



New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs

Federal Government Shutdown Fact Sheet

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There are approximately 4,500 full time federal and state employees assigned to support the administration of New York State Military Forces, including the New York Army and Air National Guard, New York Naval Militia and New York Guard, with a combined authorized strength of more than 22,000 uniformed members.

There are 10,500 members of the New York Army National Guard and just under 6,000 members of the New York Air National Guard.

One of the most visible and significant impacts of the Government shut down is the unpaid furlough of the bulk of Federal Technicians in the New York National Guard.

About 1,700 employees, or just over a third of the full time members of the New York National Guard are affected. They are Federal Technicians, civilian employees of the National Guard who are required to serve as Guard members and wear their uniforms as part of their daily work routine.

Many of these 1,700 civilian employees perform critical functions such as maintenance, intelligence, logistics, contracting and administration.

A small number of these technicians—just over 200-- have been deemed exempt from the furlough because of the nature of their duties. They are fulfilling essential functions. They will work without pay and be paid later.

The technicians who are furloughed will not be paid.

The remainder of the New York Army and Air National Guard's full-time force consists of about 2000 members of the Active Guard and Reserve. These are Soldiers and Airmen who are full-time military members.

They will report for duty as usual and will continue to be paid as uniformed members of the armed services.

The traditional Army and Air National Guard members, who train for one weekend a month and train for two weeks a year, will not attend drill periods or military schools during the period of the government shut down. Their training days will be rescheduled so they are able to attend the minimum number of training periods necessary for a "good" year of service.

The furlough of dual status technicians, and the inability of part-time National Guard Soldiers and Airmen to conduct regular drill assemblies, will result in maintenance and administrative work being deferred.

Key National Guard functions will be conducted by the Active Guard and Reserve force and exempted technicians. New York State employees of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs will also continue their duties in support of the Army and Air National Guard.