

## **The National Guard Bureau – Education, Incentives and Employment Division**

The National Guard Bureau's Education, Incentive, & Employment division establishes Army National Guard education and incentive policy, provides support to Soldiers who focus on voluntary education and incentive programs, as well as develops partnerships with industry leaders for employment opportunities for ARNG Soldiers.

### **National Guard Education Outreach and Youth Development Programs**

Recognized for its immediate response in the wake of natural disasters, the National Guard also brings the same sense of focus and dedication to its Education Outreach and Youth Development Programs, creating a positive impact on current and future generations of young Americans. The National Guard's education and employment outreach programs strive to give youth and adults the support they need to become outstanding citizens.

### **Education and Employment Outreach**

#### About Face

The About Face program has changed the lives of at-risk youth for over a decade by encouraging young people to stay in school. Students develop real-world skills including academic, life and work readiness skills through afterschool and/or summer activity-based classroom sessions.

#### Forward March

Forward March prepares older youth and adults to become productive members of the workforce, providing them with real-world skills needed for workplace success. A network of partners offers nationally recognized credentials in high-growth, high-demand occupations that lead to prompt job placement upon program completion.

### **Future Soldier Education Programs**

#### GED Plus

GED Plus is an accelerated, adult training program for new enlisted recruits designed to help students earn their GED in three weeks or less. Boasting a 96% pass rate, the ARNG GED Plus program has become an essential step in the training pipeline for GED Plus enlistments.

#### Patriot Academy Initiative

The Army National Guard Patriot Academy is an innovative education initiative designed to allow qualified Soldiers to earn an accredited high school diploma in a military academy setting. At the Patriot Academy, Soldiers focus on academic and military training that will enable them to both qualify for their high school diploma and enhance their Soldier skills.