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Greetings Members,

Good news for those with bitter cold weather—I was told the ground hog did not see his shadow. I hope this means Spring is on its way; but it will be here before you know it anyway. This has been a challenging year thus far but a lot of good things are happening as well.

The workshop in Gulfport, Mississippi will be a time for us to put our thoughts together and create a toolbox of recruiting and retention ideas to share with all of our states. President Lever and I invite you to bring your ideas and suggestions to help with the brainstorming at this workshop. Following the workshop, I will attend the EANGUS Executive Board meeting on Sunday and Monday. The Auxiliary plans to meet also during this week end at a time to be determined.

I have received the first shipment of Auxiliary throws—we have sold a total of 13. If you ordered a throw and are attending the workshop, I will deliver yours to you there. Otherwise, it will be mailed to your home address. I will have a throw on display at the workshop and will take orders. Orders may also be emailed to me at sheilabandy@aol.com. The cost is \$35 each.

This is an easy fundraiser for EANGUS Auxiliary. It would also make an easy fundraiser for your state auxiliary. I encourage you to purchase a throw and use it in your state as a raffle item or as a point of sale for your next fundraising event.

The fundraiser that we held at the 2005 National Conference (Orlando, FL) was the raffle of a jar of state pins (one from each state). That jar of pins has been donated back to us by the winner, Kathryn Arizo from Hawaii to use for another such raffle at this year's conference. To make the fundraiser more interesting, we are asking each state to donate a pin to be placed in a new jar. The new jar of pins **and** the donated jar of pins will be raffled off. There will be a table designated at the Welcome Night event for the pin drop-off and to purchase raffle tickets.

The 2007 membership dues deadline has passed. The final numbers are not in yet; but we expect to have them by the time we meet in Mississippi. Thanks to all of you that turned in your dues and worked diligently to increase membership.

Please look at the EANGUS website. It is awesome! If you have any questions about the EANGUS website, please contact Frank Yoakum 1-800-234-EANG. The legislative link has been designed to send an email to a contact on the Hill with just the click of your computer mouse. It is simple and quick; there is no excuse for us not being able to bombard the Hill with emails expressing our concerns on legislative issues. Who better to do this than the spouses, families, friends and neighbors that also have a passion for the military and want to help protect benefits that affect our Guard members and families and their future. Get involved; do your part. When contacting your representatives on legislative issues, be sure to report your number of contacts and responses to your state and or area legislative point of contact. The point of contact will report your numbers to Legislative Chair, Connie Myers for inclusion in the overall Auxiliary legislative activity report. Reporting your activity also means that you are eligible to participate in the annual Legislative Awards Program at the conference. You may email Connie at constance.myers@msmeri.ang.af.mil for additional information or if you have questions.

Dianne Williams will be getting in touch with each of the committee chairs. If you have any special needs for the conference, you will want to let her know. Planning is everything. Hazel Holt has a new committee in place for the Silent Auction. Our agenda for the conference is going to be revised and should allow you more time to visit the city and or the vendors. We will be able to utilize Monday for the Auxiliary. We will have more details in upcoming issues of *The Signal*.

The Auxiliary has many ways to reward our members and it only takes a little effort on our part to make it happen. One way is to recognize members through our Awards Program. The program includes The Spouse of the Year Award, Meritorious Service Award and The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award which are presented at the Banquet. Recipients of these awards are voted on by the executive board. If you know of someone that you wish to nominate for one of these awards, complete the required nomination packet according to the criteria (page 4) and mail to Sandra Morse, Secretary/Awards Chair at 13044 S 2950 W; Riverton, UT 84065. You may email her at mwalldog@earthlink.net with any questions that you may have.

Another way that we reward our members is through our Scholarship Program. This is a way to help our children/spouses with some college expenses. Encourage your state members who qualify for participation in the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Program to have their spouse or dependant who is attending college apply for a scholarship. Scholarship applications must be mailed to Chair, Doris Williams; 223 Waverly Pl; Ridgeland, MS 39157. If you have any questions, you may telephone her at 601.898.2396. They must be postmarked by 30 June.

In addition to her other positions, Peggy Leadbetter was our Philanthropic Chair. This is an **“appointed”** position. A copy of the Philanthropic Committee Standard Operating Procedure is printed on page 5. The Philanthropic Committee has the responsibility of coordinating receipt of the pop tabs and donated toiletries brought to the conference by states and or individuals. The Chair makes the presentation of the check from the pop tab sales (as well as the toiletries that are donated) to the Ronald McDonald House representative at the annual conference. There have been several folks who have served on this committee with Peggy over the past few years. If one of you or any other member would like to chair this committee, please let me hear from you.

There will be elections at this year’s conference for at least one Area Director from each area where a vacancy has been created either by expiration of term and or resignation. A copy of the Area Director’s Standard Operating Procedure (duties and responsibilities of an area director) is printed on page 6. If you are interested in serving as a director for your area, you may contact your Area Director/s to submit your name or submit it during the first area caucus held at the conference. Following your respective area caucus, your name along with the name/s of any other nominees will then be referred to Nomination’s Chair Jenny Lainhart for reporting of the slate of nominees for each area. Voting will take place during the second area caucus—ballot voting may be requested by a member of your caucus. This position is very important and can make or break the success of an organization. The Area Directors are the middle link of communication that the states depend on for the flow of information. We are blessed with some very good dependable and hard working Area Directors.

God Bless,
Sheila Bandy

U. S. PRESIDENT’S DAY OBSERVED
19 FEBRUARY



2006 – EANGUS Auxiliary Awards - Awards Presented at the 2007 EANGUS Auxiliary Annual Conference						
Category of Award	Recipient	Eligibility Categories/Requirements	Criteria	Selection Method	Nominations Requirements	Deadline Date
Outstanding State Auxiliary Award	State Auxiliary	1-25 members 26-75 members 76+ members	Outstanding Contributions, Achievements and Service.	* Point System	N/A	June 01, 2007
EANGUS Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award	Individual	Any member of the EANGUS Auxiliary not currently serving on the Executive Board.	Exceptionally Outstanding Service at the state and/or national level.	N/A	**Nominations Packet	June 01, 2007
EANGUS Auxiliary Outstanding Area Directors' Award	Individual	Area Director	Contributions, Achievements, Service to the EANGUS Auxiliary and the respective state auxiliaries within the Areas they represent.	* Point System	N/A	June 01, 2007
EANGUS Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award	Individual	Any member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS).	Contributions, Achievements, Support and Service to the EANGUS Auxiliary	N/A	**Nominations Packet	June 01, 2007
EANGUS Auxiliary Spouse of the Year Award	Individual	Any spouse of a member of the EANGUS Auxiliary	Exceptional support to spouse in state and/or national auxiliary.	N/A	**Nominations Packet	June 01, 2007
Ann Hart Smile Award	Individual	Any member of the EANGUS Auxiliary	Acts of kindness, Sympathetic, Supportive and Congenial.	N/A	President's Discretion.	N/A
Torch Award & Life Membership Award	Individual (s)	Torch Award - Any member of the EANGUS Auxiliary Life Award – Any life member of the EANGUS Auxiliary	Outstanding Achievement over a sustained period of time to the EANGUS Auxiliary.	N/A	President's Discretion.	N/A
The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award	Individual	Any member of the EANGUS Auxiliary.	Exemplary support to EANGUS especially in legislative matters.	EANGUS Discretion.	NOTE: SEE "We Care for America"	April 15, 2007

*Point System (see attachment A): State Auxiliary Outstanding Award and EANGUS Auxiliary Outstanding Area Directors' Award.

** Nominations Packet (see attachment B): EANGUS Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award, EANGUS Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award and EANGUS Auxiliary Spouse of the Year Award.

NOTE: SEE "We Care for America" - EANGUS Awards Program for more details on "The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award".

Nominations Packet
(Attachment B)

EANGUS AUXILIARY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

1. **Purpose:** To provide significant recognition to any individual who shall distinguish himself/herself with outstanding service at a state and/or national level.
2. **Eligibility:** Any member of the EANGUS Auxiliary not currently serving on the Executive Board.
3. **Criteria:** The following criteria is established to serve as guidelines in the selection of recipients for this award.
 - A.** An individual must have distinguished himself/herself with exceptionally outstanding service at a state and/or national level.
4. **Nomination Requirement:**
 - A.** Letter(s) of recommendations by state auxiliary member.
 - B.** Endorsement of state auxiliary president.
 - C.** Nomination packet deadline is June 01 of current year.
 - D.** Mail packet directly to Secretary/Awards Chair.
 - E.** Recommendations by Awards Chair presented at the first Executive Board meeting during the annual conference.

EANGUS AUXILIARY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

1. **Purpose:** To recognize an individual's outstanding contributions, achievements, and service to the EANGUS Auxiliary.
2. **Eligibility:** Any member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS).
3. **Criteria:** The following criteria is established to serve as guidelines in the selection of recipients for this award.
 - A.** Outstanding performance by the individual must have been such as to clearly identify the nominee as having played a key role in the accomplishments for which this award is to be given.
 - B.** Although a single accomplishment may be considered for this award, priority consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding service on a sustained basis.
 - C.** Personal dedication and self-sacrifice also will be regarded as factors deserving consideration.
4. **Nomination Requirement**
 - A.** Letter(s) of recommendation by State Auxiliary member(s).
 - B.** Endorsement by State Auxiliary President.
 - C.** AND/ OR letter(s) of recommendation by National Auxiliary officer and/or Area Directors.
 - D.** Endorsement by National Auxiliary President.
 - E.** Nomination packet deadline is June 01 of current year.
 - F.** Mail packet directly to Secretary/Awards Chair.
 - G.** Recommendations by Awards Chair presented at the first Executive Board meeting during the annual conference.

EANGUS AUXILIARY SPOUSE OF THE YEAR AWARD

1. **Purpose:** To provide recognition to the spouse of a member of the EANGUS Auxiliary.
2. **Eligibility:** Any spouse of a member of the EANGUS Auxiliary.
3. **Criteria:** This will serve as a guideline in selection of recipient.
 - A.** Exceptional support of their spouse in their service to the EANGUS.
 - B.** Additional consideration will be given to involvement in civic affairs, community involvement, and professional activities.
4. **Nomination Requirement:**
 - A.** Letter of recommendation from any EANGUS Auxiliary member with supporting justification to include clear, detailed statements and documentation if appropriate.
 - B.** Packet deadline is June 01 of current year.
 - C.** Recommendations by Awards Chair presented at the first Executive Board meeting at the conference.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE PHILANTHROPIC COMMITTEE

POP TABS & TOILETRIES

PROPOSE

To facilitate the collection, recycling/distribution and recording of the charitable donations collected each year at the annual conference of the Auxiliary of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, the following guidelines are recommended.

PROCEDURE

The Philanthropic Committee shall consist of the Philanthropic Chairperson, a host state representative, and 1 or 2 other members, to be appointed by the EANGUS Auxiliary President.

- The host state Auxiliary Conference Chairman shall contact Ronald McDonald House (RMH) charities in the host city to inform them of our intent to donate pop tabs (or proceeds from sale of recycled pop tabs) and collected toiletries. The state Auxiliary Conference Coordinator or Philanthropic Chairperson shall arrange for a RMH representative to receive the donation and address the assembly, preferably a 2-3 minute acceptance speech on Wednesday morning of the Conference. If the representative could bring about 200 collection boxes with him/her, it would be appreciated.
- The host state Auxiliary Conference Chairman shall determine the ability of RMH to transport and/or recycle the pop tabs, or if the Philanthropic Committee should make arrangements for recycling.
- The Philanthropic Committee shall provide a scale, preferably digital, for weighing collected pop tabs, and a container for weighing pop tabs would be helpful. A large magnet (1 pound) would also be helpful to remove “steel” tabs from the aluminum tabs.
- A duplicate receipt book shall be used to record weight of collected tabs, so that each state receives a receipt for tabs collected and brought to the Conference. Also, a receipt shall be written for the members bringing the most tabs (top 3 or 4).
- The committee shall prepare a report to be given to the assembly, as shown on the agenda under Philanthropic, preferably before the RMH presentation. This report will contain the weight amount of tabs collected, brought to the Conference, and taken to a local recycler; and also the amount of tabs collected before the Conference and taken to local recyclers. This report will also contain information on the amount of toiletries collected, such as weight and disposition. Also included in the report will be the names of the states and individuals collecting the most tabs. A copy of this report shall be given to the Auxiliary President and the Secretary, and the host state Auxiliary President. The National Auxiliary President shall include this report in the next issue of The Signal.
- If the RMH doesn't need the collected toiletries, they shall be distributed to any suitable nonprofit organization, as recommended by the host state conference representative.
- It shall be suggested to the assembly that large amounts of pop tabs may be delivered to local recyclers in individual states and the check taken to a local RMH. Please be sure to obtain a receipt letter from RMH showing the name and state of member, weight amount of tabs recycled, and the dollar amount donated to RMH. This receipt is to be presented at the next annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference.
- The EANGUS Auxiliary host state for the following year will be asked to provide a prize for the next annual conference for the state collecting the most pounds of pop tabs, such as a free registration for the following year's conference.
- This year's host state auxiliary will be asked to provide a prize for the individual collecting the most pounds of pop tabs, such as a token mug, etc.

EANGUS AUXILIARY STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR AREA DIRECTORS

PURPOSE

To establish procedure, consistency and continuity for Area Directors in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

PROCEDURE

The Area Directors will:

1. Be a liaison between the Auxiliary and the States in their Area.
2. Attend the EANGUS Auxiliary Annual Conference, special conferences, Executive Board meetings (**unless excused**), Area Caucus and/or Mini/Mid-Winter Conference.
3. Coordinate with the other Area Director in your Area the agenda for your Area Caucus and/or Mini/Mid-Winter Conference. Submit agenda and any other necessary information to the States' Presidents and/or designee before to the meeting.
4. Serve as a voting member of the EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board.
5. Submit Area Director reports bi-annually to the EANGUS Auxiliary President. The reports will be submitted for receipt on 15 January and 15 July of each year.
6. Prepare at least quarterly Area newsletters for distribution to the State Auxiliary Presidents and EANGUS Auxiliary Officers. The two Directors should share this responsibility.
7. Communicate/coordinate with State Presidents/Legislative Chairs/State Legislative Persons of Contact for the dissemination of the EANGUS Legislative THE CALL and the recommended action to be taken. Submit written quarterly reports to the EANGUS Auxiliary Legislative Committee Chair.
8. Provide information and/or advice to the States in their Area on EANGUS and EANGUS Auxiliary matters. Communicate quarterly with the State Presidents to determine the needs of the state auxiliaries and offer assistance and/or advice when necessary.
9. Maintain contact with the EANGUS Auxiliary President as necessary, but not less than quarterly. Inform the President of other pertinent information to include awards, promotions, illnesses, deaths, etc. within the Area.
10. Maintain frequent communication with the other Area Director to ensure consistency of responsibilities as well as to share and compile information for distribution to the States in your area.

BIOS



Sylvia Holbrook

Sylvia Holbrook- North Carolina Auxiliary President

I am president of North Carolina's Auxiliary (North Carolina is a combined association—my husband, Gary is a member of the Officer's Association). I am a strong supporter of EANGUS Auxiliary and I encourage support from others for the auxiliary. We are all working for the same purpose. North Carolina received recognition at a national conference for legislative letter writing.

My husband and I have worked together for the American Cancer Society during the Relay for Life and raised \$1,000. The funds go to the ACS research in North Carolina where I am a part of the Research Triangle. We also participate in the Seniors XYZ Club and the Sisters in Christ Circle.

Additionally, we worked with the Shriner's chairing a race that created \$23K to help support the Shriner's hospitals that treat young patients free of charge until the age 18.

We travel a lot from the ocean to the mountains. Our most recent trip was a 21- day trip to China and then 4 days in Bangkok.



Piedad Garcia

Piedad "Petey" Garcia, New Mexico Auxiliary President—

I was named after my grandmother Piedad, a Spanish name that means "mercy" but since so few people can pronounce it, all my friends call me Petey. My husband CMSgt (retired) Johnnie Garcia and I celebrated fifty years of marriage August 25, 2006. Our three grown children, six grandchildren and one great-grand baby held a wonderful anniversary reception for us after renewing our wedding vows. We have a special relationship with our family and spend a lot of time together. Afterwards, we went on a two-week cruise to Hawaii.

I have been a member of the auxiliary for many years. I was present at the state conference when New Mexico was presented its Charter in 1980 by EANGUS Auxiliary President Sara Hendricks.

Since my husband's retirement fifteen years ago, we seem to be more involved than ever. We maintain two homes, one is in Albuquerque and the other one is in the beautiful mountain village of Jemez Springs about an hour drive from Albuquerque where my husband, Johnnie has been Mayor for five years; we are very involved in the community.

I am President of the Parish Council at Our Lady of Assumption Church. Three years ago we were presented with the Santa Fe Archdiocese St. Francis Award for our work in the church. We strongly support EANGUS and value the friendships we have made throughout the years.

State presidents and or Committee Chairs: If you would like to participate in having your bio published in *The Signal*, please send it to us at sheilabandy@aol.com and thesignalnews@earthlink.net along with your photo if available.



LEGISLATIVE CALL'S

(Reprinted from the EANGUS Website)

SUBJECT **Support for National Guard Empowerment Legislation**

BACKGROUND

Up to and including the current fiscal year, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, and the Department of the Air Force have under-resourced the National Guard in personnel and equipment accounts. The National Guard has been consistently left out of the decision making processes. In the Pentagon, major resource decisions are made at the general officer level, and the National Guard has not been represented at those decision meetings.

In April 2006, Senators Bond and Leahy, and Representatives Davis and Taylor introduced the National Guard Empowerment Act of 2006 (HR 5200 and S 2658). With no floor debate and little discussion, the House Armed Services Committee recommended that the legislation be reviewed by the Commission on the National Guard and Reserve (www.cngr.gov) and the Senate Armed Services Committee receded to the House position. The CNGR is to report on their recommendations on this legislation on March 1, 2007.

CURRENT

On January 30, 2007, Senators Bond and Leahy, and Representatives Davis and Taylor introduced the National Guard Empowerment Act of 2007 (HR 718 and S 430). The bill(s) elevate the Chief, National Guard Bureau, to General (four stars). The Chief, National Guard Bureau becomes a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Chief, National Guard Bureau will become the National Guard Advisor to the Secretary of Defense. The charter of the National Guard Bureau will be re-developed. The Chief, National Guard Bureau will identify gaps in Federal and State capabilities with regard to military assistance to civil authorities and recommend to the Secretary of Defense ways to address those gaps. The National Guard will have their own budget authority for military assistance to civil authorities and other domestic operations. Joint duty credit will be given for assignments at Joint Force Headquarters. The position of Deputy Commanding General at Northern Command will be filled by a qualified National Guard general officer (Lieutenant General). It includes a requirement for the Secretary of Defense to prepare an annual plan for response to natural disasters and terrorist events. And finally, a reporting requirement is levied relating to National Guard equipment funding.

RECOMMENDATION

Contact your elected representatives and ask them to support the National Guard Empowerment legislation by co-sponsoring the legislation and voting in the affirmative for it.

Attached is a sample letter for your convenience. It may be duplicated and used, however we encourage you to rewrite it in your own words. Just address and sign it. Put your return address at the top. Add your Member's name after "The Honorable." After "Dear" put his/her name again. Then sign the bottom of the letter.

SAMPLE LETTER

The Honorable
U.S. Senate (or US House of Representatives)
Washington, DC 20510 (20515 for House)

Dear Senator (or Congressman)

The National Guard has consistently, in times past, been at the very end of the resourcing decisions, and that time needs to end. I solicit your support of the National Guard Empowerment Act of 2007 (HR 718/S 430) so that citizen-soldiers receive the personnel, equipment, and funding needed for the war fight as well as for homeland security and defense.

Please show your support of the National Guard by co-sponsoring this needed legislation, and voting in the affirmative when it comes to the floor.

Please respond with your perspectives on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me or my representative at the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, 1-800-234-3264.

Sincerely,

SUBJECT**Total Force Montgomery GI Bill Legislation**

In 1984, former Mississippi Congressman Gillespie V. "Sonny" Montgomery revamped the GI Bill, which has been known as the "Montgomery GI Bill" ever since, assuring that the legacy of the original GI Bill lives on, as VA home loan guaranty and education programs continue to work for our newest generation of combat veterans.

The Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB—SR, or chapter 1606 of Title 10, U.S. Code) is an educational assistance program enacted by Congress to attract high quality men and women into the reserve branch of the Armed Forces. This program is for members of the Selected Reserve of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and the Army and Air National Guard. To be eligible for the MGIB—SR you must meet the following criteria:

- Have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve or Guard signed after June 30, 1985. If you are an officer, you must have agreed to serve six years in addition to your original obligation.
- Complete your initial active duty for training (IADT).
- Meet the requirement to receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before completing IADT.
- Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit.

Although active component personnel may separate from the military and continue to use their MGIB benefits, those in the Selected Reserve must remain members of the reserve to keep their benefits—once they separate from the Guard or Reserve, they lose their benefits. The Army has authorized transferability of benefits to dependents for those in the active component MGIB program; those in the Army Reserve or Army Guard may not.

In addition, although the rates of payment for those using their active component MGIB benefits have increased over the last 7 to 10 years, rates have not increased for SR-MGIB beneficiaries. What once was a benefit worth 47% of the active component benefit has now receded to being less than 29% of that benefit, with no increase in sight.

Also, the SR-MGIB is currently authorized in Title 10 United States Code (USC), under the purview of the House Armed Services Committee, as a recruiting and retention benefit for reservists. The AC-MGIB is authorized in Title 38 USC, under the purview of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, as a transition benefit.

CURRENT

Several legislators are taking up the cause and revamping the Selected Reserve MGIB to improve benefits for reservists. Led by Senator Blanche Lincoln (AR) and Senator Collins (ME), as well as Representative Vic Snyder (AR) and Representative Bob Filner (CA), legislation has been drafted and will be introduced shortly (as of February 14, 2007) to move the SR-MGIB out of Title 10 USC and into Title 38 USC, increase the rates of payments for reservists, and allow for transportability beyond Selected Reserve membership.

RECOMMENDATION

Contact your elected representatives and ask them to support legislation being offered by Senators Lincoln and Collins, and by Representatives Snyder and Filner, by co-sponsoring the legislation and voting in the affirmative for it.

SAMPLE LETTER

The Honorable
U.S. Senate (or US House of Representatives)
Washington, DC 20510 (20515 for House)

Dear Senator (or Congressman)

National Guard men and women have made extraordinary sacrifices in their lives to serve their country in the Global War on Terror. Many of them are students who have to put their education on hold, carry the load of student loans while serving and not being in school, and are then penalized by receiving an ever decreasing GI Bill benefit.

Please show your support of the National Guard by co-sponsoring this legislation to revamp the Montgomery GI Bill that will raise the rate of monthly payments, move the Selected Reserve MGIB to Title 38, allow for portability to civilian life as active duty members may now do, and voting in the affirmative when it comes to the floor.

Please respond with your perspectives on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me or my representative at the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, 1-800-234-3264.

Sincerely,

2007 CONFERENCE PROMO FROM OKLAHOMA

(Created for publication by Oklahoma (host state) Conference Chairs
Marvin and Lucretia Barbee

(Conference registration forms are available on the EANGUS web site at www.eangus@eangus.org)



Saturday, 11 Aug 07
EANGUS Golf
Tournament, Oklahoma
and EANGUS Leadership

Saturday Evening: Free
Evening

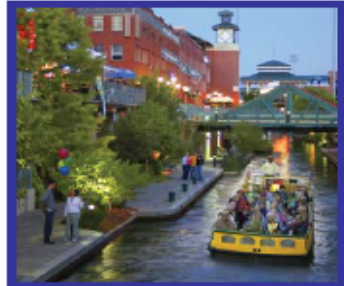


Sunday, 12 Aug 07 State Delegates Arrive
EANGUS Conference Opening Session @ 1300

Oklahoma Welcome Night
at the Western Heritage Museum



Monday, 13 Aug 07 General Session
Delegates Free Night: OKC Brick Town, Baseball Game,
Casino Trips, National Memorial Visits, and lots more



Tuesday, 14 Aug 07 General Session
FREE EANGUS Auxiliary luncheon
All Area Hospitality Night in Cox's Convention Center



Right click here to open hyperlink to hear Oklahoma's
Centennial Song by Vince Gill
<http://douqlouddenback.com/downtown/oklahomarising.htm>

Wednesday, 15 Aug 07 General Session
All States Banquet in Ball Room



AREA/STATE NEWS; CARES/CONCERNS**Area I – NY, RI, MA, NH, CT, ME, VT**

Randy Lombardo is a new life member.

Members from the states of RI, MA and CT are working to increase their memberships.

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

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Elwanda Garritson.
Charlene Mattingly.

The Area II Mini Conference was held 02-04 February 2007 in Washington, DC with all 10 states represented. We were very blessed to have our very own EANGUS Auxiliary President **Shelia Bandy** and our EANGUS President, **Frank Lever** in attendance. We had a moment of silence for all our military and their families.

Jenny Lainhart

Kentucky held their state conference 16-17 February. Attendees included Chief of NGB-**LTG H Steven Blum**; Director, ARNG-**LTG Clyde Vaughn**; EANGUS President **Frank Lever**, Auxiliary President **Sheila Bandy**. Also in attendance was the Governor of Kentucky who expressed his support of our legislative efforts. The auxiliary elected new officers—they are: President - **Jane Semones**; Vice President – **Michele Grant**; Secretary – **Pam Thompson** and Treasurer – **Kay Hill**.

Area III – AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VI

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Helen Varnum—she had a surgical procedure on her ankle; her recuperation is going well.

Members of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Georgia (EANGGA) Executive Board met on 11 February at the RTI in Macon, GA for a scheduled quarterly meeting.

Among the business issues discussed was the need to organize committees to execute plans and preparations for hosting the EANGUS/EANGUS Auxiliary 2008 Conference. Some exploratory committees have been formed.

Dianne Williams**Area IV– AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX**

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Gloria Cooley's mother, **Mrs. Sammie Lucille Lovitt** passed away.
The family and friends of Mary Hayes. Mary passed away on 17 February.

Area IV– AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Shirley Ritter—several of her family members have been ill.

Congrats to Past President **Debra Campbell** on the birth of a new grand baby girl, **Ella Meadow Barrett**; born on 08 February 2007 at 1:57 a.m. weighing 7lbs. 7oz and 19.75 inches in length to parents **Jeremy** and **Erin**.

From **Debbie Mordecai**—

I know everyone was as surprised as I was to learn of **Hope Troy's** resignation as Area Director, but certainly her health must come first, and our prayers are with her.

For those of you who missed the Area IV Conference in Lawrence, Kansas— you missed an enjoyable one even though it was "abbreviated" due to the ice storm.

Many thanks to **David Culwell** for suggesting that we combine the meetings due to attendance—one more example of "side by side"! This allowed us to take care of what business we could and then get home before the storm worsened. I have the president's reports from Louisiana and Oklahoma. After I have received the others, I will send them out.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if I can be of assistance to any of you at any time!

Until next time!

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

Shirley Spitz is working with Indiana.

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

The Idaho Auxiliary is working to increase membership. **Virginia Ericson** is working with Colorado. **Pat Vogan** recently sent out an issue of the Area VI newsletter.

Area VII – AK, CA, GM, HI, OR, WA

The California Auxiliary held their state conference in San Luis Obispo. This was election year for them; their current officers are: President - **Dorothy Inglese**, Vice President - **Veneta Courtney**; Treasurer - **Marsha Stark** and Secretary - **Virginia Embrey**.

The auxiliary's business meeting included a time for writing letters to answer four (4) of the recent Legislative CALL's.

Members of the auxiliary cooked/prepared three (3) meals. The meals were sold for a fundraiser.

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.

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