

Army National Guard Soldiers who receive 20 year Notice of Eligibility Letters (NOE's) have four options regarding their retirement. It is very important to choose the retirement option that is best for you and your family. The decision you make when selecting an option effects the retirement pay and benefits available to you during your retirement.

Stand By Reserve

- Soldiers that have a remaining contractual obligation will be sent to the IRR.
- Standby Reserve Soldiers can continue to perform **unpaid** training
- Soldiers will accumulate retirement points.
- Must earn a minimum of 50 retirement points per year
- Attendance requirements are at the Commanders discretion



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National Guard Retirement Options



Retired Reserve

Remain in the National Guard

Discharge

Soldiers can request Retirement from the Army National Guard and be transferred to the Retired Reserve to await eligibility for retired pay.

Soldiers who wish to remain in the Army National Guard must continue to perform inactive duty training, annual training, and any other period of active service.

Retirement eligible Soldiers can request discharge from the Army National Guard without joining the Retired Reserve. This removes the potential for recall, but severs the ties with the military until age 60.

By entering Retired Reserve

- Can be recalled for service
- Can receive help applying for retirement pay
- Earn Longevity (money earned for time in service)
- Earn Cost of living allowance (COLA)
- Do not earn Retirement points
- Cannot be promoted

By remaining in ARNG

- Must earn a minimum of 50 retirement points yearly
- Earn Longevity (money earned for time in service)
- Earn COLA
- Can be promoted
- Continue to earn Retirement points

By Choosing Discharge

- No Military Obligation
- No COLA can be earned
- Cannot Earn Longevity
- Cannot Earn Retirement Points
- Do not get a Retirement ID Card (until age 60)
- No Base Privileges

Upon turning 60 the Retirement eligible Discharged Services Member regains the ability to acquire an ID Card and utilize post privileges.