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Hello Everyone,

This month has been an emotional roller coaster. On the 3rd of April, I received a phone call that our very first active EANGUS Auxiliary President had walked out to get the morning newspaper, became ill and suddenly passed away. Some of us had just visited with her in Mississippi a couple of months before and she was her usual self. Who would have thought then that Doris Williams would no longer be with us today. Many of you have shared your experiences with me in regards to Doris and I feel the same. She believed in this auxiliary and was a mentor for all of us. One of her more recent tasks/contribution to the Auxiliary was to serve as Scholarship Chair. Last year after the conference in Salt Lake City, UT, Doris came to me and said "If you'll have me, I will continue to be the Scholarship Chair again this year." I told her I did not know what we would do if she was not the chair. I never thought the reality of not having her as chair would come so quickly. It just goes to show that we should not put off until tomorrow what we can do today. EANGUS will feature a tribute to Doris Williams in the next *New Patriot*. If you have any comments or photos you would like to include send them to editor@eangus.org and Dian Cline will use what she can in the magazine. We have included our special tribute to Doris in this issue of *The Signal* on page 4.

I am sure everyone has been wondering who will chair the Scholarship Committee. Our thanks to Marie Brabham, Florida for stepping up to serve in this position. If you have already mailed a scholarship application to Doris Williams, it will be forwarded to Marie. If you plan to submit an application, send it to Marie at 3329 Aspen Forest Drive; Middleburg, FL 32068. For questions/concerns you may telephone her at 904.291.6778 or email at sassyat52@aol.com. I will be in touch with Oakley Lollar, a dear friend of Doris Williams who worked closely with her on this project each year. He has offered to assist in anyway he can.

Applications must be postmarked not later than 30 June 2007

EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer

Following the resignation of the treasurer, we (the Executive Board) consulted three (3) sources to apply the proper procedure for filling the vacancy.

1. EANGUS Auxiliary Constitution (adopted by the membership)
2. Roberts Rules of Order (referred to when the rules that apply in the Constitution do not expand to cover a particular situation)
3. Our side by side organization, EANGUS

The result was that the vacated position should be filled as an *interim* position for the unexpired term. The Executive Board voted to elect Patricia Vogan, UT to serve as *interim* treasurer to complete the unexpired term of Sandy Hiltner. EANGUS recently used this same procedure to fill the position of secretary. The position of EANGUS Auxiliary treasurer will be opened for nominations in 2008 during the general nominations/elections process at the conference in Savannah, GA.

I have been in communication with a CPA to arrange for an official audit prior to transferring the financial records to the new treasurer (this is the proper procedure when transferring from one treasurer to another). This is a very important position in any organization. I am confident that Patricia Vogan will be able to continue the maintenance of the financial records in the same format that is in place. I can remember when the financial records were hand written and they served the purpose. Today we have technology available to us that makes the process less tedious and more informative — I feel it is important to the growth and productivity of our organization to use it.

The only elections to be held at the conference this year in Oklahoma City, OK will be where there is an area director to be elected due to expiration of term and or vacancy. Area Directors are elected at each General Conference of the Auxiliary by a caucus of members present from each area. Nominations made at your area caucus at the General Conference will be submitted to the Nominations Chair, Jenny Lainhart for reporting to the General membership. Now, is the time to be thinking of your respective nominee/s.

Earlier this month, I was pleased to work with Area 5 Directors, Shirley Spitz and Marilyn Freking at the Indiana State Conference. We were visiting with folks from the time we arrived on Friday at the social event until we left on Saturday evening after closing down our membership booth. We had an awesome team in place—Marilyn attended the brunch for the spouses and was able to speak to them; Shirley was busy at the membership booth, located among the vendors and I was attended the General Session. Mike Spindel was gracious enough to share his speaking time with me to both officers and enlisted. Mike encouraged them to join EANGUS. I invited them to the membership booth and told them how important it is for their state to have legislative support within an auxiliary. Shirley and Marilyn gave a presentation to a new recruit; she promised to take the information with her and work on organizing an auxiliary. I feel it is just a matter of time when we have an Indiana Auxiliary.

Thanks to John Lacher for inviting us and taking the time to introduce us to everyone. I was also pleased to meet the new Executive Director of NGAUS. I attended the NGAUS conference last year and plan to attend this year. It is great when the two organizations can work together to support our families. In the Auxiliary, we as spouses wear no rank and we invite all spouses to join us and support the mission of this organization which is grassroots efforts.

EANGUS Area III Chair, Jim Rains is working to implement a side by side recruiting and membership effort/information in Area 3 with Directors Marie Brabham and Dianne Williams.

Area 5 will have their Caucus in May. I had planned to attend; but due to the time schedule of my husband's deployment, I will be home with him. Family does come first.

EANGUS Vice President Roger Hagan attended Montana's State Conference where he spoke to the spouses with emphasis on the vitality a working auxiliary. He also gave them an update on the new program that EANGUS is putting into place and explained how the auxiliary can take advantage of its features. Each state will be able to pull up their state's membership from the website at any given time and print a report. Anyone will be able to go on the website and sign up to become a member of the auxiliary of any state and pay their dues by credit card. EANGUS will send the dues payments to the respective state auxiliary treasurers. The state auxiliary treasurers will continue to send dues in to the national treasurer once a year. If you have a state membership application that you would like to be used on the website, please email it to bbirch@eangus.org; he will put it out there for folks to use. A generic application will be used if you do not have one.

Life time memberships have been keeping our Sara Hendricks very busy. She is one lady that keeps my mailbox full—she is the research queen. We love her; thanks, Sara for all that you do.

Awards Chair Sandy Morse recently sent all state auxiliary presidents the updated awards chart. If you have not received one or if you a new president and have not sent in your State Information sheet, please contact Sandy at mwalldog@earthlink.net. Remember to turn in nominations for Spouse of the Year Award, Meritorious Service Award and Distinguished Service Award. Refer to the awards chart for deadlines and criteria.

State Presidents, please complete and send in the State Information sheet to me and your Area Director/s following your state conference whether there is a change in your leadership or not. We will use the information to ensure that the contact information printed in the conference book (or where applicable) is correct.

As most of you know, when sending out newsletters and other information, the distribution list or the mailing list is only as good as the information given to us. We get many email copies as well as hard copies of The Signal returned each time an issue is published/distributed. Please make sure Dianne Williams and I have your correct email address for email issues and correct home address for hard copy issues.

The Site Visit will be held June 8-10 in Oklahoma City, OK. I will be attending the EANGUS Executive Board meeting and conference committee meeting. As I mentioned previously, there will not be an Executive Board meeting for the Auxiliary during this time. We had a Board meeting in January-Albuquerque, New Mexico and one in February- Gulfport, Mississippi.

If you are an Executive Board member and have not reserved a room with Dianne Williams for the Sheraton Hotel for the Conference in August, you will need to do so now and furnish a credit card number to guarantee your room before we go to the Site Visit.

I am excited about this year's conference. I know Oklahoma is putting together an awesome conference. If you are not planning to attend and would like to have a conference book mailed to you, please send me your name and address and I will be happy to do that after I return home. I have been trying to do that each year but last year's conference books were not available. Thanks for all your support .

God Bless,
Sheila Bandy



Area V Directors (l/r) Shirley Spitz and Marilyn Freking at the auxiliary membership table-- Indiana Conference.



NGAUS Chair (IN) Maj. Gen. R Martin Umbarger and EANGUS Auxiliary President Sheila Bandy-- Indiana Conference.



President Bandy (right) and members of IN Association



EANGUS Auxiliary Past President Doris Williams

We have lost one of the founding ladies of our EANGUS Auxiliary, Mrs. Doris Williams who also served as our first Auxiliary President from 1974 – 1976.

Doris Glenn Williams, retired childcare provider of more than 25 years, passed away at her home on Tuesday, 03 April 2007.

She was a native of Monroe County before moving to Jackson in 1969. She was an active member of Broadmoor Baptist Church of Madison and very active in her Sunday school class. She also shared her time at Ridgecrest Baptist Mom's Day Out at Broadmoor. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She never missed a ball game or activity that her children or grandchildren were involved with whether it be in town or out of town.

On August 30, 1973, she chaired the organization of EANGUS (Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States) Auxiliary with 44 ladies representing 16 states. The meeting was held at the Hotel Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa. Doris served as the vice president and was elected president in October 1974 and served for two years. Doris also helped write the Constitution and Bylaws for the EANGUS Auxiliary. She was awarded the first EANGUS award - "The Pen is Mightier Than The Musket" for her work with the legislative work and she has continued to be active in the legislative work. In 1976, Doris was appointed the cookbook chairman. Doris had been a permanent member of the Virgil R. Williams Scholarship Program since 1983. Doris has served as chairman of the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Program since 1994. She was honored by EANGUS in 2003 by having an Auxiliary Room in the EANGUS Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia named the "Doris Williams Auxiliary Office".

In 1969 Doris Williams chaired a committee of 66 members to organize the Mississippi National Guard Noncommissioned Officers Association Auxiliary (MS NG NCOA Auxiliary). In 1969 Doris was elected as vice president and in 1971 was elected as president. Doris served numerous times as area director and was currently serving as an Area Director. Doris served on the Awards Evaluation and Research Committee. She also had served as conference chairman and also chairman of the MS NG NCOA Auxiliary Scholarship Program. Doris worked many hours at the Mississippi State Fair helping with the MS NG NCO Association Ways and Means Project. In 1978-1979, Doris won the NCO Wife of the Year presented by the MS NG NCO Association.

Doris Williams will be truly missed by all.



**EANGUS/EANGUS AUXILIARY 2007 CONFERENCE
12-15 AUGUST
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

EANGUS Auxiliary Room Block

I have eleven (11) rooms left from the Auxiliary block at the Sheraton Hotel—reserved as a courtesy to ensure that the Auxiliary leadership to include committee chairs will have a room. If you are an Auxiliary Board member and or Committee Chair and would like to reserve a room from the block, you should contact me ASAP. I will be releasing the rooms for general reservations at the June Site Visit.

Golf Tournament

Due to the resignation of the Oklahoma Golf Coordinator, detailed planning/organization for the Golf Tournament at the 2007 Conference have been delayed. However, Oklahoma Conference Chair, Marvin Barbee is confident that they will have someone who will accept the challenge of planning/organizing the tournament. He expects to announce the details by the middle of May.

EANGUS Junior Enlisted Committee for Oklahoma City 2007 National Conference

The following individuals will serve on a panel during the Junior Enlisted Committee meeting at the 2007 Conference in Oklahoma City, OK.

Command Sergeant Major John Gipe - ARNG CSM

Command Chief Master Sergeant Dick Smith - ANG CCM

Command Sergeant Major Ray Hudson - Senior Enlisted Leader at NGB

Sergeant Major Joseph Staudt - Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs

Members of the panel will speak for about 3-5 minutes each and then open up the floor for a Q&A session.

If a member of your state association's Junior Enlisted has a question or questions and would like to have it/them on the agenda at the conference, he/she may email it to

**SSgt Joe Franco at: EMAIL HOME: JoeFranco@cox.net
EMAIL WORK: Joe.Franco@oktuls.ang.af.mil**

Person/s electing to send in question/s via email will not have to ask the senior leadership directly— this will help to speed the process. However, everyone is encouraged to feel free to ask the question/s themselves. The panel will be more than happy to answer all questions.

Member Recruiting Awards Program/Drawing Contest

If you wish to participate in the 2007 Member Recruiting/Drawing Contest, you will need to send to me the names/contact information of your new members as well as the recruiting member's name. We will need to

purchase the awards for this program at the same time that the others are purchased. The deadline to send in your recruiting information is 01 June.

2007-2008 COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Chairs, please let me know if you will need a meeting room for your respective meetings at the Conference. If there has been a change to your committee (**i.e. new committee member/s; change in contact information**), let us know so that we can update the committee roster accordingly and timely. The following changes were received from the Ways & Means Chair.

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
(Silent Auction)**

Committee members are:

Chair—Hazel Holt

Co-chairs— Ruth Ann and Jib Crawford

Billie Davis

Lorraine Miller

Special Note: All items given to this committee as donations for the Silent Auction become the sole property of EANGUS Auxiliary and may not be removed from the auction by anyone other than the successful bidder. Items receiving no bids will be re-cataloged for the next year's auction.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

**CONFERENCE 2008
Savannah, Georgia
10-13 August**

On 09 April 2007, Host state (Georgia) Conference Chair, James Dennis, members of the Executive Council of the Enlisted Association of Georgia and I met with EANGUS President Frank Lever, Vice President Roger Hagan and Conference Coordinator Dee Riggle in Savannah, GA to view the facilities of the Savannah International Trade Convention Center (located on Hutchinson Island), hotel meeting rooms and housing for 2008 conferees.

The meeting was held at the Marriott Riverfront Savannah which will be one of the conference hotels. The meeting was recessed and we took the riverboat to the Westin Hotel (located on Hutchinson Island). The Westin will be the conference host hotel and as well as the location of the EANGUS Auxiliary's President's suite and Board meeting room. The Hilton Hotel will be another conference hotel.

There are many decisions still to be made and or modified regarding facilities that will comfortably meet all of our specifications. Pre-registration for Conference 2008 will be available at Conference 2007 in Oklahoma City, OK. I will publish additional information/updates upon availability.

Please contact me with questions/concerns—

**Dianne C Williams,
EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator**

Oklahoma City Spotlight

“2007 EANGUS Round-Up”

Lucretia Barbee Host State Auxiliary POC/Co-Chair



The Sunday night “Welcome” will be held in our beautiful National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum. A tour of the museum will be included. The menu will be a real cowboy meal of smoked meats prepared fresh on the site by Paul Campbell and his Oklahoma team of smokers. It will include all the fixins (Cowboy term for potato salad, beans etc...). Entertainment will be provided, and will fit our “Round-Up” theme. It will be a great way to begin experiencing a week of Oklahoma hospitality!

Monday Night will be a free night. You will have the opportunity to visit the National Memorial. You may choose to attend a Baseball game dedicated to the Military and their families which will include a special tribute. The ball park is located in our beautiful Bricktown area which is loaded with excellent restaurants, a river boat ride, comedy club, and the list goes on. Bricktown is located a short walk from most motels; transportation will also be provided. We also plan to have a casino trip you can work in to the night. If you have the energy and/or the desire you actually could do a little bit of it all! We know that we come to the conference to work, BUT Oklahoma also believes in finding time to PLAY! We are working hard to make it happen and look forward to seeing you all in August. If you haven't made your reservations do it today!
See you SOON!

Lucretia





LEGISLATIVE ALERT

(Released from the NGAUS office)

LEGISLATIVE ALERT #07-03

April 30, 2007

The Issue: Reduced Age Retirement for Members of the Reserve Component

Immediate Action Required: Contact your members of Congress and urge them to co-sponsor and support Reduced Age Retirement for members of the Reserve Component

Several members of Congress have introduced legislation to reduce the age in which members of the Reserve Component are eligible to receive retirement pay (currently the age is 60). Representative Saxton (R-NJ) has introduced H.R.690 which amends Title 10, United States Code, to reduce the minimum age for receipt of military retired pay for non-regular service members from 60 to 55, and Senator Chambliss (R-GA)

introduced S. 648 that would amend Title 10 to reduce the eligible age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods (age to be reduced by three months for each 90 days of being called to active duty for Title 10 wartime duty or Title 32 response for a national emergency declared by the President). Under this provision, the age may not be reduced below 50 years of age. There are other proposals in Congress, but these two pieces of legislation seem to have garnered the most support.

NGAUS Resolution A-3 recommends that Congress “reduce the age at which a member of the National Guard receives his or her pension.”

As Congress debates these alternatives to find a cost-effective solution, they need your input. The time to act is now. There is momentum in Congress for this legislation, and your email, letter or call could make the difference.

TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION

By using the “Write to Congress” feature on the NGAUS Web site at www.ngaus.org; you can IMMEDIATELY e-mail your elected representatives. A sample letter is included in our “Write to Congress” feature. You can e-mail the pre-written message or edit the sample letter as you desire.

This is the quickest and most effective method of expressing your views to Congress. Also, contact your friends and family and urge them to “Write to Congress” as well. For more in-depth information and background visit our web site at www.ngaus.org. Please direct any questions concerning this issue to Pete Duffy, NGAUS Deputy Legislative Director at 202-454-5307 or via email: pete.duffy@ngaus.org.

A sample letter is provided on page 9.

The Honorable Senator or Representative
U S House of Senate or Representatives
Washington, DC Senate 20510; 20515 House

Dear Senator or Representative:

Members of the Reserve Component must wait until age 60 to receive retirement pay, which could be 20 years or more after qualifying for retirement benefits (20 good years of service). The legislation that created this program was enacted in the late 1940's, when the Reserve Component was considered a "strategic" reserve. Since the end of the Cold War, the Reserve Component has progressively transformed into an "operational" force, and is regularly serving along side their active counterparts in Iraq, Afghanistan and other dangerous locations around the globe.

Times have changed, and so should the benefits we provide members of our Reserve Component. These citizen soldiers and airmen have earned this benefit by leaving their families and civilian jobs to defend freedom.

Several pieces of legislation have been introduced in the 110th Congress to amend Title 10 for the purpose of reducing the minimum age for receipt of military retired pay for non-regular service members.

I urge you to carefully review these proposals, and to support the option you believe is in the best interest of our Reserve Component and our country. Thank you.

AREA/STATE NEWS; CARES/CONCERNS

Area I – NY, RI, MA, NH, CT, ME, VT

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Dolly Martini—informs us that she will be unable to attend this year's conference due to personal illness.

Area II – KY, DC, DE, Title 10, MD, NC, OH, VA, PA, W VA

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Jenny Lainhart—she has been ill and sends her thanks to everyone in advance for their prayers.

Ute Vance is the new President of West Virginia's auxiliary. She reports great results from their recent state conference where they had an information table to generate auxiliary interest.

She further states that they have staffed some standing committees and that the membership is very excited about working to recruit members. They have nearly 1000 signed legislative letters to mail. uvance@bowlesrice.com

New email address for **Bob** and **Helen Denton**—
dentonre@tampabay.rr.com

Area III – AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VI

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Pat Reed—her mother was hospitalized for a surgical procedure. Her step-dad has had a surgical procedure as well. **Alice Tubbs** lost her son on 12 April after an extended illness. **Kathye Jackson's** daughter, **Anita Russell** has had a "flare-up" from an existing illness. **Cindy Chance's** mother-in-law is ill.

On 20-22 April, EANGGA/AEANGGA held our annual State Conference in Valdosta, GA. Distinguished guests included, **EANGUS Past President Ed Brown** and **EANGUS Area III Chair, Jim Rains** and wife, **Barbara**.

We enjoyed the privilege of having each of them address the conferees.

The Auxiliary hosted-annual fundraiser (Live Auction) was a great success. Our thanks to auctioneer (EANGGA President) **Joseph "JP" Stevens**, and all of the other members of EANGGA and AEANGGA and guests who participated in the event by donations/ purchase of items.

Ed Brown was the successful bidder of the EANGUS Auxiliary "throw."

AEANGGA has recruited ten (10) new members.

Dianne Williams

Area IV– AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Jackie McGilton's grandbaby was hospitalized recently—the baby is doing well.

Area V – IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Marlys List had a surgical procedure on Tuesday, 10 April. Marlys has a new email address—dmlist@vyn.midco.net

Adele Cywinski—her mother-in-law passed away.

Welcome home to **David Benda**, son of **Chuck** and **Carol Benda** who recently returned home safely from a tour in Iraq.

Area VI – AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Pat Vogan—her mother was hospitalized.

Shirley Enke—has been hospitalized.

Due to family illness, **Margaret Roberts** has had to resign as President of UT.

Terry Irons is now President of the Utah Auxiliary. pkirons@msn.com

Area VII – AK, CA, GM, HI, OR, WA

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

EANGUS Area VII Director, (husband of **Dorothy**) **Bart Inglese** has sustained an injury from a fall. He is recuperating at home.



MOTHER'S DAY

SUNDAY

13 MAY 2007

THE SIGNAL NEWS

Everyone is welcome to send in news/information from around the states each month to be published in *The Signal*. The **deadline** to submit news/information for publication in *The Signal* is the **15th** of each month.

Email: thesignalnews@earthlink.net with a **courtesy copy**: to President Sheila Bandy at sheilabandy@aol.com

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