

February 10th, 2006

The National Guard Association of Nebraska hosted the annual Legislative Breakfast for State Senators on February 10th at the State Capitol. The breakfast was well attended by Senators with nearly 20 making an appearance.

Among the Senators was Senator Diane Schimek, the chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Senator Janssen who sponsored the bill asking for an increase in tuition assistance from 75 percent to 100 percent, and Senator Adrian Smith who introduced a bill seeking income tax exemption for military retirement pensions.

Representatives from the Family Readiness Group as well as recently deployed units had displays for the Senators. Members of the Enlisted Association of Nebraska were also present.

NGA-NE Executive Director LTC Jim Murphy welcomed the Senators and guests and then introduced the Adjutant General of Nebraska. Major General Roger Lempke provided an overview of recent activities and deployments followed by a brief question and answer period with the Senators.

LTC Murphy provided an overview of the Association's legislative priorities which included an increase in tuition assistance and the military retirement income tax exemption.

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