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Dear Members,

As President of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary, It is with great pride that I am officially issuing **The Call to the Conference**, which will be held in Salt Lake City in the great state of Utah on 20-23 August 2006.

Everyone has been busy preparing for this annual event as it takes a lot of time and hard work to get the job done but has always been a success. We can be proud of the professional organization that we have become and our mission is as important today as it was when it originated.

This is an exciting time, as it is our election year. We are fortunate to have supportive members that will sacrifice their time and efforts to hold an office on the Executive Board.

The enthusiasm and competition is great for a growing organization. We are always in need of some new energies and ideas. We have been accomplishing a lot of good things and I see no less for the upcoming years ahead.

If you have an interest in running for election but not sure what the specific duties are involved, please do not hesitate to contact anyone on this Board or the Nominations Committee. We hope also that you will share your thoughts and ideas with your EANGUS member and choose the candidate of your choice. Remember, delegates are chosen by their state to represent them to the best of their ability. Your choice of a candidate can make a difference. Be sure and talk with your state membership as well prior to conference to get their input.

This is also EANGUS' election year and we have provided you with the most current nominations and their bios.

I am pleased to report that we will have some more new charters to present this year. This is another sign of growth among the organization.

This week end we will meet in Salt Lake City for our annual Site Visit to finalize the Conference details. There will be an Executive Board meeting for the Auxiliary. We will vote on some of the award nominations that have been submitted. Your Area Directors will share some of this information with you upon returning home.

The draft agenda will be printed in the July *Signal*, as this will be the last publication prior to conference. We will also include any updates on election candidates. Remember, we do not print a *Signal* in the month of August.

The agenda will be similar to the one last year. Every year we try to improve our schedules to allow more free time but yet conduct the necessary business. If you have any suggestions, I would be glad to hear from you on those. We are always looking for new ideas.

If you have any Conference questions or concerns, please contact Dianne Williams, our Conference Coordinator.

Also, if for some reason you can not attend this year's National Conference, please let me know. I will send conference booklets as requested while quantities last.

Included in this issue of the *Signal*, is a Volunteer Committee sheet. This will give you time to decide what committee you would like to serve on and or be the committee chair. Please fill it out and give it to me. **Most of the committee chairs are planning to continue their dedication to the committee again next year.** It is a good thing when you leave the conference site and have your committees already in place. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Time passes fast and before you know it, Conference time is here.

The Utah Auxiliary and conference committee folks are anxious for you to visit their great city and they have been working diligently to present another successful conference. I, too, am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you. Every year I meet some new folks and look for the ones I have seen year after year. It is a great feeling to meet with your Guard friends and family.

God Bless - Side by Side,
Sheila Bandy

VP June News

As I write this note, I thought of the observance of Flag Day this month. What a great remembrance of our freedom that was fought for by so many! Thanks, and God Bless our soldiers wherever they are serving and the families left behind.

The National Conference is fast approaching; get your reservations in now. Don't miss this wonderful time for old friends to get together and also to make new. Salt Lake City, Utah, "Mountains and Magnolias"—be prepared for a great conference.

If you have any concerns about how we should show pay tribute to "Sonny" Montgomery please e-mail me before the Site Visit at. c.benda@mchsi.com

Until next month, keep on the watch for Conference news. Thanks to all Auxiliary members for all that you do.

Carol Benda

THE SIGNAL NEWS

The **Deadline** to submit articles, news/information for publication in *The Signal* is the **15th** of each month. Send to: thesignalnews@earthlink.net or mail by USPS to: Dianne C Williams 2203 Pinewood Drive Brunswick GA 31520-2743 with a **courtesy copy**: to President Sheila Bandy.

Most of *The Signal* hard copy subscriptions have expired, President Bandy has mailed out copies after the expiration date with a note included to remind you to renew. If your renewal is not received, you will no longer receive a hard copy of *The Signal*. Our budget is not feasible for this cost.

Articles/information received **after the 15th** of the month **or** that may require more space than is available in one issue will be published in the next issue. Articles may require necessary editing. Send an email notification if you change your Internet provider to continue to receive *The Signal* via email.

CONFERENCE NEWS

(OPTIONAL ACTIVITY)

One-thousand (1000) tickets to see a live performance of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir; Salt Lake City, UT have been donated for use by 2006 EANGUS/EANGUS Auxiliary conferees. The performance will be a tribute to the Military.

Tickets will be disbursed on a first come, first served basis only. You must request/specify the number of tickets you wish to receive and provide a name to be applied for each ticket requested.

The event is within a three-block radius of the hotels where conferees will be staying. The performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 19 June. You should plan to arrive for the performance not later than 7:00 p.m.

Requested Dress Code
Males – shirt and tie; Female – Dress

For tickets/additional information contact—

Connie Smith: oreomalt@justrawspeed.com

Misti Heston: mistiH@health.ok.gov

Rooms— we still have rooms available under the Auxiliary's block of rooms for August. Contact me if you or someone you know needs one. We will release these rooms back to the hotel at the Site Visit.

EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator
Dianne Williams

Signal on the Web

You will soon be able to access issues of **The Signal** under the Auxiliary Web link.

Frank Yoakum, EANGUS Legislative Director, has created a link on the left frames under AUXILIARY for **THE SIGNAL**. I will begin sending issues to him for posting to the link.

You will need only to copy/paste the following address in your address bar. (<http://www.eangus.org/auxiliary/default.asp>).

EANGUS Auxiliary Web Master

**EANGUS AUXILIARY
2006-07
Committee Volunteer Form**

I would like to serve on the following committee(s) for the EANGUS Auxiliary for the 2006-07 term, including the 2007 Conference in Oklahoma City, OK:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AWARDS COMMITTEE | <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHAPLAIN | <input type="checkbox"/> NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILANTHROPIC COMMITTEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUITY COMMITTEE | <input type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CREDENTIAL & RULES | <input type="checkbox"/> SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY AFFAIRS | <input type="checkbox"/> SERGEANT AT ARMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FINANCE COMMITTEE | <input type="checkbox"/> WAYS & MEANS (SILENT AUCTION) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIAN | <input type="checkbox"/> WAYS & MEANS (FUNDRAISERS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE | |

PLEASE STATE IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF ANY OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEES:

Suggestions or comments: _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

****ANNUAL, LIFE AND/OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MAY SERVE ON AN EANGUS AUXILIARY COMMITTEE/S.**

*****A COMMITTEE CHAIR MUST BE AN ANNUAL OR LIFE MEMBER OF A CHARTERED STATE AUXILIARY.**



LEGISLATIVE CALL FOR ACTION

Senator Bond and Leahy's Senate Amendment 4271 to Senate 2766 !

**The Amendment will support the
following provisions:**

Contact Your
Senators for
Support of Senate
Amendment 4271
to S.2766

- Four-star rank for Chief, National Guard Bureau
- Deputy NORTHCOM position reserved for Guard flag
- Authorizes improved lines of communication within DoD and the Federal agencies and States for contingency operations, disasters and military operations other than war
- Provides authority to identify gaps between Federal and State capabilities in response to emergencies and to validate requirements of the States with respect to military assistance to civil authorities.

Write or fax a letter to your representatives **OR** Call 202.225.3121 for the House; 202.225.3121 for the Senate.

Ask your senator to show their support in favor of this amendment when it is presented on the floor. Call or email them as soon as possible and voice your support and solicit your senator's support of Senate Amendment 4271.

Department of Defense Study on Supporting and Retaining Reserve Families

The Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community Family Policy in partnership with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs has contracted with the RAND National Defense Research Institute to conduct a study of issues important to families of Reserve component members. This two year study will assess quality of life issues faced by National Guard and Reserve families, explore their perceptions of existing programs, recommend policy changes as necessary to support and retain these families, and identify strategies for future data collection efforts. As part of this study, RAND will conduct a survey of random demobilized personnel, spouses of demobilized personnel, and spouses of activated personnel for the Army National Guard, the U.S. Army Reserve, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and the U.S. Air Force Reserve. The survey will be conducted using telephone interviews. Project constraints necessitated limiting the scope of the project to the four designated components.

Request your support for this very important study. We believe the study will have significant impact on future family support policies and programs. Telephone interviews will take place from July 3 – August 2, 2006. Command support for participation is critical as members and families are asked to participate voluntarily. No personal identifying information will be associated with their responses. Interview data will be labeled to capture the reserve component, the type of interview participant (spouse or servicemember), the activation status (activated or demobilized), and pay grade of the participant or the pay grade of the spouse of the participant. This approach will permit the analyses necessary for our study without using individual-level identifiers.

Request widest possible dissemination of this information to the local command level. Individuals selected to participate in the telephone interviews have been demobilized or are the spouse of a member who is either currently mobilized or has been demobilized. The valid random population sample is being developed in coordination with the Reserve Personnel Reporting Systems office in each of the designated components to participate. Individual letters of notification will be mailed to each potential participant. Others will be allowed to volunteer to participate if they so choose.

The point of contact for this study is Mr. James "Scotty" Scott. Mr. Scott can be reached at (703) 693-7487.

\$1,000 Bonus Expanded to Retired Soldiers

The Army has expanded to retired Soldiers eligibility for the \$1,000 recruiting referral bonus. This newest recruiting incentive pays retired Soldiers a \$1,000 lump sum for referring applicants who enlist, complete basic training, and graduate individual advanced training. Certain rules apply. The referral may not be an immediate family member and the Retired Soldier referring may not be serving in a recruiting or retention assignment or as a Junior ROTC instructor. For more information about this pilot incentive program, retirees should call 1-800-223-3735 extension 6-0473, visit Operation Smart website or contact their local Retiree Services Office. For referrals to the Army National Guard referring retirees should call 1-800-GOGUARD (1-800-464-8273) or go to www.1800goguard.com/esar.

(No news on whether or not this program will be expanded by the Air Force to retired Air Guard members.)

Governors, Senior Enlisted Personnel to Testify on Roles of National Guard and Reserves at Home & Abroad

The third in a series of public hearings on the current and future roles of the National Guard and Reserves in meeting the nation's security needs was held on Capitol Hill on Thursday, June 15.

In the first panel of the hearing, the independent Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, which is charged by Congress to identify and recommend needed changes in the policies, laws, regulations, and practices under which the reserve components operate, is seeking individual governors' views on how guard members and reservists have been used, and should be used, to meet security and disaster response needs on the home front while at the same time responding to national security requirements overseas.

The second panel will consist of the senior enlisted advisors to the Reserve Chiefs of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Army National Guard, and Air National Guard. The enlisted leaders have been asked to present their views on the full range of issues affecting guard members, reservists, and their families, based on their contact with them during this current period of increased operational tempo.

Wells Fargo - Capital for Knowledge Loan Program

After careful consideration, Wells Fargo has made a business decision to discontinue the Capital for Knowledge (C4K) loan program offered to EANGUS association members. After an in-depth analysis in regard to the program's results over the past few years, the C4K program is no longer economically feasible to continue as it is today.

Any applications that are initiated on or after September 1, 2006 will not be eligible for the 1% royalty incentive paid to our association. Applications initiated before September 1, 2006 that do result in a loan will be eligible for the 1% royalty payment.

Although the Capital for Knowledge loan program will not be available as it is today, we will be redirecting the Capital for Knowledge phone number, 888-651-5626 and website <http://www.capital4u.net> to the <http://www.wellsfargo.com/student> site and our Loan Selector. The Loan Selector will guide your members through a process to find a student loan to meet their specific needs. There is a wide array of student loan products available through the Loan Selector and in this way we can ensure EANGUS members will continue to receive information on student loans and all the other services Wells Fargo provides students. [Wells Fargo Student Loan Link](#)

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

Area I – NY, RI, MA, NH, CT, ME, VT

Shirley & Pete Bogdan, (MA) flew to Arizona for their granddaughter's wedding. They were joined by twelve other family members from the East Coast.

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

I have been in contact with every state and offered **Peggy Leadbetter's** and my assistance. I encouraged them to get the word out to register for the National Conference ASAP. Everyone was appreciative and very positive.

I will continue to keep the communication line open even when it takes a phone call. This has been the best way this time to talk to them one on one.

Jenny Lainhart

Area III – AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VI

Cares/concerns to:
Sidney Reed — loss of his brother.

EANGGA/AEANGGA 2006 State Conference—

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Georgia (EANGGA) and Auxiliary (AEANGGA), held their 2006 State Conference at the Holiday Inn; Athens, GA. This was the commemorative 30th Annual Conference for the Auxiliary. Auxiliary conferees received a so "entitled commemorative" to captivate and acknowledge the milestone.

On Friday evening attendees enjoyed great food, a Live Auction (hosted by the Auxiliary) and fun followed by a well-appointed Hospitality Room hosted by EANGGA Time/Place Chair **J P Stevens**.

At the Saturday morning Opening Ceremony, we were fortunate to have special guest **General Westgate** address our folks. The General shared many explanations of Guard activities now and future.

Our guest speaker for the Banquet, EANGUS President and EANGGA/AEANGGA life member, **Ed Brown** apprised attendees of his vision for our state association/auxiliary as well as EANGUS/EANGUS Auxiliary. **President Brown** further stated his appreciation of all that we do for our organizations.



Area III – AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VI (continued)

Election results for the Auxiliary:

President – **Dianne Williams**; V President – **Pat Reed**
Secretary – **Helen Tucker**; Treasurer – **Judy Dennis**;
Legislative Officer – **Thom McKennie**; Chaplain – **Shirley Dill**.

The 2007 State Conference is tentatively slated to be held in Augusta, GA—Dates will be announced upon confirmation.

Dianne Williams

Area IV– AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Hello from Arkansas,

Debbie Mordecai and I will be attending the Site Visit. We will have all sorts of updates and information about the National Conference to pass along in our Area IV newsletter.

If you still have questions after this information is passed along, please be sure to contact Debbie or myself. August will be here before we know it!

Continue to work hard for your State Auxiliaries, and your National Auxiliary. Our combined efforts and "voices" make a difference for our spouses. Continue to pray for our troops, our families, and each other.

Hope Troy

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

Cares/concerns to:

Kelli Tenhulzen and her husband on the loss of one—in expectancy of triplets. They are now expecting twin boys. Kelli is Vice President of the Nebraska Auxiliary.

Jean FitzPatrick had a surgical procedure on 12 June.

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

Area VII – AK, CA, GM, HI, OR, WA

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SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN AND THEIR
FAMILIES.**

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