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Hello Everyone,

What's going on at national? A question you have heard many times. The answer is... lots of good things! For one, our annual conference, which will be held in Oklahoma City. Have you registered and reserved your room? Do you need a room? If so, please let Dianne Williams, our National Conference Coordinator know; she may be able to help you out.

If you are planning to attend the conference, you may want to include these things to bring with you: your donated items for the silent auction, pop tabs and toiletries for the Ronald McDonald House and your state pins (for Area Hospitality Night) to trade with your new friends and the ones you meet year after year. Oklahoma has planned an awesome conference for us. You are guaranteed to have a good time.

For those of you that will not be able to attend the conference and would like to receive the conference booklet, please let me know. I may have some extra copies after the conference (this will be on the basis of *a while supplies last*).

We are working to get the audit of our financial records complete so that we may transfer the records to the new treasurer, Patricia Vogan. All financial documents will show the name of the organization, EANGUS Auxiliary with the mailing address of the auxiliary's office in Alexandria, VA.

This month has been a busy one for my family—like many other families during this time of year, we have had a graduation, a wedding (for our youngest son) and Mother's Day. I was fortunate to have my mom with me this year.

As my husband's unit prepares for deployment, I am reminded of how wonderful it is to have an auxiliary family and a family readiness group for support. We have common interests; many of our spouses have been through two and three deployments. We are here for one another because we understand the life of the military spouse and parents and we are willing to support those going through a deployment for the first time. This is what we do. It is a relief to the soldiers and airmen to know that their families have this kind of support during their absence. If you are not a member of your state auxiliary and are not involved with your local family readiness group, you may want to consider doing so. You may not personally need the support; but you may be able to help someone who does. Let's do all we can to help one another.

Directors Shirley Spitz and Marilyn Freking (Area 5) continue to work with Linda Ackerman in preparation to charter the Indiana Auxiliary. We do have some charters to present this year at our first business session on Tuesday. Many of the states made a commitment to increase their auxiliary's membership and they have been working hard to uphold their commitment. This is a very exciting time for the auxiliary. More members make our voice on Capitol Hill stronger.

Legislative Chair, Constance Myers is putting together the totals of letters, faxes, emails, and phone calls (by state) for our legislative awards that will be presented at the conference. If you have not sent her the number of letters and responses from you or your state, time is running out. The deadline is 05 July. Thanks, Constance for your dedication to this committee—it is our main mission for support to EANGUS.

If you do not receive legislative updates, you can go to the EANGUS website and pull it up there or register to receive updates automatically. You can look up the name, phone number and photo of your congress person and or write to them with just the click of a mouse. You can also call the EANGUS office at 1-800-234-EANG for information and assistance.

AUXILIARY AFGHANS

I am still taking orders for the Auxiliary Afghans. The cost is \$35. Email me with your request to purchase at sheilabandy@aol.com

God Bless,
Sheila Bandy

EANGUS AUXILIARY TREASURER CONTACT INFORMATION

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NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

**FROM AWARDS CHAIR,
SANDY MORSE—**

The deadline (**01 June 2007 has been extended to 15 June**) for nominations for the following EANGUS Auxiliary awards.

SPOUSE OF THE YEAR (for exceptional support to spouse in state and/or national auxiliary)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE (for exceptionally outstanding service at the state and/or national level)

MERITORIOUS SERVICE (for contributions, achievements, support and service to the EANGUS Auxiliary).

If you have any questions or if you need a nominations packet, contact me at mwalldog@earthlink.net

State Pins Needed for National Auxiliary Fund Raiser

We are once again collecting state pins to be used in a raffle for a national fund raiser. All state/ territory pins donated will be placed in a shadow box for which we will sell tickets. Anyone who wishes to donate a state/territory pin may do so by sending it to me:

Dorothy Inglese; P O Box 290516; Phelan, CA 92329-0516

I will assemble as many shadow boxes as I have pins!

**SCHOLARSHIP
CHAIR CONTACT
INFORMATION—**

**DEADLINE for
APPLICATIONS**

Marie Brabham
3329 Aspen Forest Drive
Middleburg, FL 32068
Telephone: 904.291.6778
sassvat52@aol.com

Applications mailed to the Chair must be postmarked not later than **30 June 2007**.

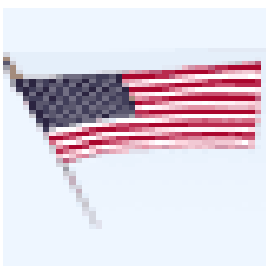
PROPOSAL TO ADDEND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**SUBMITTED BY:
EANGUS AUXILIARY AREA III MEMBERSHIP**

On 08 May 2007, members of EANGUS Auxiliary Area III submitted a proposal to addend the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Program to:

President, Sheila Bandy
Constitution Chair, Nancy McDowell
Scholarship Chair, Marie Brabham.

The proposal (page 4) is published for your review/consideration in the mandated time-frame prior to its introduction at the 2007 Conference. Any action taken on this proposal will not affect the program for the 2007-2008 school year.



MEMORIAL DAY-- 28 MAY 2007

Memorial Day is yet another day to remember our brave American Military persons who sacrificed their lives for the USA, their homeland and its citizens. This is a solemn occasion to commemorate their bravery.



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AUXILIARY

PROPOSAL

Purpose: To addend the criteria of the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Program to include grandchildren as eligible persons to participate in the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Program. It is the consensus of the undersigned that this addendum would increase participation in the program as well as create more awareness of EANGUS Auxiliary through a wider range of participants.

The criteria currently reads:

The following persons are eligible:

1. EANGUS Auxiliary members
2. Unmarried, dependent sons and daughters of EANGUS Auxiliary members
3. Spouses of EANGUS Auxiliary members

The proposed addendum is:

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1. EANGUS Auxiliary members
2. Unmarried, dependent sons and daughters of EANGUS Auxiliary members
3. Spouses of EANGUS Auxiliary members
4. **Unmarried, dependent grandchildren of EANGUS Auxiliary members**

The criteria further states:

Verification of membership in the EANGUS Auxiliary of the mother, father, or self is necessary for applicant to be eligible.

The proposed addendum is:

Verification of membership in the EANGUS Auxiliary of the mother, father, self or grandparents is necessary for applicant to be eligible.

The criteria further states:

There shall be no consideration whatsoever given by the judges because of rank or grade of applicant, applicant's parents, or applicant's spouse. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the **EANGUS Auxiliary Area III Membership,**

Dianne C Williams (GA)
Thomas E McKennie (GA)



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



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

EANGUS Auxiliary Rooms “TO GO”

This is the last opportunity for EANGUS Auxiliary Board members and or Committee Chairs to reserve a room from the Auxiliary’s block prior to the Site Visit. I will release the remaining rooms for general reservations at that time.

Membership Awards Program and Drawing Contest

The deadline for the Membership Awards and Drawing Contest entries has been extended to **15 June**. There’s still time to send in your member recruiting efforts to me to participate in the 2007 Membership Awards Program and Drawing Contest.

Self-Parking at the Sheraton (Downtown OKC) Hotel

Self- Parking at the Sheraton Hotel will be \$6 per day. All other available parking information was reported in the March issue of *The Signal*.



CYBERCAFE—An Internet café offering conferees a state-of -the-art café in Arts and Crafts will be located in the Cox Convention Center during the conference. Assistance will be available for your convenience.

Exhibitors, Food Vendors and Auxiliary Silent Auction

A floor plan has been created for set-up in the Cox Convention Center to allow a comfortable flow of traffic between EANGUS Corporate Exhibitors, OKC Roundup Arts and Crafts Exhibitors, Food Vendors and EANGUS Auxiliary Silent Auction.

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO VISIT EACH VENDOR’S BOOTH AS WELL AS THE SILENT AUCTION.

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

Oklahoma City Spotlight

“2007 EANGUS Round-Up”

Lucretia Barbee, Host State Auxiliary POC/Co-Chair

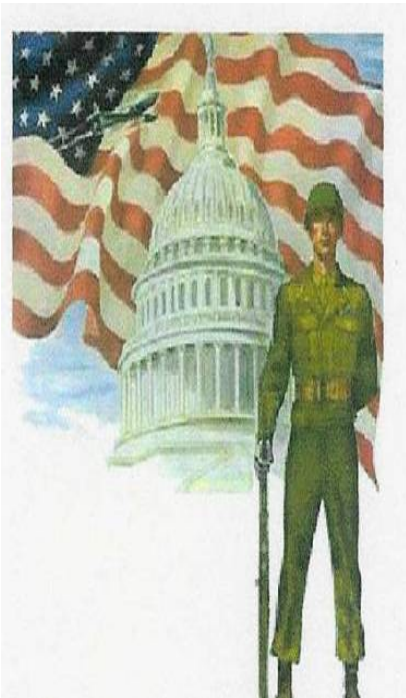


AREA IV LIP SYNC TO THE LEGENDS



Lip Sync contest sponsored by Area IV

- Monday Night @ 9:00 (Sheraton Hotel)
- Best Decade Dress Contest – 1 per decade (Era 70, 80 & 90's)
- Best Groovy Dancer per decade
- For details and to register contact Sonny Hurtado at bookumsonny@cox.net
- Everyone is encouraged to dress in their favorite decade attire and turn OKC into FUNKY Town!!



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

(Released from the NGAUS office)

LEGISLATIVE ALERT #07-04

May 17, 2007

The Issue: Restoring Funding for the Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA)

Immediate Action Required: Contact your Senators and urge them to provide funding for the JCA in the FY08 SASC NDAA that was removed by the HASC in the FY08 NDAA (H.R.1585)

The purpose of the Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) program is to procure a small cargo aircraft for both the Army and the Air Force that provides responsive, flexible, and tailored airlift for combat, humanitarian operations, and homeland defense. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed by the Army and Air Force on 20 Jun 06, establishing an initial joint requirement. NGAUS supports procurement of the JCA.

Members of the both House and Senate Armed Services Committees have been requesting Air Force lift capabilities studies for some time, believing the Air Force has a greater requirement for airlift than it has identified in its budget request. Those studies have not been delivered.

The House Armed Services Committee (HASC) inserted language in the FY08 Defense Authorizations Bill (20 Mar 07 House Report 110-146, Section 132, page 41) prohibiting the Secretary of the Air Force or Army from obligating or expending funds for the development or procurement of the JCA until 30 days after the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) submits to Congress a series of airlift capabilities and fleet-mix analysis studies. The SECDEF must also certify that there is a valid requirement for the JCA. The restrictive language in the House version of the FY08 National Defense Authorization Act could delay the program for up to one year, adding unnecessary cost and time to the development of a much needed, validated program.

NGAUS urges the responsible agencies to provide to the Congress final reports on all completed studies and interim reports on those studies still ongoing. Further we urge the Senate to include funding for the JCA program in the Senate Armed Services Committee and further to ensure this funding is included in the Defense Authorization conference.

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.

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:

The purpose of the Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) program is to procure a small cargo aircraft for both the Army and the Air Force that provides responsive, flexible, and tailored airlift for combat, humanitarian operations, and homeland defense. In addition to recapitalizing the Army's aging C-23 Sherpa fleet, these aircraft also represent replacement missions for ANG units that lost their aircraft as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).

Members of the both House and Senate Armed Services Committees have been requesting Air Force lift capabilities studies for some time. Those studies have not been delivered. Subsequently, the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) recently inserted language in the FY08 Defense Authorizations Bill prohibiting DOD from obligating or expending funds for the development or procurement of the JCA until 30 days after the Secretary of Defense submits these studies to Congress.

The restrictive language in the House version of the FY08 National Defense Authorization Act could delay the program for up to one year, adding unnecessary cost and time to the development of a much needed, validated program.

I strongly believe the responsible agencies should submit completed studies and interim reports to Congress as soon as possible, and urge the Senate to include funding for the JCA program in the Senate Armed Services Committee to ensure this funding is included in the final Defense Authorization legislation. Thank you.

AREA/STATE NEWS; CARES/CONCERNS

Area I – NY, RI, MA, NH, CT, ME, VT

Randy Lombardo is a life member of the Auxiliary.

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

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Mike Cline, EANGUS Executive Director—he had a surgical procedure on 03 May.

Area III – AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VI

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Florida and its Auxiliary hosted the 2007 Area III Caucus; 04-05 May; Bay Point Resort Hotel; Panama City Beach, FL.

The Auxiliary meeting was opened/conducted by Directors **Marie Brabham**, and **Dianne Williams**.

Upon adjournment of the auxiliary meeting, auxiliary members joined members of the state associations for a joint meeting conducted by **EANGUS Area III Chair, Jim Rains**.

Our special guests included **EANGUS President Frank Lever** and his wife **Ellen**.

With emphasis on the many issues important to the grassroots movement of the associations and auxiliaries, **President Lever** gave an in-depth motivational and informative presentation. He also encouraged more participation from the state auxiliaries to submit items “*for publish*” in the EANGUS news publication, **New Patriot**. **President Lever** concluded his presentation with an interactive Q&A session.

Dianne Williams

Area IV– AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Al Hoxie—mother-in-law (Doris’ mom), Mrs. Johns, has received a serious health diagnosis.

Mildred Geary—her husband, Chuck had a surgical procedure on 01 June and their one-year old great-grand daughter, **Sophia** is undergoing tests.

Pat Bishop—her daughter-in-law **Sherri**, is scheduled to have a surgical procedure.

Hello from Arkansas,

My thanks to all of those who have supported me through the first year of being EAANG Auxiliary president. I am honored to be a part of such a great organization and I am eager to continue my service with and for the Auxiliary, the Enlisted Association of Arkansas and EANGUS. My son, **Zac** (22) is in the National Guard and is deployed in Iraq. Please keep my family in your prayers.

Our State Conference was held in Rogers, AR at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Area IV– AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

This year the NGAA/EAANG had a Joint Conference. Our Silent Auction raised \$288.00 and the Country Store raised \$164.00. We were proud to have two first-timers at our business meeting. They were presented with candles made by **Bea Shahan**. **Betty Hagerman** was presented with the President’s Award for her dedicated service and support. **Rita Brown** presented me with a President’s Plaque and a “purple dream catcher”. **Alma Vaughn** was presented with the Spouse of the Year award at the banquet on Saturday night.

I appreciate any support, ideas, comments, and suggestions this coming year. Together, we will stand “Side by side”.

Thank you all—with pride,

Linda Gillmore

From **Glenda Bosse**—Kansas Auxiliary Officers: Pres-**Pamela Haworth**; VPres-**Glenda Bosse**; Sec-**Wanda Ryan**; Treas/Leg.-**Bonnie Gilroy**.

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

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Shirley Ritter— husband, **Deryle** had a surgical procedure; 22 May.

The Area V Caucus was held in Des Moines, Iowa, the weekend of 18-19 May.

On Saturday, the auxiliary met with the association for the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation. We stayed to hear remarks from **EANGUS President, Frank Lever**. He stated that Area V has a potential 21,000 members in E4 and E5 alone. He also mentioned that Area V should take advantage of the free memberships offered by USAA. Area V’s goal was to increase membership by 500 before the 2007 National Conference. In determining goals, **President Lever** stated that there is a potential available strength of 3900.

Our meeting (auxiliary) was called to order by **Shirley Spitz** who also made the introductions of all others in attendance. Each Director, **Marilyn Freking** and **Shirley Spitz** gave an overall report of the past year.

Shirley Spitz

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

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Sandy Morse is at home recuperating from a surgical procedure.

Congrats to **Patricia Vogan**—she has a new grandbaby.

Area VII – AK, CA, GM, HI, OR, WA

Cares/prayers/concerns to:

Dorothy Inglese as she continues to help husband, Bart with his recuperation.