

On August 3rd, 1917, the Commanding General of the New York military forces stood up the New York Guard (NYG). The NYG was established to insure that the state was in alignment with its own State Constitutional requirement that troops are always available to the Governor for the protection of the citizens and their property. With World War I in full swing, the NY National Guard elements were in Europe and unable to fulfill this role. Thus the State Guard was established.

WWI Uniform



Since that time the NYG has worked along side the NY National Guard to protect property and citizens in times of crisis. While the modern NYG is focused on domestic support operations such as flood control and hurricane response, it is still an integral part of the NY Military Forces having been a very active part of response to Hurricanes Sandy, & Maria, yearly responses to Lake Ontario flooding, snow and wind storms and especially the response COVID-19. Today more than ever, the NYG is supporting the citizens of New York.

WWII formation



NYG soldier during COVID-19

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NYG soldiers working alongside NYANG and NYARNG During Flooding on Lake Ontario in 2019.



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# Who We Are

Since 1917 the New York Guard (NYG) has been the State Defense Force branch of the New York Military Forces. This federally recognized role allows NYG Soldiers to volunteer during normal monthly drill but be available for paid service during emergencies and times of need. Paid state active duty allows NYG soldiers to work in the same exact roles as the National Guard to help and serve our citizens.

New York Guard soldiers do not have a federal role like the National Guard does. Where as the National Guard can be called to support the Active Duty Federal military by the President, the New York Guard cannot. Only the Governor of New York can give orders to the New York State Guard.



Our lack of a federal combat role gives the New York Guard more flexibility with medical standards. While we still require soldiers to be in very good health, we're not as restrictive as the federal services. Also for the same reason, we have a larger enlistment age range. We see you joining! DO IT TODAY!

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# What We Do

The New York Guard is entirely focused on state level Domestic Operations (DOMOPS). Thus we are a service that is 100% focused on helping citizens during emergencies and natural disasters throughout New York State.

We train our soldiers in-

- Military Emergency Management
- Incident Command Structure
- Emergency Computer Operations
- Public Affairs
- Military Radio and Telephone Ops
- Forklift and Warehouse Ops
- Debris Clearance
- Flood Preparation and Management
- Chainsaw
- Skidsteer
- Medic (through Civilian EMT certs)
- Food Preparation
- Points of Distribution
- General Military Support
- Military Leadership
- Military Drill and Ceremonhy
- Interoperability with the National Guard



# Why Join?

- You're 18-63.
- You're in reasonably good health.
- You want to serve your state and nation.
- You're prior service and want to continue to grow your career and advance your rank.
- You've aged out for federal service and still want to serve.
- To carry on a family military tradition.
- A minor medical issue disqualified you from Federal Service and you still want to serve.
- You want to serve the military only in our state, not overseas.
- You have a special skill set and want to use that skill as a volunteer in a way that will have a gigantic impact for your community.



We Are in Need of the Following Professions

- Prior Service Military
- Medical Professionals
- Chaplains & Chaplains Assistants
- Public Affairs Specialists,
- Communications Specialists
- IT Professionals
- Graphic Designers
- Marketing Professionals
- Engineers & Construction