

## Awards

Period of Eligibility: 31 January 2020 – TBD

Soldiers will receive the appropriate award depending on their period of service.

Commanders may recommend a Soldier for a state or federal award for event specific achievements.

### AFSM

Awarded to Soldiers for 30 consecutive or non-consecutive days of qualifying service or

Awarded to Soldiers for one day of qualifying service if that service resulted in the Soldier contracting the virus

\*Soldiers are not authorized the AFSM & HSM based on the same activities, deployment and/or period of service



### HSM

Awarded to Soldiers for less than 30 consecutive or non-consecutive days of qualifying service

\*Soldiers are not authorized the AFSM & HSM based on the same activities, deployment and/or period of service



### GWOTSM

Awarded to Soldiers for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of active duty service

\*Soldiers may have been awarded for a previous period of time. The GWOTSM does not have consecutive awards



### State Award

TBD – a NYARNG state award will be approved by the TAG after the COVID-19 mission is complete

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## Operation COVID-19 Post Mission Benefits Guide



New York Army National Guard



## COVID-19 Benefits for New York Army National Guard Members

### Who is eligible for COVID-19 benefits?

Benefits are authorized for Soldiers who served on COVID-19 Title 32 502(f)(2)(A) orders.

### How do I know if I was on T32 502(f) COVID-19 orders?

If you served on qualifying COVID-19 orders you will have a copy of your orders in your iPERMS record. The “purpose” will state “OPERATION COVID SUPPORT” and the “authority” will state “Title 32 U.S.C. 502 (f)(2)(A).”

### What benefits am I entitled to under T32 502(f) orders?

Benefits for each Soldier will be dependent on their period of service. Qualification for each benefit is outlined in this guide and include:

#### All Soldiers:

DD-214  
USERRA  
\*Retirement Reduced Age  
\*Post 9/11 GI Bill  
Award

#### If Qualified:

TRICARE TAMP-180  
VA Home Loan  
Line of Duty (LOD)  
VA Disability

\*time on mission is creditable toward benefit



## DD-214 Publication

All Soldiers will receive a DD-214 after being separated from the COVID-19 mission. A copy of the DD-214 can be located in the individual Soldier’s iPERMS record.

## USERRA

Effective 05 January 2021, members of the National Guard who serve in support of a national emergency declared by the President are covered by Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights (USERRA).

Soldiers ordered to active duty (other than for training) because of a national emergency are exempt from the USERRA five-year cumulative limit.

Authority: USERRA Section 4312(c); Stafford Act Section 401

## Reduced Age for Retirement

Soldiers serving on the COVID-19 mission are eligible for reduced age of retirement. Soldiers retirement age of 60 will be reduced by three months for each aggregate of 90 days in which the Soldier performs active service under T32 502(f) orders.

Authority: 10 USC 12731

## Post 9/11 GI Bill

Soldiers on COVID-19 T32 502(f) orders are eligible for the post 9/11 GI Bill if they have at least 90 days of service.

**\*Soldiers may transfer their post 9/11 GI Bill benefits to their dependents under the following conditions:**

- Completed at least 6 years of service
- The beneficiary is enrolled in DEERS
- Enlisted: 4 more years of service remaining
- Officer: Agrees to 4 more years of service



Soldiers may use milConnect to initiate the transfer:

<https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect>

Cumulative Months of Qualifying Service	Tier Rate
36 Months	100%
30 Months	90%
24 Months	80%
18 Months	70%
12 Months	60%
90 Days	50%

Authority: 38 USC 3301

## TRICARE (TAMP-180)

Soldiers separating from COVID-19 T32 502(f) orders after 01 January 2021, for 31 days of consecutive service, will receive 180 days of Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP-180) TRICARE coverage beginning the day after the separation date listed on their DD-214.

Soldiers may check their TAMP-180 status through milConnect. TRICARE issues must be reported to the Soldier’s chain of command.

TRICARE Contact: (800) 444-5445

TAMP-180 Information:  
<https://www.tricare.mil/tamp>



milConnect:

<https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>

## Home Loan Guaranty

Soldiers with 90 days or more of COVID-19 T32 502(f) active duty time may apply for the VA home loan. Soldiers may be eligible with other conditions. A full list of eligibility can be located on the VA website.

## LOD & VA Disability

**LOD:** Soldiers with an injury, illness, or disease while on COVID orders must contact their Unit Administrator to initiate a Line of Duty (LOD). The LOD must be initiated within 180 days of the Soldiers separation date.

NOTE: LODs are not completed for issues with “no lasting significance” such as a contusion, bug bites, etc.

**VA:** Soldiers may contact a VA representative to apply for disability compensation due to injuries or diseases that were incurred or aggravated during active duty.

## Veterans Affairs Information:

### Post 9/11 GI Bill

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

### Home Loan

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/index.asp>

### Disability Compensation

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/>

