of Debt
8. Learn Something New
9. Help Others
10. Get Organized

## 53RD NGAOK ANNUAL CONFERENCE — FRIDAY NIGHT

This years Friday Night event is going to be a Costume/ Karaoke Party along with a DJ to dance the night away too. Prizes will be given away to the top 3 costumes and karaoke singers.

So if you like to party like its 1999, have your own sequined glove, still have your leisure suite and disco heels in your closet, enjoy impersonating Elvis, do the "VOGUE", know all of the words to any of the Sugar Hill Gang songs, or like to twang like Shania Twain, then this event is for you.





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*Dear Members,*

*The holiday season offers us a special opportunity to extend our personal thanks to our members, and our very best wishes for the future.*

*May your Holidays be filled with happiness and joy, followed by a most wonderful New Year! May it bring you health, happiness, and success along the way.*

*Happy Holidays!*

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