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WCFA-COVID EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND GRANTS – PHASE 3

Senior Enlisted Leaders, Family Program Offices, and State Association Presidents,

EANGUS and the We Care for America Foundation are pleased to announce the receipt of additional funding which will allow us to provide much needed assistance to National Guard Soldiers and Airmen who have been impacted financially by the COVID-19 Pandemic. We extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to USAA for their continued support and this most recent donation which will be distributed in two more phases over the next several months.

Like the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds that were distributed in May 2020 (Phase 1) and November 2020 (Phase 2) these funds will be available to current and former members of the National Guard, enlisted or officer, who demonstrate the loss of their primary income or employment, or a financial emergency directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants will be capped at \$500. To assist as many National Guard members as possible, the fund can only support one emergency grant per household. National Guard members who received a grant in Phase 1 or 2 are not eligible to receive another WCFA-COVID grant at this time.

The window to submit applications for Phase 3 of the WCFA-COVID Emergency Relief Fund will open at **6:00 pm Eastern Time on Monday, January 18, 2021**. All applications will be accepted and reviewed but only 400 applications will be approved due to limited funding. We ask that applications be submitted by National Guard members who absolutely need assistance because of a COVID-19 related financial hardship. Applications will be approved based on the greatest need. An additional phase and other opportunities to apply for emergency assistance will be announced in the future. Each phase will be announced in advance and will require submission of a Verification Form noting the applicant's emergency need at that time.

The grant application process includes completion of a brief online application and submission of the WCFA-COVID Emergency Relief Fund Verification Form which must be completed and signed by the applicant's Unit Commander, First Sergeant, Battalion CSM, CCM, or Family Programs Representative. A copy of the fillable Verification Form is attached, or applicants can download a copy of the form from our website. Please refer to the We Care for America website at www.eangus-wcfa.org for more information and to apply for assistance. Questions can be referred to our office via email at director@eangus-wcfa.org.