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Dear Members,

It is that time of year again—gearing up for our national conference. I hope you are as excited as I am. It is a lot of work but when you look back it's all worth it in the long run. It is just a few weeks before the Site Visit.

June 23-25 is our Site Visit and the Auxiliary will be having an Executive Board meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Auxiliary Board members, please make your reservations at the Hilton Hotel. We will be making the final decisions on the recipients for the Meritorious Service Award, Distinguished Service Award and Spouse of the Year Award. All recommendations need to be mailed to Mildred Geary, EANGUS Auxiliary Awards Chair; PO Box 368; New Augusta, MS 39462 or emailed to her at megeary2@aol.com and received not later than **June 01, 2006**.

It gives me great pleasure to see the interest in the auxiliary. We now have two candidates for each office with the exception of the office of secretary. Vivian Taylor has entered her name in the vice presidency slot. We need candidates for the position of secretary.

This position is a very important position but is a lot less stressful now that the *minutes* can be prepared after we return home from the conference. Years ago we had to prepare the *minutes* each night and read them at the next day's business session. We have improved on many of our duties and still get the job done. Our business meetings are brief and to the point to allow us more free time to visit the vendors and see the sights.

If you, or someone you know is interested in any of the offices, please contact someone on the Nominations Committee so that you get your forms turned in to the Nominations Chair prior to conference. You may also be nominated from the floor at the conference. This causes the meeting to last longer but it is definitely not a problem. Talk to the members in your state; the delegates and Area Directors are selected by the members to represent them at the area caucuses/conference. Your Area Directors will work as a team to conduct your caucus. Any state delegate may request a ballot vote for their respective area—sometimes this may be a better option for the larger areas. Jenny Lainhart will have ballots available.

Our side by side partners are also showing interest as they have announced candidates for all offices and in many cases, two for the same office. We have included the Bio's for the EANGUS candidates as we receive them. We wanted you to be kept in the loop of what is going on in EANGUS as well as its Auxiliary. Talk to your spouse or family member about these candidates; support each other's decision.

Our conference agenda will be a lot like last year's except we are going to have our delegates credentialed on Monday to avoid delaying our Tuesday activities. You will only need to check in with Credentials and Rules on Tuesday if your state has any changes to your delegates that were credentialed on Monday. We will finalize the conference agenda at the Site Visit; a copy will be published in the July issue of *The Signal*.

Please send the names of your First Timer's to Secretary Taylor so that she can make sure we have gifts for each of them on Sunday. Let's be sure we help that First Timer so they are not overwhelmed. Do not assume they know what to do or where to go. Remember your first conference, did someone help you? If not, don't you wish they did? We may not wear the military uniform but being part of a military family, we know it is just as important to retain a member as it is to recruit a new member. A first impression needs to be a lasting impression. Let's do our part to make them feel welcome.

Vice President Benda is working on a creative idea for the Sunday Opening Ceremony for the Auxiliary.

We will need to finalize these plans as well at the Site Visit. Bring your ideas with you or email them to Carol. She would love to have your input.

Please remind everyone that the entry deadline for this year's scholarship awards is June 30th. Again this year, USAA was gracious enough to donate \$1,000 to support our scholarship fund.

Remember to check out the website as it is up and running. Manny Carreras of USPT Gear informs us that he has not had purchases from very many of us. The Shopping Cart is getting off to a slow start but we want to let everyone know that it is up and running. You can get your purple shirts in time for conference. The website also has a lot of other good items. Take a look and see for yourself.

God Bless - Side by Side,
Sheila Bandy

Hello to all from Slayton, MN

I hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day. This is the day that we all honor those who have given their lives for us to have the freedoms we all cherish. Thanks to all the families of service men and women all over the United States of America. This truly is a great nation.

Chuck and I attended the Minnesota State Conference at the end of April. The attendance was down due to many in our state that are deployed. The silent auction and "best hand in poker" made over \$2000 for the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary gave money for one scholarship for youth camp at Camp Ripley and also for family support.



Back Row: Sandy Hiltner, EANGUS Auxiliary Treasure, Carol Benda EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President, Marilyn Freking Area V Director, Shirley Spitz Area V Director, Joe Barke, Shelli Kasin President of NDNGEA Auxiliary, Karen Vicento, President of MNGEA Auxiliary. Front row: Jan Olafson, Kelli TenHulzen Vice President of NDNGEA and son plus triplets due at National Conference time.

We left for North Dakota once again to attend the Area V Caucus.

Marilyn Freking and Shirley Spitz were there and did a great job of conducting the Auxiliary meeting.

The Auxiliary members were invited to the EANGUS meeting when it came to discussing the National Conference.

Area V is hoping to have a bus that is leaving on Friday August 18th from Hastings, MN and arriving in Salt Lake City on the 19th.

Next month we will be attending the Site Visit where we will have a Board meeting on June 24, 2006.

We should have lots of definite information for you all when we get back.

Until next time, keep a prayerful vigil for all soldiers home and abroad.

Carol Benda
Vice President

EANGUS CANDIDATE
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

A. Frank Lever III

Born on June 14, 1947, Frank Lever lived in Lexington, SC and graduated from Lexington High School. Upon graduation Frank entered The Citadel and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science in 1969. In 1991 he earned a Masters Degree in Management from Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri. Frank completed all leadership courses within the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, culminating with the United States Army Sergeants Major Course.

Frank Lever has work experiences in state government, federal government, and the private sector. He began his career with the State of South Carolina in 1970. In 1978 Frank became the Deputy Commissioner of the South Carolina Department of Youth Services with the major responsibilities being accounting and fiscal management, purchasing and warehousing, maintenance, dietary functions, and personnel.

In 1981 Frank left state government and organized and developed Confidential Control Corporation that collected and systematically destroyed sensitive documents for government, industry and financial entities. He sold this company in 1986. He also owned and operated at Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Parlor before selling in 1997.

Frank Lever joined the South Carolina Army National Guard as a full time employee in 1983. He had served as a traditional guardsperson since 1969 when he graduated from The Citadel. He served in the logistics and personnel functions. In 1988 the AG named Frank as the Commandant of the National Guard Bureau Noncommissioned Officer Academy and promoted him to Command Sergeant Major. Upon completion of this three year tour, Frank moved to State Headquarters and served as the State Training Noncommissioned Officer and in 1994 he assumed the position of Command Sergeant Major for the 51st Aviation Group. In 1996 he again moved to State Headquarters and served as an advisor and consultant to the Deputy Adjutant General and his senior staff on staff and organizational development issues. This included the formulation of a strategic plan and its communication throughout the organization; the development of councils within the organizational structure to address the goals, objectives, and initiatives of the Army Guard; the training of the councils.

In 1999, the Adjutant General appointed Frank as State Command Sergeant Major. Then in January, 2001 the Army National Guard selected Frank as the senior enlisted advisor and command sergeant major of the Army National Guard of the US. He advised and counseled the senior leaders of the Army National Guard on all matters related to the 322,000 enlisted soldiers of the Army National Guard. He also advised and counseled the senior leadership of the Army and Department of Defense on policies and proposed legislation affecting the enlisted soldier. He traveled around the world visiting Soldiers fighting in the war on terrorism. He testified before Congress and advised Congressional staff on enlisted matters. Frank retired in November 2005.

Frank Lever joined the firms of American Business Development Group and Palmetto Advocates as a Senior Consultant. These firms are full-service business development firms that enable companies to maximize their market potential. He assists his clients in identifying new commercial markets and also helps establish strategic domestic and international teaming relationships.

Frank served as President, National Guard Association of South Carolina; Executive Council Member for the National Guard Association of South Carolina for six years; and Chairman Elect of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard United States for South Carolina. Frank is a member of NGASC, EANGUS, NCOA, AUSA, and American Military Society.

Frank has earned many military awards for his outstanding service to include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal with One Oakleaf Cluster. He also earned the Order of St. Martin, the Order of St. Barbara and the Order of the Silver Crescent. He has many State Awards for meritorious service.

Frank and his wife, Ellen, reside North Charleston, SC and they have two sons and three grandchildren.

EANGUS CANDIDATE
OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

SMS Douglas B. Simpson, Area VII Chairman

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Members of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)

SUBJECT:

Candidacy for Vice President of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States

1. I am writing to solicit your support for election as Vice President of EANGUS. I have been involved with EANGUS and the National Guard Association of Washington (NGAW) since the 1980s. I have held several positions within the NGAW which have included two terms as President. For the past six years I have served EANGUS as Area VII Chairman, member of the Strategic Planning Committee and as a member of the Committee on Automation of our National Office. My top five concerns are as follows:

A. **Membership:** We need to support our State and Territorial Organizations in their efforts to increase membership. Vice President Joe Spenser and his team came up with a simple but great idea, posters with standard verbiage but allowing you to change the background to a picture of a local unit. This is a low cost attention getter that will work in theater or at home.

B. **Legislative:** This is our strong point and needs to remain there. We have a good committee, fantastic support from the Auxiliary and with our hire of Frank Yoakum and Brenda Bowen at the National Office; I know this program will continue to be strong.

C. **Finance:** We have a Finance Committee that is very engaged but I feel we will see a reduction in support from USAA that could leave us with a challenge. As I reviewed our budget, membership funding drew my focus. We get approx 30% of our budget from membership dues but only spend approx 3% on membership. I would like to see membership funding increase as our numbers grow.

D. **National Conference:** Over the last few years I have noticed a trend that focuses on Vendors interfacing with attending Command Staff. I realize that this program pays for a great portion of our conference and is very important but we need to keep our State and Territorial Organizations running EANGUS. I would like to see a change in format to allow more participation in multiple breakouts.

E. **Auxiliary:** I have been an Associate Member of the Auxiliary for several years and would like to see our slogan "Side by Side" develop into a business plan.

2. I look forward to meeting you and discussing your concerns and questions in Salt Lake City.

EANGUS CANDIDATE

Office of Secretary



Jan K N DeRego, TSgt, HIANG

- **MILITARY STATUS**

Active Guard Reservist with the 154 Logistics Readiness Squadron - Hawai'i ANG; In Service 30 years; Equipment Manager 20 years - Manage \$400m support equipment consisting of two Weapon Systems, one Combat Communications and two Radar Systems. Surpassed required military educational training development.

- **STATE ASSOCIATION**

Life member HI NG ENL ASSN, (1st Woman) President 1986-1991, (1st Woman) Vice President 1984-1985, Past President 1988 & 1992, Council Member 1981-1983, Lobbyist Hawaii National Guard, State Annual Conference Coordinator 1988, State Publications Chair 1981-1993, NGAUS Hawaii '91 Conf Decorations Chair 1991, NGAUS Hawaii '05 Conf Decorations Chair 2005, Legislative Task Force.

- **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

Life member EANGUS, National Secretary 1994-2005, Area VII Director 1991-1994, Publications Chairperson 1993, Awards Comm member 1991-1994, Publications Award 1986, 1987, Delegate 1983-1990, Citation of Outstanding 1992, Minuteman Award 1997.

- **FORMER SECRETARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Streamlined the EANGUS minutes IAW Robert Rules 10th Edition, Established Motions Catalog (used as cross a reference contains 1994 to present), Established Minutes Directory (contains past presidents & secretaries), Revised EANGUS minutes Filing Archives (contains 1984 to present), Established EANGUS Minutes diskette library (contains 1994 to present), Established EANGUS Minutes Compact Disc library (contains 1984 to present), Established SVC and WCFA Minutes, Revived Corporate Charters & Bylaws, Established Security Policy Executive Session Minutes, Established Secretary Guide (PowerPoint version – for state secretaries), Established Executive Session, Corporate and Conference Guide (PowerPoint version – for state secretaries) Established newest technology for Roll Call of States (PowerPoint version), Established newest technology for Roll Call of Votes (Excel version), Improved the 30 day distribution (otherwise, specified delay), Enhanced "Quality Awareness" in all secretarial production, Improved the compilation of all reports, Secretary's Continuity Folder.

- **CIVILIAN, SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS**

Amateur Volleyball Assn * Federal Outdoor Volleyball Assn * Eye Bank Assn. of America * Hawaii Lion Eye Bank & Makana Foundation * Blind Federation of America * Alzheimer's Assn.-HI Chapter * Food Allergy Network * Family Violence Prevention * National Coalition Against Domestic Violence * Blood Bank of Hawaii-Donor * The National Society of Genealogist * Hawaiian Historical Society * New York Historical Society * Connecticut Historical Society * The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) * Floral Designers of HI/National Network * Board of Director, HI NG FCU, 1990-1991. Mother of two daughters, a son and two granddaughters.

Family Affairs Corner
By
Lucretia Barbee
Family Affairs Chair

2006 AUSA Rubbermaid Volunteer Family of the Year Award

The Award --The AUSA Volunteer Family of the Year Award recognizes an exceptional Army family whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to improving Army well-being and the well-being of the local community.

Sponsorship --The Rubbermaid Group and AUSA have partnered to recognize the contribution that families make to the United States Army and to local communities through volunteer service.

Eligibility – Active Duty, Reserve Component, National Guard, Retiree and Army civilian families are eligible for the award. Current AUSA chapter officers and their families are not eligible for this award.

Nomination and Submission Process --AUSA chapters are responsible for verifying and submitting all nominations. Each chapter may submit up to three families for consideration. The initial nominee selection process is at the discretion of the chapter. A complete nomination consists of a nomination form and a 600-800 word narrative which describes the overall impact of the family on the Army and the community.

Judging -- All nominations will be submitted to a panel of representatives from all Components of the Army and the Army Family Liaison Office, and chaired by the Director of Family Programs. The panel will choose three finalists and the AUSA National Awards Committee will make the final selection and notify the winning family. The narrative is the only document seen by the judges which will be in "blind" format with all names and identifying information blanked out.

Since we at AUSA believe that an entire family supports the efforts of dedicated volunteers, it is not necessary for each family member to provide specific volunteer service for the family to be nominated. Nominations will also be considered together with additional criteria found in the Chapter Operations Manual for awarding of the Family Programs Streamer.

Questions may be directed to the Family Programs staff. Contact Sylvia Kidd, Director of Family Programs at 1-800-336-4570, Ext. 150 or send e-mail to skidd@ausa.org

THE SIGNAL NEWS

Everyone is welcome to send in news/information from around the states each month to be published in *The Signal*. We would love to hear from you.

You may also give the news/information to your Area Directors when you are in contact with them.

The **deadline** to submit news/information for publication in *The Signal* is the **15th** of each month.

Email: 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.

Articles/information received **after** the **15th** of the month *or* that may require more space than is available in one issue will be edited/published in the next issue.

If you change your Internet provider, you will need to send your new email address to thesignalnews@earthlink.net to continue to receive *The Signal* via email.



EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting
Executive Board Room
Hilton Hotel; Salt Lake City, Utah
Saturday, June 23, 2006

AGENDA

Call to Order	President Bandy
Welcome	President Bandy
Invocation	Vivian Taylor
Pledge of Allegiance	Director Troy
Introduction of Special Guests	President Bandy
Roll Call	Secretary Taylor
Minutes (May 21, 2005 Orlando Florida by Past President Debra Campbell) (<i>No quorum</i>)	Secretary Taylor
Treasurer's Report	Sandy Hiltner
Unfinished Business: SOPs needed	President Bandy Director Williams
Steering Committee Trademark for the Auxiliary Logo-Sandy Hiltner	President Bandy
New Business:	President Bandy
Fundraisers: Pam Whisenhunt	
Awards- Mildred Geary	
Recruiting Booth	
Small Version of Auxiliary Flags	
Auxiliary Quilt – a sample is being designed possible fund raiser	
Certificates and holders- reprinted free of charge due to color variation	
2006 Constitution proposals – any suggestions or comments	
History and Constitution updated copies - CD	
Presentation for Recruiting, Brochures	
Nominations:	
Vote for Meritorious Service Award	
Vote for Spouse of the Year Award	
Vote for Distinguished Service Award	
Website Update	Webmaster Williams
Legislative Update	Director Leadbetter
Memorial for S G Sonny Montgomery	Vice President Benda
Conference Announcements	Conf Coord Williams
Conference Booklet	Director Vogan
Conference Ideas and Suggestions (Sunday Opening)	Vice President Benda
Delegate Credentialing (Time and Place)	President Bandy
Comments and/or Suggestions (Open discussion)	President Bandy
Benediction	Vivian Taylor
Adjournment	President Bandy

California Salutes its Troops during Soldier Appreciation Day, June 3

Los Alamitos, Orange County, Calif.
May 28, 2006

Federal, state, and local officials join Hollywood in honoring California's servicemembers and their families at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB).

Many of the Soldiers attending have recently returned from deployments around the world and others are training for upcoming deployments. On Saturday, June 3rd they will pause to celebrate the Army's 231st birthday with the cast of "The Unit," Jesse James of Discovery Channel's "Monster Garage," and Miss America 2006, Jennifer Berry.

The California National Guard, 63rd Regional Readiness Command, 40th Infantry Division and Association of the U.S. Army are sponsoring the festivities for approximately 2,500 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and their families.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with a parade and military troop review down Yorktown Avenue on the base. Also beginning at 9 a.m. will be a static display of military equipment.

The ceremony will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. at the parade field on the east side of the base. Brief remarks will be punctuated with entertainment. Miss America will be master of ceremonies with retired Lt. Col. Jim Cassella. In addition to the cast of "The Unit," and Jesse James, the 82nd Airborne All American Chorus will perform.

The attendees will then be treated to a lunch provided by the Association of the U.S Army and CBS. Boeing and Northrop Grumman have also donated to make this a fun day for all members of the armed forces and their families.

The media is invited to attend the activities and meet California's Soldiers and their families. California's Soldiers have made a substantial contribution to the Global War on Terrorism since 2001.

Currently, more than 1,500 California Army National Guardsmen and Army Reserve Soldiers are mobilized.

The base is located on Lexington Drive just south of Katella Avenue in Los Alamitos (11200 Lexington Dr, Los Alamitos, 90720).



LEGISLATIVE

Theft of Veterans Affairs (VA) Personal Data

Monday, May 21, 2006

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has recently learned that an employee, a data analyst, took home electronic data from VA, which he was not authorized to do. This behavior was in violation of our policies. This data contained identifying information including names, social security numbers, and dates of birth for up to 26.5 million veterans and some spouses, as well as some disability ratings.

Importantly, the affected data did not include any of VA's electronic health records nor any financial information. The employee's home was burglarized and this data was stolen. The employee has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation.

Appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the VA Inspector General's office, have launched full-scale investigations into this matter. Authorities believe it is unlikely the perpetrators targeted the items because of any knowledge of the data contents. It is possible that they remain unaware of the information which they possess or of how to make use of it. However, out of an abundance of caution, VA is taking all possible steps to protect and inform our veterans.

VA is working with members of Congress, the news media, veteran's service organizations, and other government agencies to help ensure that those veterans and their families are aware of the situation and of the steps they may take to protect themselves from misuse of their personal information. VA will send out individual notification letters to veterans to every extent possible. Veterans can also go to www.firstgov.gov to get more information on this matter. This website is being set to handle increased web traffic.

Additionally, working with other government agencies, VA has set up a manned call center that veterans may call to get information about this situation and learn more about consumer identity protections. That toll free number is 1-800-FED INFO (333-4636). The call center will be open and operate from 8 am to 9 pm (EDT), Monday-Saturday as long as it is needed. The call center will be able to handle up to 20,000 calls per hour (260,000 calls per day).

Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson has briefed the Attorney General and the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, co-chairs of the President's Identity Theft Task Force. Task Force members have already taken actions to protect the affected veterans, including working with the credit bureaus to help ensure that veterans receive the free credit report they are entitled to under the law.

Additionally, the Task Force will meet to coordinate the comprehensive Federal response, recommend further ways to protect affected veterans, and increase safeguards to prevent the reoccurrence of such incidents. VA's mission to serve and honor our nation's veterans is one we take very seriously and the 235,000 VA employees are deeply saddened by any concern or anxiety this incident may cause our veterans and their families. We appreciate the service our veterans have given their country and we are working diligently to protect them from any harm as a result of this incident.

Also, you can monitor your credit report for potential misuse by accessing these websites:

Equifax: www.equifax.com

Experian: www.experian.com

Trans Union: www.transunion.com

ANSWER THE CALL 06-07**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR NGB LEGISLATION (HR 5200 AND S2658)****BACKGROUND**

At no time in America's history has the National Guard played so critical a role in the security of our homeland and in our nation's military objectives abroad. The National Guard is a critical component to the Department of Defense's contribution to the security of our nation. The men and women of the National Guard have earned the right to be represented by the highest levels of the Department of Defense. To ensure that appropriate representation, manpower, training and equipment is provided to the National Guard for their future missions at home and abroad, the National Defense and National Guard Empowerment Act of 2006 establishes the National Guard Bureau as a joint activity of the Department of Defense rather than strictly of the departments of Army and Air Force as it is now.

RECOMMENDATION

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

The Honorable
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Re: S 2658

Dear Senator/Representative:

I am writing to you to ask for your support in amending S2658 to make provisions in Title 10 of the United States Code which will:

- Establish the National Guard Bureau (NGB) as a joint activity of the Department of Defense rather than strictly of the Departments of the Army and Air Force as it is now.
- Increase the Chief of the National Guard Bureau billet from the grade of Lieutenant General to General.
- Task the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to serve as an advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and eliminate the current National Guard major general position established for that function.
- Provide a seat on Joint Chiefs of Staff for the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.
- Elevate responsibility for development of the NGB charter from the Secretaries of the Army and Air Force to the Secretary of Defense.
- Specify in law one of the functions of NGB to facilitate the use of National Guard forces for contingencies, military operations other than war, natural disasters, and support to civil authorities—all in coordination with the States. This function exists in policy as part of the current NGB charter from the Departments of the Army and Air Force.
- Require NGB to, in coordination with the State Adjutant Generals; identify gaps between Federal and State emergency response capabilities which might best be filled through military assistance to civil authorities and to make recommendations for National Guard programs and capabilities to fill those gaps, in coordination with the States.
- Charge the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, in coordination with the State Adjutant Generals, to validate state requirements for military assistance to civil authorities, develop doctrine and training requirements, and acquire material, etc., for this purpose, in coordination with the States.
- Require a report on requirements for military assistance to civilian authorities that are validated, but not funded—which in essence will become an unfunded requirements list.
- Change the titles of the Directors of the Army and Air National Guard to Vice Chiefs of the National Guard Bureau for Army and Air, respectively, to reflect the unity of purpose inside the organization.
- Prohibit growth in the size of the NGB staff in order to answer concerns about the possibility of the NGB bureaucracy growing as a result of the changes sought herein.
- Strengthen the Total Force talent pool by encouraging the Department of Defense to include Reserve Component major generals of the line for promotion to fill Lieutenant General positions.
- Require that the Deputy Commander of NORTHCOM be a National Guard officer.

Please respond to me 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 (703)519-3846 or via e-mail at eangus@eangus.org.

Sincerely,

AREA (DIRECTORS') PAGE – NEWS, CARES/CONCERNS**Area I NY, RI, MA, NH, CT, ME, VT****Area II – KY, DC, DE, Title 10, MD, NC, OH, VA, PA, W VA**

Cares/concerns to:

Virginia Turnes lost her daughter in an auto accident on 04 February of this year.

CSM (Ret) Hank Ganzert, former VA State Command Sergeant Major from 1975 to 1982, passed away on Feb. 25, 2006. Maude Ganzert is a life member of the VA AANGEA Auxiliary.

Recently attended Ohio's State Conference on May 20 and West Virginia's State Conference on April 29. First conference for WV's Auxiliary!!

My family and I are leaving on a cruise to Bermuda June 11 to attend daughter Doreen's wedding.

Peggy Leadbetter

Area III – AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VI

Cares/concerns to:

Cecil Monk; Athens, AL; wife Katherine passed away on 23 April.

Jo Murray, TN; husband **Bob**, is undergoing extensive medical tests.

Martha Robinson, TN; has been ill.

Steve/Starr Boatwright, AL; Steve's father passed away in the afternoon on Monday, 30 May.

CAUCUS—

Hosted by the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Georgia (EANGGA) and Auxiliary (AEANGGA), **Area III** held their 2006 Caucus; 19-21 May; Comfort Suites; Athens, GA.

Attendees enjoyed food and fun on Friday evening.

On Saturday morning, Director **Brabham** and I opened the Auxiliary meeting with twenty-plus members in attendance to include two (2) First Timers: **Cindy Chance**, AL and **Leslie Adams**, FL. EANGUS Auxiliary Chaplain, **Kathye Jackson** gave the invocation.

State Presidents in attendance were:

AL – **Starr Boatright**; FL – **Marie Brabham**; GA – **Dianne Williams**; TN – **Ann Story** and POC for EANGUS Auxiliary, SC- **Stella Cameron**.

We were fortunate to have two special guests address our folks—EANGUS President (incumbent candidate for re-election for EANGUS President) **Ed Brown** and new candidate for EANGUS President, **A. Frank Lever**.

The Caucus concluded with more food and fun.

Florida will host the **2007 Caucus**— date/location will be announced when plans are complete.

Dianne Williams

Area IV– AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Cares/concerns to:

Brooks Marr; husband **Bill** had surgery on Monday 15 May. He is at home and doing well.

Jean Messer; husband John had a recent medical procedure.

Pat Clark; her mom suffered an injury.

Hello from Arkansas,

I hope all of you had a safe and wonderful Mother's Day.

Arkansas' new Auxiliary President is **Linda Gilmore**, 1st Vice is Bonnie Wood and 2nd Vice is **Monica Antonnochi**. **Betty Hagerman** and **Rita Brown** continue to be Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

By now our state conferences are over and you have already sent the names of your officers to Sheila Bandy and your Area Directors. If you have not done this, PLEASE do so now!

Continue to answer the "Calls"—thanks to **Peggy Leadbetter** for keeping us informed. Continue to work hard and communicate. Remember our soldiers, our families, our auxiliaries, and each other in your prayers. Standing side by side,

Hope Troy

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

Cares/concerns to:

Rita Stewart, SD—she had surgery on 12 May.

Shirley Spitz—father was hospitalized.

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

Cares/concerns to:

Mary Hensell, AZ; husband **Harry** has been ill.

Nevada is really starting to pop. I have contacted many folks in the southern part (Mesquite, Las Vegas and Nellis Air Force Base. We are planning to hold a meeting at Nellis in July.

Pat Vogan

Area VII – AK, CA, GM, HI, OR, WA

From **Marsha Stark**—

California's State Conference was held last weekend in Los Alamitos. We will keep our same auxiliary officers for the present time:

President - **Marsha Stark**; Vice President - **Ivonne Soto**; Secretary - **Virginia Embrey**; Treasurer - **Dorothy Ingles**.

Our next state conference is scheduled for September 29, 30 and October 1 in Northern California (actual location TBA).

We will be bringing one First Timer to National— **Laurel**

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