

What is the NY Guard?

The NY Guard is NY's State Militia. It is NOT the National Guard.

NY Guard members are all volunteers in service to our community. You have skills which would be helpful to your community in a time of need.

What's required to join?

- Between the ages of 17 & 65.
- Citizen of the United States.
- Meet weight standard for age.
- Good moral character.

Do I have to have prior military service?

No, the skills you have as a civilian such as your Profession, Training and Education are of value to your community as are the skills some may have from prior military service.

What does the NY Guard do?

We train or assist in the following mission related activities:

- Search and Rescue
- Disaster Relief / Recovery
- Medical
- Nursing
- EMT
- Administrative
- Internal Security
- Radio and Telephone Communications
- Legal
- Engineering
- Data Processing
- Assistance to families of deployed military personnel
- Coordination and support to DMNA – NYARNG – NYANG – SEMO

Can I use military leave available to me through my job?

Yes! If you have 30 days paid military leave, the NY Guard qualifies! You won't have to use vacation or other leave to attend NY Guard training.

Can I be called to active duty?

Yes, the Governor can activate you. You are then paid for your time. A recent activation was for 9/11. Our soldiers stood shoulder to shoulder with all of the assembled security forces and did so in a favorable manner.

Why are we recruiting for the NY Guard?

We need to find, identify, and process volunteers who will become the cornerstone of the Home Defense Force.

Have you ever thought of military service but didn't have the time or you missed the opportunity?

Think about joining the New York Guard!

What kind of training will I receive?

There are many opportunities to train with the NY Guard. From one week of Annual Training to weekend CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training, you will be sure to find something that will challenge you!

How much time is involved?

Normally we meet at the Masten Armory on the 1st Saturday and the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Sometimes we meet on the 1st Saturday and Sunday only.

What's Annual Training?

Annual Training (AT) takes place one week during the year.

What kind of training goes on?

Basic training for those that do not have prior military service. Basic & Advanced NCO courses, Officer Candidate School, Search and Rescue, Communications, Internal Security and much more!

How do I join?

Contact our local recruiter:

MAJ Joseph Kessler
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Interested in the military?

Committed to your
Community

Join the NY Guard!



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