

## Major General Gregory Knight- Written Testimony

- The VTNG needs our centers of influence to help us with recruiting. This drives everything we do, and provides the necessary capability and capacity to support the Governor, Vermonters and the National Command Authority for our federal mission. We have the ability to provide valuable part-time jobs with full-time benefits, but need community leaders to help us share the opportunities that come with service in our Guard. We can keep talent in Vermont, make for a more educated population and bring transferable skills to the Vermont civilian workforce.
- While my information may be dated, I don't believe the health care challenges we face have been resolved. Vermont needs more health care providers, more taking new patients and more who accept TRICARE. Mental health and family practice remain in demand. While there have been improvements in payment amounts and time processing payments for TRICARE visits, it is far from ideal. One of my prevention specialists is revising her white paper on TRICARE, will get that sent once complete.