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### **EANGUS WELCOMES SGM (RET) FRANK YOAKUM AS ITS NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

ALEXANDRIA, VA - Chief Master Sergeant (retired) John M. Harris, President of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), is delighted to announce the selection of Sergeant Major (retired) Frank Yoakum as its next Executive Director by the EANGUS Board of Directors.

Announcing Yoakum's appointment, Harris said, "Frank is a true leader who brings a wealth of experience on the Hill and in the Guard to the Executive Director's position. The Executive Council strongly supports his selection."

Reflecting on his appointment, Yoakum said, "I am honored and humbled by the selection and look forward to leading the National Office in the coming years."

Sergeant Major (retired) Yoakum has a lifetime of service to the nation in the U. S. Army, and has been affiliated with EANGUS for the past 13 years in various paid and volunteer capacities. He is a life member of EANGUS and a life member of the Wyoming National Guard Association.

Yoakum comes to the association from the National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Virginia, after working most recently as a Human Resource Strategist there. Previous to his work at National Guard Bureau, he was the Legislative Director for EANGUS and also worked in the National Guard Bureau's Legislative Liaison office. He retired in 2006 after serving over 31 years in the Army and Army National Guard.

EANGUS would like to congratulate Bryan Birch for his tremendous service as the Interim Executive Director for the past 16 months. Bryan and our entire National Office Staff performed admirably, taking on additional duties, sacrificing personal time, and ensuring that the operations of EANGUS and our service to the State Associations were not only maintained, but improved. We are all looking forward to a successful 2016 and beyond.