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Dear Members,

It won't be long now before we will meet in Salt Lake City, Utah. We have been working very hard to put together another great conference. I look forward to seeing all of you. I have heard from some of the ones that will be unable to attend. You will be missed and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. This is our last *Signal* prior to the conference and it is full of lots of good information. If you should have any questions please contact Dianne Williams or me and we will get the answers for you.

This being election year, it will be a busy time at our business meetings. You will find the draft agenda in this issue. We will follow it as close as possible. Any changes from now until conference will be announced in the Welcome meeting on Saturday evening.

This meeting will be brief and to the point for updates and to welcome you to the conference. The Executive Board, all state presidents, and committee chairs are asked to attend. If your travel plans prevent you from attending, please have someone from your state represent you.

Please note that every auxiliary activity will be held in the Salt Palace Convention Center. You will find that it is centrally located from all three hotels making it a short walk from each. The Salt Palace is so big; it is from one end of the block to the other.

I will be staying at the Marriott Hotel instead of the original plan which was for me to be in the Hilton. I will stay in the second half of the EANGUS President's Suite in the Marriott due to the absence of Vice President Joe Spencer. This will make it convenient for me since I have to attend EANGUS meetings on different occasions. This change will only affect the Board members, Past Presidents and the Finance Committee. The Executive Board meeting, Finance Committee meeting and Past President's Social will be held in the presidential suite as noted on the agenda.

If you would like to help with the Silent Auction, I know that Hazel Holt would be glad to have you— setting up for the auction is a lot of work. Please visit Hazel and she will put you to work. Anyone with special needs please be sure and let Dianne or me know and we will get someone to help you.

All reports that are to be distributed at the business meetings need to be given to Sgt-at-Arms prior to the meeting so they can be passed out and not hold up meeting time. We have a lot to do. If you need copies reproduced, they will have an Administration room; but you will need to plan ahead because there will be many folks who will need copies.

If you have items that you would like to give to the members at the meeting or campaign items, please feel free to do so but have it distributed prior to the meeting. We will have access to the room so you can do it in advance. Please make sure you have enough for everyone. We may have 200-250 members, visitors and guests. I hope you are planning to attend the military presentation by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. This is a national level group that travels all over and they are putting on a special event just for the military. Please wear your uniform or suit and/or dress for the ladies. If you need tickets, please let Dianne Williams know and she will give you the contact information. The tickets are free but have to be accounted for.

Please keep Mildred Geary in your prayers as she is recuperating and going through therapy. Her husband Chuck says she still plans to be at the conference. Miracles do happen! God is always there for us. I received a note from Pat Reed telling me that she is almost back to normal. Last year we were asking for prayers for her.

This year she is saying, what can I do to help at the conference? God is good.

As you will read in this issue, we now have one candidate for secretary. We may have two by the time we get to conference.

Last but not least, let me say thanks for all the cards, phone calls, emails and letters. To answer everyone's question, I am fine and looking forward to seeing you. I appreciate your support and thoughtfulness. The hardest part of preparing for this conference is that I am going to be away from my grandbaby for ten days. The rest is just meeting all the deadlines.

If you like the conference be sure and let us know and if you see any thing we need to change for future conferences let us have your ideas as well. We are always open to suggestions. Have a safe trip to Utah and let's have fun.

God Bless
Sheila Bandy
EANGUS Auxiliary President

Carol Benda's VP Notes

G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Memorial

The Executive Board has decided to wait until after the National Conference in Utah to make a donation to **the G V "Sonny" Montgomery Endowment Scholarship Fund; Mississippi State University-Meridian Branch;1000 Highway 19 North; Meridian, MS 39307.**This will allow more time and opportunity for everyone to donate funds for this memorial from our great Auxiliary.

All states, individuals, and or groups wishing to make a donation should make checks payable to The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary and mail to:

EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer: Sandy Hiltner; 1611 5th Ave W; Williston, ND 58801-3905. OR

You may bring your donation to the Conference in August to give to Sandy—she will have a basket during our two days of meetings for collections. One check will be sent from EANGUS Auxiliary to the G V "Sonny" Montgomery Endowment Scholarship Fund.

This will be my last note to you all in *The Signal*. In case you have not heard it or read it by now, I have withdrawn my candidacy for Vice President. My job and personal obligations have made my decision. At this time I do not have the time necessary to devote to this position.

I will continue to support our Enlisted Association as I have two sons in the Air National Guard—one will be going back to Iraq in the fall.

Make sure you read the article about the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery memorial and give as you are able to for this memorial gift from the Auxiliary. Also be sure to read the agenda in this issue so that you are aware of all the meetings and times.

Thanks for all YOU do for our National Auxiliary. God Bless our troops and God Bless America.

Sincerely,
Carol Benda
EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President

Political Signage: Political signage may be displayed throughout the Salt Palace Convention Center and the hotels provided they are either secured with string (banners) and/or signs placed on easels. No tape or stick pins are authorized! Signs must not be placed directly outside the general session meeting area wall or inside the general session itself. There are ample locations throughout the Salt Palace to display signs. Please follow the old adage, "when in doubt, please ask". The Salt Palace appears to be very amenable with most recommendations/suggestions but the hotels are very conservative. Again, please ask before displaying your signs.



**Mountains and Magnolias
2006 National Conference
Salt Lake City, Utah
20-23 August 2006**



CONFERENCE INFORMATION/UPDATES

Transportation

- + Transportation **will** be provided from Salt Lake City International Airport to hotels beginning Saturday, 19 August, 2006 from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, 20 August – 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Requests may be made 19-20 August for transportation to the airport on Thursday, 24 August. Request forms will be available at the Registration Desk as well as available at the Operations Center located at the Salt Palace Convention Center (top floor lobby). Hotel Shuttles are also available—you will need to make your own arrangements with the hotel shuttle folks. Shuttle cost is \$7 or \$8 per person; per ride—depending upon the hotel.
- + Handicap accessibilities are available. **If you will need any of these accessibilities, contact the Transportation staff in Operations.**

Parking

Parking costs may vary by hotel. Information available to me to-date: \$5 - for 24 hour (overnight parking); \$2 – 16 hour period if only attending for the day.

- + **Pre-Registrations/Luncheon Tickets**

All pre-registration/luncheon ticket monies collected by Mississippi have been transferred to Host State, Utah.

- + **Hotel Rooms**

The deadline for securing a room from the Auxiliary block was **01 July**. Persons needing a room after **15 July** will need to request one directly from Housing: 1.800.217.0002. After 15 July, all requested/ unsecured rooms will enter the general room reservation/waiting list.

- + **Change/Cancel your Room Reservation**

Room assignments will not be released from Housing to the hotels until **14 August**. If you will need to cancel, make a change to your room preference/s after you have secured your room, your hotel will not have your information until this date. **You will have 72 hours prior to your date of arrival to cancel your room reservation without the penalty of paying for one night's stay.**

Events/Locations

- + **Golf Tournament; Westridge Golf Course**— Saturday 19 August; 11:00 a.m. Shotgun start. Transportation will be available.
- + On Saturday evening, 19 August, ticket-holders will attend a live performance of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at the **LDS Conference Center; Temple Square** (located within a 5-block radius of most hotels).

- The Choir will perform a Military Salute Concert for attendees.
- Preferred attire for military attendees: Military Blue/Green
- Civilian attire: Coat/tie (men); Dress/skirt (females).
- No recording devices allowed during the performance.
- No pictures taken during the performance; only before and after the show.
- The performance will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.; you are asked to be in your seat by 7:00 p.m.
- Contact Utah Entertainment Chair, Connie Smith at oreomalt@justrawspeed.com to request tickets

Tickets will also be available at the Registration desk while **quantities last.**

(you must provide a name for each ticket requested).

- + **Salt Palace Convention Center**, (located within one to a one and one-half block radius of most of the hotels).

- 2006 Registration/Check-in and Pre-registration for 2007 Conference in Oklahoma
- First Timer's Meeting
- Exhibitors' Ribbon Cutting
- Auxiliary Welcome Meeting
- Opening Ceremony
- Silent Auction (co-located with Exhibitors).
- **General Sessions— to include EANGUS Auxiliary General Sessions**
- Credentials and Rules
- Auxiliary Luncheon (**Luncheon tickets may be purchased at the Registration desk— the Host State Conference Chair will need to provide the caterer with a final count on Monday morning, 21 August. You will need to purchase your ticket not later than Sunday evening.**)
- All States Banquet
- Committee Meetings
- Vendor service with water, pop, and or sandwiches will be strategically placed throughout the Salt Palace Convention Center for your purchasing convenience.
- There are restaurants located within your respective hotels.

- + **Grand Hall: Union Pacific Depot**

The Sunday Welcome Night Social (20 August; 6:00 pm -11: 00 pm (located within a six-block

radius of most hotels; includes a quaint shopping area).

- **Special entertainment featuring** Comedian/impersonator, Jason Hewlett.
- Everyone will be able to enjoy the talents of Jason. However, on a first come/first served basis, only 400 tickets will be available for the performance at the Registration desk for seating on the main floor of the

Depot.

- If you are a ticket-holder for this event, you will need to be prepared to stay in your seat for the one-hour performance. You will not be able to exit and re-enter during the performance.
- All other attendees (no ticket) will have more than ample seating/space available to enjoy the event (no restrictions to exit/re-enter). Heavy snack food/refreshments provided for the event. Trax, Utah's light rail system may be used for some of your travel. You may ride free if you enter and exit the bus within the **free fare zones**. (Trax information/complete details will be provided in your registration packet) and is also available from your hotel.

✚ **Monday Night is "Free Night"**

- You may get tour, restaurant and other information by visiting www.visitsaltlake.com

✚ **Gallivan Plaza**

(located within a 4-block radius of most hotels) was the location used for the ceremonies during the Salt Lake Olympics.

All Area Hospitality Night Tuesday, 22 August (6:00 pm until 11:00 pm)

(Special entertainment by "Octappella")

- There is no parking inside the Plaza. If you will be dropping someone or something off, a fifteen (15) minute maximum park time is allowed.
- If your Area Hospitality Night host state will need fryers, cookers; a pavilion, refrigeration and or storage, contact: John Mark at john.mark@us.army.mil - Cell phone number **801.716.9091 not later than 01 August**. Electricity will be available.
- If your area will need to purchase food to serve at this event, the area representative may contact Utah Foods. For more information, visit the Utah website at www.eangut.org

• **Parks**

Salt Lake City boasts 10 National Parks within a 4-hour drive of downtown as well as many other sights to see along with great restaurants/other eateries. Contact Tammy Collins with the Salt Lake City Visitors Bureau by e-mail for information on tours and other points of interest. tammy@saltlake.org

• **Area/Climate**

- **Temple Square**— 5 blocks – 35 acres in downtown Salt Lake City with 15 different facilities that include the Salt Lake Temple, Tabernacle (Home of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir) and the LDS Conference Center.
- Temperatures will be in the 90's but there is little or no humidity. The Altitude is 4,400 feet above sea level because you have the Rocky Mountains all around the city—so just because sweat isn't running down into your eyes, does not mean your body is not dehydrating.
- You must **HYDRATE!**
- Wear Sunscreen.
- **NO ALCOHOL** is permitted on public sidewalks. You must stay within the enclosed area for EANGUS at outside events where alcohol is being served.
- **NO SMOKING** on the grounds of Temple Square to include the surrounding streets and sidewalks. They are **firm** on alcohol and smoking ordinances.

✚ **The Auxiliary Luncheon/Awards Program; Tuesday 22 August—**

- To conserve time without compromising recognition, some awards will be presented during the Auxiliary's General Session time as prescribed on the agenda.

✚ **Silent Auction Items /Pop tabs/Toiletries**

- Remember to bring your donated items for the Silent Auction.
- Bring your Pop Tabs - (for the annual collection for monetary presentation to the host state's local Ronald McDonald House and also your donated toiletries for the Ronald McDonald House). You may choose to take your pop tabs (especially large quantities) to **your** local Recycling Center. If you choose this option, submit the pounds/cash value to your local/area Ronald McDonald House—be sure to get the pound/s and cash value amount, state and or individual/s name so noted on letterhead from your Ronald McDonald House to bring with you to conference so that your state and or individual/s may receive credit for participation.

✚ **Medical Emergencies**

- **There will be medical care for emergencies that may occur on Conference site. If you are off-site, "dial 911."**

▪ **Agenda**

- **Refer to the EANGUS Auxiliary Agenda for all events/times/locations. If you have any questions/concerns, contact me.**

✚ **Host State Auxiliary** Conference Chair, **Karen Evans**; President, **Sandy Morse**; Special Entertainment Chair, **Connie Smith**. **Pedestrian Safety**

- ✚ The Salt Lake City pedestrian safety committee has implemented pedestrian countdown timers, overhead and in-pavement crosswalk warning lights, pedestrian activated traffic signals and unique pavement markings. They also have orange Crosswalk flags— available for mid-block, intersection, signalized and non-signalized crossings. The flags benefit pedestrians by making them more visible to drivers and signify a clear desire and intent to cross the street.

**EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator
Dianne Williams**

CANDIDACY FOR EANGUS AUXILIARY SECRETARY



Sandy Morse, resident of Riverton Utah (suburb of Salt Lake City;) married to First SGT Walter, who is a lifetime member of the Enlisted Association of Utah; lifetime member of EANGUS and an associate member of the EANGUS Auxiliary. They have a total of 8 children ranging from ages 31 to 12 and 7 and 1/2 grandchildren.

- Comes from a true military family— father served in WWII; older brother served in the National Guard, another brother served in Vietnam (unfortunately he didn't return); husband who currently serves in Utah National Guard has also served in Vietnam; and a son who is an Air Traffic Controller in the Air Guard.
- A registered nurse for 15 years.
- Currently work at the Orthopedic Specialty Hospital—the center that takes care of the United States Olympic Ski Team as well as many other Olympic teams.
- Participated on a medical mission to Ghana, West Africa.
- President of the Utah Auxiliary since it came out of dormancy about four (4) years ago.
- Loves working and being a part of EANGUS and the Auxiliary.
- Skilled in various computer programs to include Microsoft Word.
- Comfortable transcribing from a tape recorder.
- Pays strict “attention to detail.”

I am confident that these skills will be assertive and productive in the position of secretary of EANGUS Auxiliary. I am a team player and my husband helps and supports me in all that I do. We have no dependent children at home so I do have the time and dedication to devote to this position.

If elected as your secretary, **I will give you my best; and no less!** I feel I would be an asset to EANGUS Auxiliary. I respectfully ask for your vote and support.

Our soldiers are a very BIG part of what we have here and the freedom we possess.

Sandy Morse

EANGUS AUXILIARY
33RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

AGENDA

SATURDAY, 19 AUGUST 2006

- 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Silent Auction & Country Store Set-up.....Salt Palace Convention Center Exhibit Hall C/D
- 1:00 AM - 6:00 PM Conference registration.....Salt Palace Convention Center 2nd Level Lobby
- 1:00 AM - 6:00 PM Pre-registration 2007 Oklahoma City, OK.....Salt Palace Convention Center 2nd Level Lobby
- 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Auxiliary Welcome meeting.....Marriott Hotel Deer Valley Room

Executive Board (*President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past Presidents & Area Directors*)
 State Auxiliary Officers (*President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer*)
 Auxiliary Committee Chairs

Auxiliary luncheon tickets may be purchased in the registration area.

SUNDAY, 20 AUGUST 2006

- 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM Conference registration.....Salt Palace Convention Center 2nd Level Lobby
- 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM Pre-registration 2007 Oklahoma City, OK Salt Palace Convention Center 2nd Level Lobby
- 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Silent Auction and Country Store.....Salt Palace Convention Center Exhibit Hall C/D
- 8:15 AM - 9:00 AM Chaplain Services.....Salt Palace Convention Center 252F
- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM First Timer’s OrientationSalt Palace Convention Center 251 D
- 10:00 AM Exhibitors Ribbon CuttingSalt Palace Convention Center Exhibit Hall Lobby
- 11:00 AM -12:30 PM Past President’s Social.....Marriott Hotel President’s Suite
- 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM ****Auxiliary joins Association for Opening Ceremonies****...Salt Palace Convention Center Ballroom
- ***** Pop Tabs/Toiletries drop off.....Salt Palace Convention Center Adjacent to Registration (Checkerboard room)

President Sheila Bandy speaks to Association

*****DON’T FORGET TO WEAR PURPLE*****

Welcome Night Function
Grand Hall: Union Pacific Depot
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

TO ENTER ALL CONFERENCE FUNCTIONS, YOU MUST HAVE CONFERENCE BADGE, EVENT TICKET AND PHOTO I.D.
(i.e., driver’s license, military i.d., etc.)

**THE GENERAL BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE AUXILIARY WILL BE HELD
IN THE
SALT PALACE CONVENTION CENTER BALLROOM
(ABCDEF)**

MONDAY, 21 AUGUST 2006

- 8:00 AM Silent Auction & Country Store.....Salt Palace Convention Center Exhibit Hall C/D
- 10:00 AM Auxiliary will join EANGUS for Guest Speaker Salt Palace Convention Center Ballroom
- 11:30 PM-12:30 PM Credential DelegatesSalt Palace Convention Center Ballroom

State Presidents will meet Credential/Rules Committee outside of Ballroom to credential delegates.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM All committees listed below will meet at this time.....Salt Palace Convention Center Ballroom

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| Burden Bears: Ruth Quam | Membership Chair: Dianne Williams |
| Continuity Chair: Brooks Marr | Nominations Chair: Jenny Lainhart |
| Constitution Chair: Nancy McDowell | Resolutions Chair: Shirley Bogdan |
| Credentials & Rules Chair: Lorraine Miller | Scholarship Chair: Doris Williams |
| Family Affairs Chair: Lucretia Barbee | Legislative Chair: Peggy Leadbetter |

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Finance Committee (Rita Brown, Chair).....Marriott Hotel President’s Suite

(LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Executive Board Meeting.....Marriott Hotel President’s Suite

(LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Executive Board joins Finance CommitteeMarriott Hotel President’s Suite

***** Pop Tabs/Toiletries drop off.....Salt Palace Convention Center Adjacent to Registration (Checkerboard room)

Recess until 9:00 AM Tuesday

FREE NIGHT FOR ENJOYING SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH!!!!

TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2006

- 8:00 AM Pop Tabs/Toiletries last chance drop offSalt Palace Convention Center Checkerboard Room
- 8:00 AM Silent Auction & Country Store..... Salt Palace Convention Center Exhibit Hall C/D
- 8:00-8:30 AM Area CaucusSalt Palace Convention Center Ballroom

The Area Directors shall preside over the Caucus. There is an area director to be elected in each area or two if needed - submit names of nominees to Jenny Lainhart, Nominations Chair.

8:30 AM Credential Delegates (changes only).....Salt Palace Convention Ballroom (outside of ballroom)

THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL BREAK - LEAVE AS NECESSARY

9:00 AM	Call to Order.....	Sheila Bandy, President
	Invocation.....	Kathye Jackson, Chaplain
	Pledge to the Flag	Marilyn Freking, Director
	Star Spangled Banner	Ben Jacobson
	Opening Remarks.....	Sheila Bandy, President
	Roll Call.....	Vivian Taylor, Secretary
	Credentials and Rules.....	Lorraine Miller, Chair
	Adoption of Agenda.....	Sheila Bandy, President
	Adoption of Standing Rules.....	Sheila Bandy, President
	Presentation of New and Renewed Charters	Sheila Bandy, President
	Reading of Minutes (2005).....	Vivian Taylor, Secretary
	Treasurer's Report.....	Sandy Hiltner, Treasurer
	Guest Speaker.....	Maj. Patrick Osmond

COMMITTEE REPORTS

	Ways & Means.....	Hazel Holt, Chair
	Burden Bears.....	Ruth Quam, Chair
	Chaplain.....	Kathye Jackson, Chair
	Continuity.....	Brooks Marr, Chair
	Constitution	Nancy McDowell, Chair
	Family Affairs.....	Lucretia Barbee, Chair
	Audit Report.....	Rita Brown, Chair
	Finance (presentation of 2007 budget).....	Rita Brown, Chair
	History Highlights.....	Vivian Taylor, Secretary
	Historian	Elwanda Garritson
	Nominations *(presentation of candidates for Officers and Area Directors).....	Jenny Lainhart, Chair
	Life Membership.....	Sara Hendricks, Chair
	Public Relations.....	Vivian Taylor, Chair
	Legislative.....	Peggy Leadbetter, Chair
	Scholarship.....	Doris Williams, Chair
	Membership (Drawing & some Presentations).....	Dianne Williams, Chair
	Administrative Announcements.....	Vivian Taylor, Secretary
	Conference Update	Sandy Morse, President UT Auxiliary
	2007 National Conference Update.....	Debra Campbell, Past President & OK Conference Chair
11:30 PM	Benediction.....	Kathye Jackson, Chaplain

Recess until 9:00 AM Wednesday

***There will be no entry to or exit from the meeting room during the voting process.**

Any committee reports not presented today will continue on Wednesday

12:00 PM	Luncheon.....	Salt Palace Convention Center 151 ABCDEFG
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**All Area Hospitality Night
Gallivan Plaza
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2006

8:00-8:30 AM Area CaucusSalt Palace Convention Center Ballroom
The Area Directors shall preside over the caucus.

8:30 AM Credential Delegates (changes only)Salt Palace Convention Center (outside of ballroom)

THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL BREAK - LEAVE AS NECESSARY

9:00 AM Call to Order.....Sheila Bandy, President
Invocation.....Kathy Jackson, Chaplain
Pledge to the Flag.....Shirley Spitz, Director
Star Spangled BannerBen Jacobson
Opening Remarks..... Sheila Bandy, President
Roll Call..... Vivian Taylor, Secretary
Credentials & Rules..... Lorraine Miller, Chair
Pop Tab PresentationRonald McDonald House Representative

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Continue with committee reports from Tuesday)

Finance (adoption of 2007 budget)..... Rita Brown, Chair
Membership (Drawing)Dianne Williams, Chair
Nominations (results of elections).....Jenny Lainhart, Chair
Philanthropic.....Peggy Leadbetter, Chair
Resolutions..... Shirley Bogdan, Chair
Ways & Means (report of Silent Auction & Boutique).....Hazel Holt, Chair
Unfinished Business.....Sheila Bandy, President
New Business.....Sheila Bandy, President
Administrative announcements.....Vivian Taylor, Secretary
Conference updates.....Dianne Williams, Area III Director & Conference Coordinator
Conference Report for Oklahoma; 2007.....Debra Campbell, Past President & OK Conference Chair
Installation.....Dorothy Inglese, Area VII Director
Benediction.....Kathy Jackson, Chaplain
Adjournment.....Sheila Bandy, President

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Kathy Jackson, Chaplain

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
(OFFICERS & AREA DIRECTORS)**

PRESIDENT'S SUITE

Marriott Hotel
"Lunch Provided"

EANGUS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

"By Invitation Only"

Salt Palace Convention Center Ballroom
5:30 PM - 6:15 PM

ALL STATES BANQUET

Salt Palace Convention Center Ballroom
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

PROPOSED STANDING RULES TO GOVERN THE 2006 CONFERENCE

1.
 - (a) The Credentials and Rules Committee, after the opening ceremonies of the first business meeting, shall report the number of delegates registered as present with proper credentials, shall report the number of written proxies registered by the chairpersons of the delegations with proper credentials, and shall make a supplementary report after the opening of each day that business continues.
 - (b) The number of state delegates apportioned to and accredited annually by each chartered state shall be as follows:
 - (1) Chartered states with three (3) – five (5) members shall have a number of delegates equal to their membership number.
 - (2) Chartered states with six (6) – fifty (50) members shall have six (6) delegates.
 - (3) Chartered states with more than fifty (50) shall have six (6) delegates, plus one (1) additional delegate for each additional fifty (50) members.
 - (4) Each chartered state shall be entitled to one (1) alternate per authorized delegate. Alternate(s) may be seated as delegate(s) in case(s) of personal and/or professional emergencies that prevent regular delegate(s) from being at one or more sessions of the General Conference
 - (c) Delegates and alternates must be members in good standing as of 31 December of the year preceding conference affected; must be annual or life member of the state they represent.
 - (d) If an alternate is not present, a written proxy may, upon proper clearance by the Credentials and Rules Committee be submitted to replace an accredited delegate who has had to leave the conference in the case of a personal and/or professional emergency.
2. For admission to the assembly hall, to facilitate identification and seating members and alternates shall be required to wear the badge issued by the Credentials and Rules Committee upon registration.
 - (a) State delegations shall be seated alphabetically according to Areas.
 - (b) Other members and/or guests shall be seated nearby in the same area in the room.
3. The voting body shall consist of:
 - (a) Each accredited state delegate or his/her proxy.
 - (b) Each member of the Executive Council.
4. Conference voting shall be:
 - (a) By roll call, when it pertains to items affecting the operations of the Auxiliary.
 - (b) By show of appropriate sign (Green – Yes, Red – No, Yellow-Abstain), when it pertains to the business of the conference, except in the event of an undetermined vote and then the voting shall be by roll call.
 - (c) By written ballot, when electing President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Auxiliary. The President shall appoint tellers to distribute, collect, count the ballots and report the results to the chair. In the event that a nominee for office of the Auxiliary fails to receive a majority, the succeeding votes shall be taken on the two nominees who received the highest number of votes on the first vote.
 - (d) The voting results should be reported to include total number of votes cast and total number of votes accepted. No individual votes will be reported.
5. The President shall appoint a timekeeper for the conference.
6. When addressing the chair, give your name and state. Speak slowly, loudly, and clearly. Use the floor microphone, if one is available.
 - (a) Any member in attendance may speak on a subject under discussion, but only the credentialed voting delegate may make a motion; second a motion or vote in assembly.
 - (b) A second to a motion must come from a state other than the one that proposed the motion.
 - (c) A limit to two members, speaking twice on a motion, the second speech being in the nature of rebuttal or new information on the motion. The mover of the motion is allowed two minutes; other speaker is also limited to two minutes, debates to five minutes. No more than 2 members for the motion and/or 2 members against the motion.
7. All reports and other material for the permanent record shall be in print and immediately on presentation shall be given to the Secretary.
8. The conference minutes will be granted a 30-day grace beginning at the start of the Conference. A draft copy of the minutes will be included in the October issue of THE SIGNAL and will be read at the following conference.
9. During election year, nominations for each office to be filled by the conference shall be limited to one nominating speech of three minutes and one seconding speech of one minute for each nominee.
10. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the conference, except when they conflict with the Constitution of the Auxiliary or these standing rules.



LEGISLATIVE CALL FOR ACTION

Senators Bond & Leahy's amendment to empower the Guard within the Pentagon has been accepted by the bill's managers and will become part of the defense authorization bill currently being considered. "Now the focus will be on the conference deliberations. The House version of the defense bill has no similar provision," said Bond.

"Grassroots support from the Guard community has helped us get this far, and grassroots support will be crucial in getting it through conference" said Leahy.

** Now is the time to contact your elected officials in both the district offices and on Capitol Hill and ask them to support the amendments offered for the National Guard Empowerment Act.

Concentrate on those members on the Senate Armed Service Committee, especially the following:

Sen. John Warner (VA), Sen. John McCain (AZ), Sen. James Inhofe (OK), Sen. Pat Roberts (KS), Sen. Jeff Sessions (AL), Sen. John Ensign (NV), Sen. Saxby Chambliss (GA), Sen. Lindsey Graham (SC), Sen. Elizabeth Dole (NC), Sen. John Crnyn (TX), Sen. John Thune (SD), Sen. Carl Levin (MI), Sen. Edward Kennedy (MA), Sen. Joseph Lieberman (CT), Sen. Jack Reed (RI), Sen. Bill Nelson (FL), Sen. Mark Dayton (MN), Sen. Evan Bayh (IN), and Sen. Hillary Clinton (NY). (www.senate.gov)

Those members on the House Armed Service Committee can be found on the link provided.

Remember - we have gotten this far because of our strong grassroots campaign. Let's continue to flood their offices and solicit their support of this National Guard enhancement. Thank you for your efforts!
S. 2658 & H.R. 5200.

Enhanced TRICARE Reserve Select Open Season Begins Aug 1 for Selected Reserve

TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) "open season" for Tier 2 and Tier 3 Selected Reserve members is Aug. 1 through Nov. 25, 2006. TRS is the premium-based health coverage offered by the Department of Defense similar to TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra. Last year, coverage (Tier 1) was only available to members of the National Guard and Reserve who served on active duty for more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation or after Sept. 11, 2001.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 expands TRS coverage to all qualified members of the Selected Reserve.

Purchasing TRS coverage is a two-step process. Step 1 is to qualify, Step 2 is the purchase. First, members must contact their Reserve Component to validate their qualifications for Tier 2 or Tier 3 coverage. After their Reserve Component has recorded their qualifications in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, members may then login to the Guard-Reserve portal and print a personalized TRS request (enrollment) form to purchase member-only or member and family coverage. The completed form and premium payment for coverage must then be submitted to the member's TRICARE regional contractor by the applicable deadline for processing.

TRS Reserve Component qualification certification for Tier 2 and Tier 3 started in July and ends Oct. 31, 2006. Since the exact procedures to qualify for TRS Tier 2 and Tier 3 coverage may vary by Reserve Component, National Guard and Reserve members are encouraged to contact their unit or personnel office without delay for Service-specific guidance.

TRS Tier 2 and Tier 3 coverage begins Oct. 1, 2006, for members whose request form and premium is postmarked or submitted to a TRICARE Service Center Aug. 1 through Sept. 25, 2006. TRS coverage begins Jan. 1, 2007, for members whose request form and premium is postmarked or submitted Sept. 26 through Nov. 25, 2006. TRS Tier 1 members must contact their Reserve Component to obtain qualification guidance.

For additional information, members and family members may access TRS fact sheets, frequently asked questions, briefing slides and other educational materials on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveselect

AREA (DIRECTORS') PAGE – NEWS, CARES/CONCERNS

Area 1 NY, RI, MA, NH, CT, ME, VT

Area 11 – KY, DC, DE, Title 10, MD, NC, OH, VA, PA, W VA

Cares/concerns to:

Jenny Lainhart—she has been undergoing medical tests.

Patricia Patrick (NC) has been deployed to Kuwait— she asks for prayers and for everyone to keep in touch.

patricia.patrick@us.army.mil

Please keep **LTG Clyde Vaughn** (NGB) in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from surgery.

Area 111 – AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VI

Cares/concerns to:

Betty Belew (TN) —husband continues to have health issues.

Jo Murray (TN) — husband **Bob** continues medical treatment.

Kathye and Bob Jackson (TN)—they continue to help those who lost so much during the past hurricane season.

From Chaplain Kathye Jackson—

State Presidents/designees:

Please send in the names of deceased members from 2005 September to current so that they are included in the Memorial Service.

Dianne Williams

Area IV– AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Cares/concerns to:

EANGUS Auxiliary Awards Chair, **Mildred Geary** (MS) was hospitalized on 23 June. She was to be released on 06 July to continue her recuperation at home.

Caroline Medlinger lost her 88 year old aunt on 5 June.

Site Visit is over and Utah is going to make this a "Special Time for All". Many activities planned and "much" to see. Be prepared for "heat" and "elevation" issues. Be sure to drink "plenty of water".

Area IV– AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Cares (cont'd)

Secretary **Vivian Taylor** is dealing with a medical issue.

If you have not reserved seating for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performance on Saturday night, be sure to do so.

It will be a military tribute. There will be more about this in our Area Newsletter. Remember this is election year and info will be in *The Signal*. Do not hesitate to contact **Deb, myself, Sheila, or Dianne** if you have any last minute questions concerning our National Conference. See you there,

Hope Troy

Greetings from Oklahoma!

I am so glad I was able to attend the site visit in June. It was a treat for me to get to visit with everyone. Hope and I don't get much "face time", so that was an added benefit. I'd like to extend a special thanks to Debra Campbell for making it an exceptionally enjoyable weekend for me. I hope you all are able to attend the conference in Salt Lake City in August; their committee has done an admirable job in putting together this year's event. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Debbie Mordecai

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

Cares/concerns to:

Director **Lorraine Miller** has been undergoing medical tests. **Mary A Schulte** had surgery.

Jean FitzPatrick is recuperating very well after her surgical procedure. She has been told by her doctor that she can now do anything she wants— her thanks to everyone for the cares.

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

Pat Vogan will cater for some conference activities.

From **Virginia Erickson** (AZ)—I am excited to be attending the National Conference this year after 13 years. Arizona will have one First Timer, **Dottie Snyder** who has recently become a life member.

Area VII – AK, CA, GM, HI, OR, WA

Lorna Souza (HI) announces her excitement about attending her first National Conference.

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