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SIDE-BY-SIDE WE STAND WITH PRIDE

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Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families:

This is the time of the year when things get hectic. Area Directors and State Presidents, let's not forget to contact our state treasurers to see what we can do to help. The membership dues must be turned into the national treasurer by December 31st, 2006 in order for the states to have delegates at the Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

My first EANGUS Executive Board meeting since conference and with the new President, Frank Lever was very positive. Everyone on the Executive Board is very supportive. President Lever plans to continue the side by side partnership and take it one level higher. He has offered a lot of opportunities that we can use to help with growth of the Auxiliary.

Dianne Williams is now a committee member on the EANGUS Conference Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. She will attend the Pre-Site Visit in February with EANGUS Vice President Roger Hagan and Conference Coordinator Dee Riggle. Dianne has a block of twenty (20) rooms set aside for auxiliary members (first come; first served) at the Sheraton Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. We will have our Auxiliary events at the Sheraton. If you need a room, please let Dianne know.

President Lever and I asked each other "What can we do to help?" His answer to me was, "keep doing what you are doing with the grassroots efforts— we need your support". My response to President Lever was, "we need help from the EANGUS side to get more members". We have set a few plans in place to make that happen. Now that the elections are behind us, let's send a note to our congresspersons to congratulate them on their elections and let them know that we need their support. We, as EANGUS and EANGUS Auxiliary members can not take sides. We need the support of all of our legislative folks. We need to be telling them what our needs are as voting members. The more they hear from us the better.

One big opportunity open to our state auxiliaries right now, is the Membership Online Program which every state can take advantage of and at no cost to them. This is a program that EANGUS has had in place for quite sometime. The way it works is for each state to decide if they want their membership dues information online. Once that decision is made at state level, we will add the state dues information to a link on the website. This will allow anyone to become a member of your state by using a credit card and EANGUS will send the names and addresses and funds received to the state auxiliary treasurer. The state will continue to send their membership roster and dues to the national treasurer by December 31st, 2006. Our national dues guidelines will remain the same. The great thing about this dues program is that it is available to anyone at anytime; day or night. When a Guardsperson signs up, he or she can sign up his or her spouse at the same time. Our membership could double in no time. That would be awesome!

EANGUS is looking at many opportunities to help support the Auxiliary. You will notice more auxiliary information in *The Patriot*, in the annual conference booklet and on the website.

The states need to make sure we have current information on the website and this will be up to the states to let our webmaster, Dianne Williams know when we need to update the information as you have elections and other changes in your own state.

If anyone has conference photos they would like to share with the Auxiliary, please let me know. We are looking for things to put in the conference book that will be distributed at the Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

We would also like any photos of things happening in your community. Is your Family Readiness Group doing something special for the families around the holidays? Take photos and send them to me. If you have units going to or coming from Iraq or any other duties, please forward those photos to us as well. We are trying to do more sharing of information and event happenings from around the states.

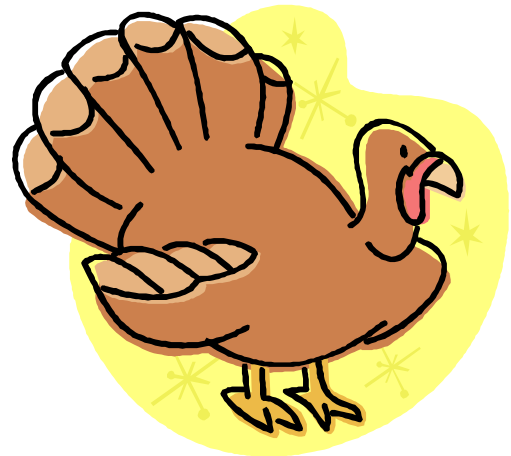
In January, I plan to attend the Area 6 & 7 Caucus to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the Area 4 Caucus in Lawrence, Kansas. I am planning to visit all the caucuses this year provided my husband's deployment schedule is not a conflict. This, of course, will come first. Kentucky, like a lot of other states, has had families saying good bye to their spouses since conference. If we have enough board members in attendance at any of these events, we will use that opportunity to have an Auxiliary Board meeting so that we can have more than one Board meeting in 2007. I agree with President Lever, that we need to meet more often; but we have to watch our budget when trying to do so.

As you know President Lever has set up a Leadership/Membership Workshop for 23-25 February 2007 in Gulfport, Mississippi at the ANG Combat Readiness Center. He has asks that all state presidents (EANGUS and Auxiliary) try to attend. The Workshop is being hosted by the Mississippi folks. The food is being prepared by some of our own EANGUS folks. A tour of the Katrina area and many other interesting plans are in the works. You do not want to miss it! EANGUS will be having a Board meeting on Sunday and Monday following the Workshop. President Lever feels it is important to meet four times a year instead of three. This time may also be another opportunity for the Auxiliary Board to meet prior to the national conference.

For the many of you that have soldiers and airmen deployed, let us hear from you. We can send care packages and cards. Family Readiness Groups will be putting together family events for the holidays. If you will have a family event at your unit and are able to take photos, please send your photos to us and we will include them in the different types of publications that are available to us. It will be interesting and encouraging for our membership to see what is happening around the states.

We also have the opportunity to place business ads in *The Patriot* for an Auxiliary fund raiser. Another fund raising opportunity would be getting vendors to set up booths at the conference specifically for the Auxiliary. This would be a great profit maker. There are many open doors for us as an organization. It is up to us to take advantage of them.

God Bless—Side by Side,
Sheila Bandy
EANGUS Auxiliary President



EANGUS Leadership/Membership
Workshop- ANG
COMBAT READINESS CENTER
Gulfport, MS
23-25 February 2007

Persons planning to attend the Leadership/Membership Workshop should schedule travel plans to arrive on Friday, 23 February and depart on Sunday, 25 February. Transportation from and to the Gulfport Airport will be available provided **advance reservations are made**. If it is necessary to depart on Saturday, please try to make your return flight arrangements for after 5 P.M.

There are 300 seats and rooms available on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of lodging will be \$25 per night. Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), will be prepared by the AR Association. EANGUS is trying to get funds donated for the meals. However, until or unless there is further notice; plan to expect meal costs to be approximately \$22 to \$25 per day.

There is no Registration fee for the Workshop. Materials required for the Workshop will be provided. Currently lodging and transportation reservations are being handled through the National office:

1.800.234.3264

The Mississippi NCO Association will host a Welcome on Friday evening. The Workshop, "How- To", "What Works Best" interactive sharing experience is slated to be held beginning Saturday at 8 A.M. until 4 P.M.

There will be group discussion on development of membership posters, brochures and other marketing tools. There will be a limited demonstration of capabilities of the new Membership Program.

EANGUS is also planning to include a tour of the Gulf Coast area for attendees.

Updated/additional information will be published as it becomes available.

Dianne C Williams
EANGUS Auxiliary Membership Chair/Webmaster





**Save your Memories!
Support the Troops!**

**Scrapbook Kits for use as a fundraiser for
your group/chapter/unit!**

Connect And Join has licensed K & Company, a top quality scrapbook manufacturer, to produce these **Patriotic and All Occasion Scrapbook Kits**. Our royalty (10% of the net sales price) will be donated to EANGUS/CAJ Fund to support Internet Connectivity for the deployed military. This fund will be used to provide complimentary **www.ConnectAndJoin.com** registration codes for the deployed serviceperson and their family. This fund will also support the various arts and crafts and computer education programs that Connect And Join is providing to the family readiness groups and chapters, which include hands-on arts and crafts and computer crafting for children of all ages.

Each Kit is featured on the www.connectandjoin.com web site, with all information for easy downloading.

Your chapter can make up to \$10.00 per kit sold in case lot quantities

Tips on selling:

The actual scrapbook sample sells this kit, plus when your campaign is finished, the kit becomes your group's own scrapbook.

1. **Order** up a sample kit for display! (Cost = \$24.99, plus \$3.78 shipping = **\$28.77**)
With this kit comes color sell sheets and order forms direct from K&Company that your group may use. **Pre-selling** is important. K & Company is offering a special sales discount to groups who order in case packs quantities (**12 pieces of the same item.**)
2. **Pre-sell** the kit by asking each customer to pre-pay their order. Advise each customer that shipping may take up to 21 days. (\$24.99 retail, add in \$2.49 for shipping for a **total of \$27.48, collect** from each customer per album purchased.)
3. **Place your order** with K&Company, either by mail, fax or phone call to their customer service department.
Prepayment by check or credit card.

1 888 244 2083 – toll free/questions Fax: 816-389-4156 K & Company, LLC
Be sure and mention Connect And Join Scrapbook Program

Save your Memories – Support the Troops

		Payment (prepaid)
1 Kit, either Patriotic or All Occasion	\$24.99, plus \$3.78 shipping = \$28.77	\$28.77 total
12 kits, either Patriotic or All Occasion	\$14.99, plus \$1.49 shipping = \$16.48,per album	197.76 per case total

Now that your EANGUS chapter has raised money from the sales of these top quality scrapbook kits, your EANGUS Chapter may decide to:

- **Fund a soldier with a Connect And Join membership during deployment**
- **Fund a family with a family member soon to be deployed, and during deployment**
- **Fund a unit with soldiers and families, set to mobilize!**

Connect And Join – offers “Cost only” rates for any EANGUS chapter who helps us achieve our goal of helping the families of the deployed stay in touch via – the Connect And Join – on-line, private – “Life at Home” communicating tool.

Membership/Subscription – Per 1 registration code – 5 users (soldier & family)

Consumer Price//Per Code	\$9.95 monthly \$119.40 Yearly
Fund a Soldier/PerCode	\$6.00 monthly \$72.00 Yearly
Fund a family/Per Code	\$6.00 monthly \$72.00 Yearly
Fund a unit/Per soldier/Per Code	\$5.00 monthly \$60.00 Yearly

To receive these special prices, you must establish an EANGUS Chapter Account with Connect and Join, and we will issue registration codes directly. Call 1 888 729 9828 for details.

A Member Benefit for all Chapters of EANGUS from Connect And Join
www.connectandjoin.com **1 888 729 9828**

Family Affairs Corner
 Information submitted
 By
 Ann Story
 Family Affairs Chair

For Immediate Release—

**NFL, NFL Europe, AFL, and CFL Football Players
 Extend & Enhance Their Sponsorship of \$200 SAT/ACT Training
 to All Families in The Armed Forces.**

After Receiving Tens of Thousands of Letters From Service Members World-Wide, A Group of NFL, NFL Europe, AFL, and CFL Football Players Extend & Enhance Their Sponsorship of \$200 SAT/ACT Training to All Families in The Armed Forces. For the second year, these players have sponsored several million dollars worth of \$199 SAT and ACT test prep programs to every family in the U.S. Military (all branches—active or retired). Specifically, the sponsorship allows any military person (active or retired) to request as many programs as they need for the students in their lives—for example a military uncle can use his military status to order a program(s) for the students in his extended family back home—any military person can request a program to help any student in his or her life. To have access to the sponsorship the person placing the request must be military (active or retired). The Department of Defense has created a secure website to quickly confirm a person's military status. Personnel can access the confirmation and request pages through several military related associations and organizations, including: The National Military Families Association, The Military Impacted School Association, The Military Child Education Collation, The Department of Defense Military Student website (www.MilitaryStudent.org), and the Military Home Front website for families (www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil), all have access to confirm military status and process the order. Programs ship to domestic U.S. addresses and APO addresses. The sponsorship covers the regular purchase price of \$199 and the family pays only the S&H. The programs have a one-year license and are intended for the sole individual use of students on their personal home or laptop computer and are not intended for group or classroom instruction through the schools. Requests to receive the sponsored program can be placed now on the website or over the phone.

A Sampling of Letters Received

"My friend, Kristine, purchased this program and she went from an 1800 on a practice test to a 2360 on the actual SAT! (IVY LEAGUE!) She was telling me about the program a few months back and ... I jumped at the opportunity to get a program for myself." -*Raymond Castillo*

"This is our second time ordering the donated program -- first child is in college. He took the SAT and did very well, thanks in great part to the SAT CD from eKnowledge. Thank you for making this available to us. We appreciate it very much." -*Kevin Paddock*

About Victory Sports Group

The Victory Sports Group represents Mark and other NFL, NFL Europe, AFL, and CFL football players. VSG is the sports agency section of the Enslin, Pinkston and Courtney, LLP law firm—an international, full-service sports agency/firm. Some of the football players that have contributed to this sponsorship are: Jon Bradley, Scott Young, Garrick Jones, Corey Williams, Jason Radar, Ahmaad Galloway, Dominique Dunbar, Kelly Johnson, Elgin Hicks, Kevin Breedlove, and Tim Blackwell.

About eKnowledge LLC

eKnowledge LLC provides online and DVD/CD-ROM e-learning products and services. The company specializes in the custom design of interactive programs utilizing rich media.

About The SAT/ACT Power Prep DVD/CD-ROM Programs

The SAT & ACT test prep training programs come in either a single DVD or two CD-ROM sets and includes more than eleven (11) hours of training video and 25-40 hours of student participation—They can be used as a stand-alone complete course or as a supplement to other SAT & ACT prep materials. The students select the training they most need and can study at their own pace by picking which of the 120 video lessons they want to view. The program also provides progress tracking and much more

To view a flyer that has been made to assist in the effort, please go to: <http://sat.eknowledge.com/military.asp>

How Military Families Request The \$199 Programs

A military person visits <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil> to confirm their military status through the secure Department of Defense main Database. That website will then forward the person to the sponsorship order page where they can request the programs. The sponsorship will cover the \$199.99 cost for the program. The families pay only the s/h of \$9.95.

Questions: Please contact: Brandon Chatham - bchatham@eknowledge.com - 951-256-4076



**Enlisted Association National Guard of the United States
36th Annual Conference
Oklahoma EANGUS 2007 Round Up
Oklahoma City, OK
12 - 15 August 2007**



Registration Information						
Title/Rank	First Name	MI	Last Name	Unit		
Address			City	State	Zip Code	E-Mail @
Home Phone () -	Work () -	Fax () -		Cell () -		
Military Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Active	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired	<input type="checkbox"/> Civilian			
<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Guard/Reserve		<input type="checkbox"/> Military Technician			
EANGUS Membership Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Life <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate						
Registration Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Attendee	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Guest	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor Company Name						
Name for Badge		Guest/Spouse Name:		Guest Name for Badge:		

Cost/Function List			
Payment for these events must be included with this registration!	Quantity	Cost	Cost Total
Number registering for Inclusive Functions on or before 31 July 2007:		x \$85.00	
Number registering for Inclusive Functions After 31 July 2007:		x \$100.00	
NO REFUND AFTER 01 AUGUST 2007.		TOTAL	

Inclusive Functions: Registration cost includes admission to the events listed below. Please indicate how many will attend each event:

() Welcome Night (Sunday)	() Auxiliary Luncheon (Tuesday)
() All Area Hospitality Night (Tuesday)	() All States Banquet (Wednesday)

Payment Information - Make checks and money orders payable to Oklahoma EANGUS 2007 Round Up, Inc.

<input type="checkbox"/> Cash/Money	<input type="checkbox"/> Check #	<input type="checkbox"/> Verification Code	Month	Year

Accommodation Information/Reservation Information below

Hotel:	Check-In Date:	Check-Out Date:
Room Choices: <input type="checkbox"/> Share <input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking	<input type="checkbox"/> King Bed <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Double Beds
<input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped Accessible If you are sharing a room with someone, who are they:		
If not staying at Hotel where are you staying:		

Credit Card Information for Hotel Deposit

<input type="checkbox"/> Cash/Money	<input type="checkbox"/> Check #	<input type="checkbox"/> Verification Code	Month	Year

Flight Information

Arrival Information:	Date	Airline	Flight #	Time
Departing Information:				



LEGISLATIVE NEWS; UPDATES AND OTHER INFORMATION

(Contains some reprints from EANGUS Minuteman Update)

America voted and the election results are in. The Democrats have taken control of the House and the 110th session of Congress will have its first ever woman Speaker of the House. Also looks like we may end up with a Democratic majority on the Senate side as well. Other big news is the resignation of the Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld. President Bush has nominated former CIA Chief, Robert Gates as Mr. Rumsfeld's successor. The Senate will have to confirm Mr. Gates' nomination before he can officially assume the position as the next Secretary of Defense.

National Guard & Reserve Deployment Dental FAQs

United Concordia has been getting a lot of calls lately from spouses of activated National Guard & Reserve sponsors who are confused about their dental benefits. Many of them think that since they've signed up for TRICARE medical, they automatically have TRICARE dental coverage. That's not true. United Concordia has put together a FAQs sheet to help deploying National Guard & Reserve sponsors and their families better understand the dental program. This FAQs sheet will be posted on their web site in the near future (www.TRICAREdentalprogram.com).

VA Services for Returning Combat Veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom –

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has developed special programs to serve the nation's newest veterans -- the men and women who served in Iraq and Afghanistan -- by assisting them with a smooth transition from active duty to civilian life. VA's goal is to ensure that every seriously injured or ill serviceman and woman returning from combat receives easy access to benefits and world-class service. Combat veterans have special health care eligibility. Their contact with VA often begins with priority scheduling for care and, for the most seriously wounded, VA counselors visiting their bedside in military wards before separation to ensure their VA disability payment coverage will be ready the moment they leave active duty. Through enhanced programs and new policies, VA is striving to ensure it holds open the doors to a seamless transition from soldier to citizen.

Mail Early to Meet Postal Deadlines !!

Postal workers advise all those sending holiday packages overseas to obey official holiday mail-by deadlines to guarantee timely delivery. Pre-addressed, printable, postage paid APO/FPO address labels are available at the United States Postal Service's Click-N-Ship? web-site, and free packing materials are available by calling 1-800-610-8734. DOD mailing guidelines require use of the servicemember's full name, return address, military organization or unit, APO/FPO address and the nine-digit ZIP code, if one is assigned. For further answers to your mailing questions please contact (800) ASK-USPS or the Military Postal Agency at 1-800-810-6098.

You may want to include some of the following "reminders of home" in a care package to your soldier or airman:

- newspaper articles (local/national) magazines; photos; videos of child drawing; leaves from the yard
- a video of relatives, friends and neighbors sending greetings.

Items that you may want to avoid to use the space for other items include: Beef jerky, baby wipes and foot powder. These are readily available at the PX.

Remaining mail-by deadlines:

Priority mail and First Class letters: 11 December 2006
Express mail: 19 December 2006

The following websites offer help with gifts to the military.

www.amillionthanks.org
www.treatthetroops.org
www.operationcareandcomfort.org
www.packedwithpride.com
www.heartsacrossthemiles.org
www.asoldierswishlist.org
www.give2thetroops.org

2006 Army National Guard Keepsake Ornament Now Available

11/01/2006 - Army National Guard



The 2006 Army National Guard Keepsake Ornament

WASHINGTON -

The 2006 Army National Guard Keepsake Ornament is now available for purchase through the Army National Guard Readiness Center. Sales benefit the Army National Guard Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Program.

The Army National Guard is an organization with great pride and is one of this country's most enduring institutions. Born in 1636 out of a need to defend themselves in the New World, today's Guard continues its legacy by protecting our communities and country.

With this keepsake ornament, we commemorate the sacrifices and accomplishments of our Army National Guard Family in our 370th year. Our personnel continue to successfully deal with stresses and display heroism during the largest wartime call-up since the 1940s. Simultaneously, they led the way on the Gulf Coast in the largest natural disaster support operation ever. In missions around the globe the men and women of the Army National Guard serve not only in defense of freedom, but also as a beacon of hope and goodwill to those in need throughout the world.

Our Citizen Soldiers come to the aid of their countrymen in times of need at home. They willingly and selflessly put their boots on the ground in combat zones to defend freedom abroad. Their extraordinary service is often rendered at tremendous cost. Army National Guard Soldiers, far from home and family, always know that the call to duty can sometimes only be answered by the ultimate sacrifice—and yet they still answer. Such generosity and devotion to serve is what gives life in America its highest qualities. This country and her ideals thrive because of patriots like these in each generation who step forward to do the demanding work of a free society.

Our Soldiers are able to do their heroic work because they are in turn supported by heroes—our Families. We recognize the selfless daily sacrifices Army National Guard Families have given this country for more than 300 years. It is a debt we cannot repay. Their unwavering support helps this organization maintain the level of readiness that is crucial to our Soldiers and successful missions.

As we mark our 370th birthday we hold in our hearts and remember in our prayers our loved ones deployed and departed. We remain forever grateful to those who strive to secure a future where all is calm, all is bright for generations to come.

We are American Soldiers. We proudly represent the United States of America and are honored to serve, in every way, the citizens of this great Nation. With an unparalleled legacy of defending freedom, we confidently assert — you and your family can sleep well tonight because the Army National Guard is... *always ready, always there.*

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Ornaments are \$10.00 each.

**To get the 2006 Army National Guard Keepsake Ornament
mail your order to:**

**Karen Holly
NGB-ARZ
111 South George Mason Drive
Arlington, VA 22204-1382**

Make checks payable to "MWR".

AREA/STATE NEWS; CARES/CONCERNS

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

Area Caucus -**23 March 2007**.
Connecticut State Conference- **24 March 2007**.

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

The Area II Mini-Conference will be held **2-4 February 2007**; Holiday Inn-Capital; 550 C Street S. W.; Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: 202.479.4000.

EANGKY State Conference will be held **16-17 February 2007**; Lexington, KY; Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel.
Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Jenny Lainhart

Area III – AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VI

Cares/concerns:

Kathye Jackson—husband (**Bob**) had a medical procedure.

Starr Boatright, AL announced in their state newsletter, *The Southern Touch*, that a revised membership form has been distributed. They offer members the opportunity to earn AL Membership Pins (Bronze-3 members; Silver-2 members and Gold-10 members) as an incentive for recruiting new members.

The Georgia Town Cryer reports an addition to their Member Recruiting Incentive Program. The newest AEANGGA recruiting incentive is a **Gift Card**. Exclusive AEANGGA coupons are distributed to members and may be redeemed for their face value in a Gift Card for recruiting 3, 6 and/or 10 members.

Area III 2007 State Conferences and Area III Caucus

Alabama – **12-14 April**; Huntsville, AL
Florida - **9-12 August**; Rosen Plaza Hotel; Orlando, FL
Georgia -**20-22 April**; Holiday Inn Hotel; Valdosta GA,
South Carolina - **23-25 March**; Sheraton Hotel
Myrtle Beach, S C
Tennessee - **23-25 March**; Knoxville, TN

Area III Caucus

04-05 May; Baypoint Resort Marriott Hotel; Panama City Beach, Florida.

Dianne Williams

Area IV- AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Cares/concerns to:

Albert Blackwell— had a surgical procedure.
Jackie McGilton— recuperating from a surgical procedure.

Area IV- AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Cares/concerns to:

Misti Heston sends thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, telephone calls and emails of concern as she continues to recover.

Hello from Arkansas,

The Holidays are here so let me be one of the first to wish all of you a Safe and Blessed Holiday time.
My home computer decided to act up once again and it just now back on track. I feel that I have missed e-mails. My emails were not been going, even though I thought they were. My apologies and I will make every effort to touch base with all of you.

I hope you have marked your calendars for the Mid-Winter in January.

On a personal note: My husband and I are the proud grandparents of a healthy, blond, blue-eyed baby boy. He is the first grandson in the “Troy” family in 26 years. Now the family name will be carried on. My husband is on cloud nine!

Continue to pray for our troops, our families, our auxiliaries and one another. Thank You for all that you do and will continue to do.

Hope Troy

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

Nancy Volmer is the new state auxiliary president for South Dakota.

Her contact information is:
4117 Timothy St; Rapid City SD, 57702
Telephone: 605.431.6989
nancyvolmer@hotmail.com

Change in email address—

Sandy Hiltner has a change in her email address: It is now sandyhiltner@nemont.net

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

Cares/concerns to:

Lorraine Miller's cousin, **Will Mock** passed away in Iraq; 22 October.

Area VII – AK, CA, GM, HI, OR, WA

Cares/concerns to:

Marsha Stark— husband has been ill.
He is recuperating.



THANKSGIVING

T..... is for our thankfulness for many joys and blessings...

H.....is for our homes so warm and bright...

A.....is for autumn, time for harvest and abundance...

N..... is for nature's beauty and delight...

K..... is for the kitchens where good food is cooked with love...

S.....is for spicy fragrances in the air...

G..... is for the gathering of family and friends...

I..... is for the inheritance we share...

V..... is for the vision that the Pilgrims held so dear...

I..... is for high ideals in all they planned...

N.....is for our native country brave and great and free...

G....is for God's great goodness to our land.

~~Author Unknown~~



Subject: Politically Correct

*A nonpartisan joke that can be enjoyed by both parties!
Not only that.....It is Politically Correct!!*

While walking down the street one day a US Senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies.

His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

"Welcome to heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in," says the man.

"Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

"Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven," says the Senator.

"I'm sorry, but we have our rules."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people.

They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises...

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit heaven."

So, 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

"Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity."

The Senator reflects for a minute, then he answers: "Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage.

He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. "I don't understand," stammers the Senator. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil looks at him, smiles and says, "**Yesterday we were campaigning..... Today you voted.**"

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