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Dear Members,

I would like to thank those that gave me volunteer sheets at the conference. I am in the process of completing the roster of committee chairs and committee members. It will be posted in the November *Signal*.

*The Signal* publication is mailed and emailed to many of our folks as well as others outside of the Auxiliary and is now also available on the website. We can mail a hard copy each month (does not include the month of August due to conference duties) for a one year subscription fee of \$15 to cover the printing and postage.

On 27-29 October, I will be attending the first EANGUS Executive Board Meeting with the newly elected President Lever at the helm. I think you will be pleased with all of his ideas for the Auxiliary; we have had phone conversations in reference to the future Auxiliary. Included in this issue is the Auxiliary president's report that I will present to the Executive Board. I will also give each EANGUS Area Director a packet which will include our auxiliary membership information and the specific area director for that area in hopes that we will continue our team effort to work side by side and recruit new members and retain current members.

Our goal is to charter the remaining states to the Auxiliary so as to have 100% participation which enhances our grassroots efforts on Capitol Hill. Director Spitz is very excited about her recent request from the state of Indiana, (a combined state association) to help them organize an auxiliary for the first time.

If your state is in need of our help to re-energize or to create a new auxiliary and you are not sure what you need to do, please feel free to get in touch with me, our POC for New and Re-organizing auxiliaries or one of our area directors. We have an awesome group of hard working area directors that are willing to help. We have different types of recruiting tools available and will visit your area upon request (time available)—we will do what we can to accommodate you.

Once again, I want to remind everyone that our annual Legislative Workshop has been rescheduled for October 2007. EANGUS has scheduled a Membership Workshop in February in Gulfport, MS. Everyone is welcome to attend. Mississippi is planning a state auxiliary meeting at the same time and I am looking forward to visiting with them. The Auxiliary Executive Board meeting will be held June 8-10 in Oklahoma City, OK at the Site Visit for our 2007 national conference; August 10-15.

Looking ahead, the 2008 National Conference will be in Savannah, GA. Montana has been discussed for a site visit in regards to the 2009 National Conference. If you have not attended a national conference, plan to attend one. As we come together with all of the states, you will see the big picture as to why it is important for our states to continue to work hard for our accomplishments.

Those in attendance at the 2006 Conference met Frank Yoakum and Brenda Bowen from the EANGUS office. They are very supportive in making sure our Auxiliary web link is up and running and kept accurate. They have recently given Dianne Williams the rights to update the website for us and we are fortunate to have someone like Dianne on our team with the computer knowledge to keep us up to date. Technology is wonderful if you know how to use it. Thanks Dianne.

The latest addition to the web link will be the opportunity for our states to be able to join the EANGUS Auxiliary on line when their spouse joins and to renew their membership on line as well. EANGUS is willing to forward the funds to the state if received from a member on line and then it will be the state's responsibility to forward that membership to our national treasurer prior to December 31 for the next calendar year. This is a voluntary gesture to help us grow in membership without much effort at all. We as volunteers can not be everywhere and what better way to have visibility out there at all times for anyone who has a computer. There is no charge to the auxiliary but another way EANGUS is trying to support us and be side by side.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact me at our toll free number 1-800-230-8221 or you can reach me at my cell 502-773-4055. My email address is also available [sheilabandy@aol.com](mailto:sheilabandy@aol.com)

Thanks to all for your support.

Side by Side  
Sheila Bandy  
EANGUS Auxiliary President

EANGUS Auxiliary Report  
Sheila E Bandy, President



EANGUS Executive Council Meeting  
Oct 28, 2006 – Alexandria, VA

- Fall issue of the New Patriot - complete conference report on the Auxiliary activities in Salt Lake City, Utah to include a listing of our 2006-07 Executive Board.
  - We have two brand new Directors on our Executive Board:
    1. Virginia Ericson, AZ; Area VI Director
    2. Marsha Stark, CA; Area VII Director
- September and October 2006 issues of THE SIGNAL have been published and distributed.
  - Dianne Williams is Editor and Sheila Bandy continues to be the Publisher.
  - The newsletter is available through email and from the Auxiliary web link.
  - Subscriptions are available at \$15.00 per year for a hard copy.
- 2006-07 Legislative: Peggy Leadbetter, OH is the Legislative Chair:
  - 6,000 contacts have been made in the year 2006.
  - Auxiliary Plans are to attend the Legislative workshop in Oct 2007.
- Auxiliary Committee Appointments/Assignments:
  - Most appointments are still in place with my re- election except two:
 

Conference Coordinator - Dianne Williams	Chaplain - Kathy Jackson
Awards Chair –*Sandra Morse	Sgt- at -Arms - Pat Reed, Ann Hart
Constitution - Nancy McDowell	Ways & Means - Hazel Holt
Scholarship - Doris Williams	Finance – Rita Brown
Life Membership Chair –Sara Hendricks	Membership Chair- Dianne Williams
Rules & Credentials - Lorraine Miller	Historian - Elwanda Garritson
Family Affairs – *Ann Story	Fund Raisers - Kelli Ten Hulzen
  - \*Due to the illness of Mildred Geary, the Awards Chair is now Sandra Morse.
  - \*Ann Story has volunteered to be the Family Affairs Chair.
- 2006 Conference:
  - The Conference in Salt Lake had its ups and downs. Overall things went well. An AAR has been prepared by the Conference Coordinator Dianne Williams and the Utah Auxiliary in hopes to make a difference in future conferences.
  - As this was an election year, our previous Secretary, Vivian Taylor is now our Vice President. New to the Board this year is Sandra Morse, Secretary. Sandy Hiltner was re elected as Treasurer and I was re elected as President. Delegates and attendees had more time to visit Salt Lake City. Meetings were held in a reasonable time frame.
  - We had several guest speakers with good messages for all.
  - We were pleased to have 20+ first timers in our Sunday First Timers Meeting. Hawaii and Alaska were in attendance for the first time ever.
  - We were able to present Auxiliary charters to West Virginia, Hawaii, & MA. DC. Title 10 will receive their new charter in Oklahoma City, OK.
  - 200+ members and guests attended the annual Auxiliary Luncheon and Awards Program. Everyone enjoyed the Olympic Bobsled Team's message, Shauna Rohbock and Valerie Fleming. We observed the beautiful voice of Whitney Wooley

Lane which included her personal message on patriotism and how she supports the National Guard.

- We were honored to have so many special guests take time from their busy schedule to speak at our General Session meetings. EANGUS and its Auxiliary worked together to include the Auxiliary awards to EANGUS members at the Banquet.
- EANGUS Auxiliary President was included as truly a side by side partner at the Sunday Opening Session from the beginning to the end. The Auxiliary's message included the song, God Bless the USA sung by Ben Jackson which brought the crowd to their feet with tears of pride for what we do as a joint organization to support our guard members and their families.
- Ways and Means Chair, Hazel Holt reports the total profits for the Silent Auction was \$2609.00. This was very low compared to other years and many of the folks did not pick up their items or pay for them at the conference. This is one of the main profit makers for the auxiliary and a lot of hard work goes into this portion of the conference.

There were many positive comments in regards to this year's conference.

Our strategy began immediately to bring the states together that are not currently chartered to our organization. Area Directors of the Auxiliary have been working on the communication with the states in their area that are not chartered. We have Area Directors and State Presidents for all areas working together to give feedback to the Executive Board.

As of today, since the national conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, we have chartered and/or re chartered the following states: Title 10 and Delaware. We appreciate the support of the EANGUS members that helped to make this happen.

➤ **2007 Goals:**

Dianne Williams, our Webmaster is working on the Ways and Means Committee with the hopes of getting our website the support it needs to become a profitable one.

Frank Yoakum and Brenda Bowen have been very instrumental with Dianne Williams in regards to current information being included on the EANGUS Website/Auxiliary Link and the newest opportunity to open the website up for auxiliary memberships for any of our state auxiliaries. This would be beneficial to help the auxiliary to grow.

**In Closing:**

As an Auxiliary, we plan to stand side by side with EANGUS and support the grassroots efforts. We look forward to the plans that President Lever has in mind for the Auxiliary as his message to the general membership was very well-received.

I would like to once again thank President Brown for all his accomplishments for this auxiliary and the great lengths he went to make it possible for us to have an auxiliary coin and all the side by side events that we have in place with his continuous support.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila E. Bandy  
EANGUS Auxiliary President

## Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Auxiliary Minutes of the Second General Session Wednesday, August 23, 2006

*[Memo for the Record: Minutes are composed in past tense and recorded what was done. Speakers, imperative information, and reports are streamlined; otherwise, if necessary, only reports are replicated. All motions in these minutes are composed verbatim and the Secretary edits motions for spell check only. Secretary's personal opinion is not deemed in the minutes. (Robert's Rules of Order newly revised 10<sup>th</sup> Edition)]*

President Sheila Bandy made this statement before the second general session was called to order: "There was an incident last night and things have been removed from the meeting room including Conference books and delegate strips, candy bars and other items. At this time we do not know any other details."

**The second general session of the Thirty-third (33<sup>rd</sup>) Annual Conference was called to order by President Sheila Bandy at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2006, in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Salt Palace Convention Center, Ballroom I-J.**

1. **Call to Order** – Sheila Bandy, President
2. **Invocation** – Kathy Jackson, Chaplain
3. **Pledge to the Flag and National Anthem** –  
President Sheila Bandy stated that these would be dispensed with as this day was a continuation of the meeting.
4. **Opening Remarks** – Sheila Bandy, President  
President Sheila Bandy recognized first time attendees. She also recognized Past President Mary Galberth who was attending the Wednesday session. President Bandy thanked Past President Campbell for her *Side by Side* assistance during the Conference.
5. **Roll Call** – Vivian Taylor, Secretary  
President Sheila Bandy stated there would be no roll call; instead Credentials and Rules would note changes.
6. **Credentials and Rules** – Lorraine Miller, Chair  
One hundred three (103) delegates and forty-one (41) proxies; reflected a change for Utah, 4 delegates and two proxies. [There were also 5 officers and 12 area directors present; total of 161.]
7. **EANGUS Publication Awards** – SFC Debbi Newton  
SFC Newton noted that the newsletters were good with very few points' difference between them. She allowed the winner to hold on to the perpetual plaque until end of Conference when it was to be transported back to the Auxiliary office in the EANGUS building.  
**Area Winners** (Category 7):
  1. *The Southern Drawl* – Area III
  2. *Area V Is Alive* – Area V**State Winners** (Category 6):
  1. *The Prairie Rose* – North Dakota
  2. *The Georgia Town Cryer* – Georgia
  3. *Angels Take Flight for the Red, White, and Blue* – Mississippi
  4. *Bucky's Auxiliary News* – Wisconsin**Overall Winner:** *The Prairie Rose* – North Dakota
8. **Guest** – Tammy Collins, Convention Services Manager  
President Bandy expressed thanks to Tammy Collins for her assistance with the Conference facilities.  
  
President Bandy presented a memento to Tammy Collins.
9. **Ronald McDonald House** – Peggy Leadbetter, Philanthropic Chair  
Chair Leadbetter noted that more than 600 pounds of tabs had been collected. With proceeds from recycled tabs and donations, she presented a check for three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to Lisa Burbidge, the representative from Salt Lake City Ronald McDonald Houses, and noted that over 120 pounds of toiletries were also being donated to the local Ronald McDonald houses. Lisa thanked the Auxiliary for the donation. She stated that this would allow the three (3) Ronald McDonald houses in Salt Lack City to provide assistance to families with medical difficulties. Lisa reported that the houses had been full all summer, accommodating forty-five (45) families who

had children with a variety of medical issues: Down's Syndrome; Halo; farm accident; preemies; and other routine medical problems and accidents. Lisa noted that the house cost sixty dollars (\$60.00) per night but the family is only required to pay ten dollars (\$10.00) per night.

- 10. Mississippi Auxiliary Resolution** – Paulette McLeod, Mississippi Auxiliary Resolutions Chair  
Mississippi Auxiliary Resolutions Chair Paulette McLeod read Mississippi Auxiliary Resolution Number 2006 - 1 which expressed appreciation to the Guardsmen from all the states and territories who provided assistance following Hurricane Katrina and gratitude and appreciation for the devotion and integrity of Guard families serving both stateside and globally.

**11. Committee Reports:**

**a. Ways and Means** – Hazel Holt, Chair

Income from 2006 Silent Auction	\$2,609.00
Boutique	\$ 156.00

Chair Holt noted there were numerous items not paid for and picked up by both Auxiliary and Association members. She stated that those items had bids that totaled \$732.00; she and her Committee had packed items for storage and inclusion in the 2007 Silent Auction at Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Chair Holt reminded members that the Silent Auction must close at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday due to need for clearing the exhibit hall. She asked members to turn in Silent Auction items by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon to give maximum time to bid on items.

EANGUS Silent Auction Total	\$ 570.00
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Report was given and no action was required.

**b. Burden Bears** – Ruth Quam, Chair

The Committee met on Wednesday, August 23, 2006.

The first Burden Bear was presented on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 to President Sheila Bandy, Kentucky.

The remaining Burden Bears were presented to:

Mildred Geary, Mississippi	Vicki Kirby, Louisiana
Senior Airman Katie McGuire, South Dakota	Lloyd Enke, Missouri
Lucy Jones, Tennessee	Shirley Ritter, Mississippi

Burden Bears were to be delivered by their state attendees to those individuals who were not in attendance.

Report was given and no action was required.

**c. Chaplain** – Kathye Jackson, Chaplain

Forty-seven (47) cards were sent for the year. Thirty (30) of those cards were get well cards, sixteen (16) were sympathy cards, and one (1) was a birthday card. Chaplain Jackson received three (3) responses from those cards. Chaplain Jackson sent eight (8) e-mails: six (6) were get well and two (2) were for encouragement. She also received three (3) responses from the e-mails. Chaplain Jackson donated postage expense. Chaplain Jackson expressed thanks to Ann Hart, Sandy Reid, Sheila Bandy, Dianne Williams, Sara Hendricks, Sandy Hiltner, and Marlys List for their assistance in getting information to her.

Report was given and no action was required.

**d. Continuity** – Brooks Marr, Chair

*Senior Signal* – two issues were sent, one after Christmas and one before Conference. Six hundred fifty (650) copies were mailed. Nine (9) were returned for incorrect address. Chair Marr asked members to notify her when there were address changes. She stated that she had received notes from several members expressing thanks for information contained in the *Senior Signal*. Chair Marr expressed thanks to Finance Committee for increasing amount for the *Senior Signal* in the budget since postage rates had increased.

Report was given and no action was required.

**e. Constitution** – Nancy McDowell, Chair

The Constitution Committee met on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. at the Salt Palace Convention Center, Ballroom I-J. No proposals were submitted to the Committee for consideration.

Report was given and no action was required.

**f. Family Affairs** – Lucretia Barbee, Chair

Contributions to *The Signal* were made throughout the year; these contained information

which would be helpful to families. Chair Barbee stated that the challenge to work Side by Side with Family Programs at the national level is ongoing. She noted that each state should build their own Side by Side partnerships. She invited members to share anything that is working to be included in *The Signal*.

Report was given and no action was required.

**g. History Highlights** – Vivian Taylor, Secretary

Secretary Taylor noted that the entire history was made available last year; this year that history was made available to the first time attendees. She reported that the history update from the 2006 Conference would be available by e-mail.

Report was given and no action was required.

**h. Historian** – Elwanda Garritson, Chair

Chair noted that the history books were displayed on table in rear of room. Chair asked members to note the picture of the late Sonny Montgomery, referred to as Mr. National Guard. Chair Garritson expressed thanks to President Sheila Bandy, Brooks Marr, Marlys List, and Shirley Bogdan for submitting pictures for the history book.

Report was given and no action was required.

**i. Life Membership** – Sara Hendricks, Chair

Lifetime Membership Committee Report was printed in the Conference book on page 49. Chair Hendricks noted that the number 600 will be the next life member number and she encouraged members to hurry to claim it.

Chair Hendricks noted that the new life member form has the EANGUS Auxiliary logo on it and from this date forward submissions on any other forms will be returned for resubmission.

Chair Hendricks expressed thanks to Bryan Birch, EANGUS office; Marlys List; and Myrtle Hollman for their assistance in locating historical state documents.

Report was given and no action was required.

**j. Public Relations** – Vivian Taylor, Chair

Chair noted that she had asked Board members to develop a brief bio that could be used by members to promote Auxiliary meetings when Board members were guests at the meeting and was aware that several did so.

Chair encouraged Board members to provide an informational article about the annual

EANGUS Conference held in 2006 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair provided a sample news release to Board members via e-mail. Chair Taylor noted that she had received three (3) replies to that request.

Chair Taylor reported that she had written an SOP for the Public Relations Committee which had been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting on Monday afternoon, August 21, 2006.

Report was given and no action was required.

**k. Administrative Announcements** – Vivian Taylor, Secretary

- Photographer available at the banquet; advanced digital imaging—5X7, \$10; 8X10, \$15.
- Area V requested members return the small Area V and Auxiliary flags used during the opening ceremony on Sunday afternoon.
- Area IV Mid-Winter Conference forms were available from Glenda Bosse, KS; cost of registration thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) before end of August, forty dollars (\$40.00) after that date.
- Members asked to please sign the CALL letters distributed by the sergeants at arms; these will be hand-delivered to the Capitol.
- Vice-President Carol Benda had forms with information about free computers for deploying soldiers.
- Donations for the Sonny Montgomery memorial should be given to Treasurer Hiltner.
- Names of state guests should be written and given to Secretary; forms available if needed.
- Auxiliary afghan for sale for thirty-five dollars (\$35.00); money and address for shipping to be given to Treasurer Hiltner.
- Drawings on raffles to be at the all states dinner.
- Door prizes—pick up after meeting has adjourned.
- Sergeants at Arms distributed tickets during the meeting; these tickets were for the Utah gifts drawing.
- Ronald McDonald pop tab collection boxes were available free on table in back of meeting room.

- I. Legislative – Peggy Leadbetter, Chair**  
 Legislative report on pages 47-48 in Conference book.  
 Awards were presented on Tuesday at the Auxiliary Luncheon. Betty Hagerman, Arkansas, who was at the Silent Auction working at that time was presented her award. Chair Leadbetter noted that the numbers attributed to Betty were, in fact, a group effort from Arkansas Auxiliary members regularly gathering to do legislative letters. Cut-off date for legislative report was July 15. Chair encouraged members to add contacts after that date to next year's report.  
 Report was given and no action was required.
- m. Scholarship – Doris Williams, Chair**  
 Chair Williams reported the Scholarship Committee met on August 21, 2006 in the Salt Palace Convention Center, Ballroom I-J with two members present: Doris Williams, Mississippi, Chair and Marlys List, South Dakota.  
 Chair distributed printed report which indicated two states submitted a total of three applications. One application could not be considered. The number one applicant selected will receive a scholarship funded by USAA in the amount of \$1,000.00. The second place applicant will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00:
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| 1. Keiran K. Speirs<br>Rapid City, South Dakota<br>Sponsor, Lori H. Speirs | 2. Robin E. Breland<br>Vicksburg, Mississippi<br>Sponsor, Marianne Breland |
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- The Committee recommended that the number one ranked applicant for the 2007-2008 year receive the scholarship donated by USAA and that five (5) scholarships in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) each be given by the Auxiliary if the funds are available.  
 The Committee recommended that the two dollars (\$2.00) donation per member continue to be paid to the Scholarship Fund by December 31<sup>st</sup> by each state Auxiliary. Chair Williams noted the difference in the amount of the scholarship item in the proposed 2007 budget. Finance Chair Brown and President Bandy stated that the recommendation from the Steering Committee to the Finance Committee was to increase the amount of the scholarships given to at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) with one scholarship in the amount of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00).  
 Kathy Jackson, Tennessee, moved the acceptance of the report of the Scholarship Committee. The report was accepted.
- n. Finance – Rita Brown, Chair**  
 Finance Committee recommended that the 2007 budget be adopted as printed. Minnie Sosa, New Mexico, seconded.  
 There being majority in favor the 2007 budget was adopted.
- o. Guests – Frank Yoakum and Brenda Bowen, EANGUS**  
 Frank and Brenda answered questions from members about the CALL, web-site, e-mail list, and provision of sample letter on web-site comparable to the sample that NGAUS offers. They thanked Dianne Williams for her assistance with Auxiliary information on the EANGUS web-site and stated that she would soon have access to enter the information herself. They said that a sample letter similar to that offered by NGAUS could be added to the EANGUS web-site. They recognized the California delegation and thanked California for their successful effort to have Senator Barbara Boxer join the Senate National Guard Caucus.
- p. Membership (Drawing/Some Presentations) – Dianne Williams, Chair**  
**Membership Drawing:** Vivian Taylor, Mississippi  
 Suzie Stewart, Mississippi  
 Marie Brabham, Florida
- Membership Awards to States:**  
**States with 1-25 members**  
*Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Annual Members*  
 1. Nebraska  
 2. Kentucky  
*Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Life Members*  
 1. Georgia and Minnesota tied for first  
 2. California  
*Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Associate Members*

1. Alabama
2. Kentucky

#### States with 26-75 members

##### *Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Annual Members*

1. Florida
2. North Dakota

##### *Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Life Members*

1. Wisconsin
2. South Dakota

##### *Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Associate Members*

1. Arkansas

#### States with 76 plus members

##### *Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Annual Members*

1. Mississippi

##### *Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Life Members*

1. Mississippi

Others recognized for membership recruitment in addition to Vivian Taylor, Mississippi, who received the Membership Award at the Luncheon: Marie Brabham and Deana Hewitt, Florida; Suzie Stewart, Mississippi; Betty Johnson, Virginia; and Gloria Cooley, Mississippi.

Report was given and no action was required.

#### q. **Nominations (Results of Area Directors' elections)** – Jenny Lainhart, Chair

Area I – Vacant

Area II – Peggy Leadbetter

Area III – Dianne Williams

Area IV – Hope Troy

Area V – Shirley Spitz

Area VI – Virginia Ericson

Area VII – Marsha Stark

Report was given and no action was required.

#### r. **Philanthropic** – Peggy Leadbetter, Chair

States who turned in most pop tabs:

1. Arizona – 211 pounds
2. Minnesota – 129 pounds
3. Arkansas – 97 pounds
4. California – 86 pounds

Oklahoma donated one free registration for the 2007 Conference to the winning state of Arizona.

Individuals who turned in most pop tabs:

1. Daphne Robinette, Arizona – 163 pounds
2. Hope Troy, Arkansas – 70 pounds
3. Marsha Stark, California – 67 pounds
4. Mary Hensell, Arizona – 46 pounds

Total weight of collected tabs before Conference 312 pounds

Tabs sold locally and proceeds given to local Ronald McDonald Houses.

Total weight of collected tabs at Conference 290 pounds

Total weight of collected tabs for 2006 602 pounds

Total weight of collected tabs for 2005 872 pounds

Total weight of collected tabs at Conference sold to local recycler for \$.70 per pound \$203.00

Amount turned in at Conference for tabs already recycled plus donations \$ 97.00

Total presented to Ronald McDonald Representative \$300.00

Fewer pop tabs were collected this year than last, but the price per pound this year was more, so the Auxiliary donated more to the Ronald McDonald House in 2006.

Total weight of collected toiletries was 124 pounds. These toiletries were donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Salt Lake City. California also donated 30 pounds of toiletries to a Ronald McDonald House in California.

Chair Leadbetter expressed thanks to those who assisted her on the philanthropic

project:

Karen Evans, Utah, made contact with the recyclers  
 Jennifer Spencer and daughters, Utah  
 Terry Howard, New York  
 Paula Carrigan, Mississippi  
 CMSgt Howard Loveridge, Utah Air National Guard, transportation of pop tabs  
 MSG Joe Bowen, Utah Army National Guard, transportation of pop tabs

Report was given and no action was required.

**s. Resolutions** – Shirley Bogdan, Chair

Six resolutions expressing appreciation were adopted for 2006:

1. Utah National Guard Enlisted Association and its Auxiliary – recognition for conducting the 2006 Conference.
2. Sheila Bandy – recognition of work as editor of *The Signal*.
3. Dianne C. Williams – recognition of work in editing, mailing, printing, and e-mailing *The Signal*.
4. Hazel Holt – recognition of work as chair of the Ways and Means Committee.
5. The Retention Center – recognition of time and resources donated to print, free of charge, 300 copies of the 2006 Conference book.
6. Sheila Bandy – leadership as Auxiliary President.

Chair Bogdan moved the adoption of resolutions 2006-1 through 2006-6; Past President Debra Campbell seconded. Resolutions 2006-1 through 2006-6 were adopted.

**t. Elections** – Jenny Lainhart, Chair

Chair instructed members on voting process. Appointed tellers: Area I, Vacant; Area II, Jenny Lainhart; Area III, Sara Hassell; Area IV, Ann Hart; Area V, Ruth Berger; Area VI, Minnie Sosa; Area VII, Laurel Hargrove.

Past President Debra Campbell stated that Sheila Bandy, Kentucky, was the nominee for President and called three (3) times for nominations from the floor for the office of President. There were none. Peggy Schmidkofer, Alabama, moved that Sheila Bandy be elected as President by acclamation. Thom McKinney, Georgia, seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Bandy, Kentucky, was elected President for 2006-2008.

Past President Campbell reported that Vivian Taylor, Mississippi, was the nominee for Vice-President. She called three (3) times for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice-President. There were none. Marilyn Freking, Iowa, moved that Vivian Taylor be elected as Vice-President by acclamation. Connie Myers, Mississippi, seconded. Motion carried.

Vivian Taylor, Mississippi, was elected Vice-President for 2006-2008.

Past President Campbell stated that Sandra Morse, Utah, was the nominee for Secretary. She called three (3) times for nominations from the floor for the office of Secretary. There were none. Lucretia Barbee, Oklahoma, moved that Sandra Morse be elected as Secretary by acclamation. Shirley Bogdan, Massachusetts, seconded. Motion carried.

Sandra Morse, Utah, was elected Secretary for 2006-2008.

Past President Campbell reported that there were two nominees for the office of Treasurer: Sandy Hiltner, North Dakota; Pat Vogan, Utah. Past President Campbell called three (3) times for nominations from the floor for the office of Treasurer. There were none. Minnie Sosa, New Mexico, moved the nominations for the office of Treasurer cease; Laurel Hargrove, California, seconded.

Chair Lainhart and her Committee members distributed the ballots to delegates.

**In the interest of time, the meeting continued while the counters counted ballots.**

**12. Unfinished Business** – Sheila Bandy, President

- Chair Ruth Quam presented a Burden Bear to Katie McGuire.
- Chair Doris Williams moved that for the 2007-2008 year the number one selected scholarship applicant receive a scholarship for one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) and three (3) more scholarships be awarded

in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) each, one being the scholarship donated by USAA. The Committee also recommended that the two dollars (\$2.00) donation per member continue to be paid to the Scholarship Fund by December 31 by the state Auxiliaries. Kathye Jackson, Tennessee, seconded motion. Motion carried.

- Paula Carrigan noted the magnolia items provided from Mississippi and expressed regret that Mississippi was unable to host the EANGUS Conference in 2006 due to Hurricane Katrina.
- Sergeant at Arms Pat Reed shared a thank you from Walter and Sandy Morse for the many expressions of sympathy following the death of Walter's father.
- Pat Reed moved that Resolution 2006-01 be expanded to include the state of Mississippi. Karen Evans, Utah, seconded motion. Motion carried.

**13. New Business** – Sheila Bandy, President

- Paula Carrigan, Mississippi Auxiliary Coordinator for the planned EANGUS Conference in Biloxi, presented a crystal bowl engraved with a magnolia to Karen Evans, Utah Auxiliary Coordinator for the 2006 EANGUS Conference in Salt Lake City. Paula expressed thanks to the Guard members from the states of North Dakota, Virginia, Tennessee, and others who provided special help to those on the Coast in the days following Hurricane Katrina and remarked that the Guard is Family and Mississippi appreciated their family members from Utah doing a remarkable job in providing for the EANGUS Conference in Salt Lake City.
- President Bandy presented a certificate to Ellen Campbell, Utah. [Ellen was working when awards were presented during the Tuesday Auxiliary Luncheon.] She again thanked Utah Auxiliary members Jennifer Spencer, Connie Smith, and Karen Evans for their numerous contributions to the 2006 Conference.
- President Bandy presented a certificate to Daphne Robinette from the Lieutenant Governor of Arizona.
- Mick Scholten, South Dakota, questioned whether the Auxiliary might do some business on Monday. President Bandy stated that the Auxiliary had changed that meeting a few years earlier in order to attend the EANGUS Monday morning session which included a motivational speaker.

**14. Conference Report for Oklahoma, 2007** – Lucretia Barbee, Auxiliary Chair

Chair Barbee reported that because the Luncheon would be at no cost to members attending the Conference in Oklahoma it would be very important that an accurate count be obtained.

Chair Barbee stated that most activities will be in an air-conditioned environment. Events will be within walking distance or transportation will be provided. There is also a trolley system in Oklahoma City.

Chair reported that the Sheraton Hotel will be the Auxiliary host hotel.

Report was given and no action was required.

**15. Election Results** – Sheila Bandy, President

There were one hundred fifty-six (156) ballots; one hundred fifty-five (155) were accepted.

Sandy Hiltner, North Dakota, was elected to the office of Treasurer for 2006-2008.

**16. Miscellaneous** – Sheila Bandy, President

- President Bandy noted that Dianne Williams had been awarded Area Director of the Year based on points system; President Bandy also recognized Area Directors Jenny Lainhart and Hope Troy for their exceptional work during the year.
- President Bandy reported that Area II, with the addition of Title 10 charter and Delaware, had 100% of their states/entities chartered.
- President Bandy recognized those going off the Board: Carol Benda, Vice-President; Lorraine Miller, Area VI Director; and Dorothy Inglese, Area VII Director. She expressed her thanks to them for their service to the Auxiliary.

**17. Motion to Destroy Ballots**

Area VII Director Dorothy Inglese moved that the ballots be destroyed; Mick Scholten, South Dakota, seconded. Motion carried.

**18. Installation** – Dorothy Inglese, Area VII Director assisted by Sara Hendricks, Parliamentarian

Area VII Director Dorothy Inglese installed the Area Directors and Officers. She reminded them of the challenges of service and thanked them for their willingness to serve. The installation officer administered the oath of office and declared that the Area Directors and Officers were duly installed. She presented a memento to each person who was installed.

**19. Remarks from New President** – Sheila Bandy

President Bandy stated that her goal is to have all states chartered; to continue to work with Family Readiness; and to continually improve communication between state Presidents and Area Directors. President Bandy recognized her husband, Jay.

**20. Remarks from Out-going Vice-President** – Carol Benda

Vice-President Carol Benda challenged members to continue to offer support for families; be active in legislative efforts; live by the Golden Rule; focus on the Auxiliary purpose; appreciate members; and share with each other.

**21. Drawing for Items from Utah**

Secretary Taylor drew four names; President Bandy announced the winners of the items from Utah.

**22. Benediction** – Kathye Jackson, Chaplain**23. Adjournment** – Sheila Bandy, President

President Sheila Bandy adjourned sine die.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

**24. Memorial Service** – Kathye Jackson, Chaplain

Chaplain Jackson read a poem *Light of Life*. She memorialized these individuals:

Betty Long, Missouri	Henry Ganzert (Maude's husband), Virginia
Eileen Guthmiller, North Dakota	Betty L. Robbins, Iowa
Alice M. Wright, Iowa	Doris Hoxie, Mississippi
Mary Holtzclaw, Missouri	William Caldwell, Ohio
Betty Spang, South Dakota	Joyce MacFarlane, Arkansas
Eleanor Johnson, Maine	

Chaplain Jackson also called for a moment of silence for the Marine from Salt Lake City who was killed the evening before in Iraq.

*Vivian Dean Taylor*  
Vivian Dean Taylor  
Secretary, 2004-2006

### **Connect And Join-- Connecting Families Around The World**

**Connect And Join™** is a secure online site communications and activities site that connects families around the world who are separated either by deployment and serve our country in our military, or have family members living away from home due to job related responsibilities.

Family and friends back home build and maintain the family password protected website, creating a daily digital scrapbook of "life at home" for the deployed and loved one living away. **Connect And Join™** is easy to use, with templates and fill-in blank forms.

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There are no public areas, nor advertising or pop-ups where the family builds their "Life at Home".

**Connect And Join™** is "Life at Home" recreated online for those away!

### **FYI**

**EANGUS Leadership Site Visit: Renaissance Hotel; Gulfport, MS**  
(15 to 20 rooms) for **16-17-18 February 2007.**

**State Representative Site Visit: Sheraton Hotel; Oklahoma City, OK**  
(30 to 40 rooms) for **8-9-10 June 2007.**

## AREA/STATE 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:

**George Vaught**— wife **Freda** who has been ill for many years, passed away on 19 October.

George has helped the EANGUS office by performing any task/s that come his way; especially during the Legislative Workshop Receptions. George loves the Auxiliary and has been very supportive over the years.

**Vi Stenger**—husband **Wes**, passed away on 24 October.

**Jane Semones**—is dealing with a medical issue and asks for prayers.

**Laura Mowry** is the acting President for Title 10.  
[mlaura90@hotmail.com](mailto:mlaura90@hotmail.com)

### Area III – AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VI

Cares/concerns to:

**Jacky & Sherman Hargrove**, AL—Sherman's dad passed away on 28 October.

EANGUS Area III Chair, **Jim Rains** has asked the Area III Auxiliary Directors and state presidents to participate in submitting member numbers for reporting/tracking purposes as do the Area III state associations. This effort is to help generate/maintain awareness of where we are and where we want to be with member recruiting and retention.

**Dianne Williams**

### Area IV– AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Cares/concerns to:

**Bonnie Wood**—she has been ill.

**Beth Jones** –wife of **A J Jones**, LA Association Pres-Elect is very ill.

**Misti Heston**—had a surgical procedure on 25 October.

**Ann Hart's** sister and two nieces were in Hawaii when the earthquake occurred. They are fine—Ann sends thanks for the prayers.

Congrats to:

**Chuck and Mildred Geary**. At 1:20 p.m. on 19 October, they became great grandparents to a baby girl, **Sophia Kate Swanger**; she weighed 6 lbs, 1 oz.

### THANK YOU—

Dear Auxiliary members:

You are special folks! It seems I'm always expressing thanks to you for some act of kindness. I want to say how much I appreciated your support during my tenure as secretary for the EANGUS Auxiliary; you helped me to present a good record of our meetings and I thank you for that.

I look forward to the new responsibilities that come with the office of Vice-President and to your continuing support as I learn even more about the work of the EANGUS Auxiliary.

Sincerely,

**Vivian Taylor**

EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President

### Area IV– AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Hello from Arkansas,

Time has a way of slipping by, and we don't know where it has gone. It doesn't seem possible that the holidays are upon us. I know how very busy we all are, but please take a minute and remember those that are having difficulties in their lives.

Continue to pray for our troops, our families, our Auxiliaries, and one another.

**Hope Troy**

*The following information comes from **Rita S. Ersch**, Family Assistance Center; Dallas, TX.*

Hello all,

This is an FYI for the State Family Program Workshop. I apologize for the delay. We have been working several items here in the office to include a reintegration briefing this past weekend.

I'll be sending out information on the next Basic/Advanced FRG class this week. Please let your FRG leaders know.

They can register online at [www.agd.state.tx.us](http://www.agd.state.tx.us) Click on family readiness and scroll down to the registration tab. We look forward to seeing each of you.

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

Cares and concerns to:

EANGUS Past President, **John Ball** –wife, **Marva** (life member of EANGUS Auxiliary), passed away on 30 September.

**Shelli Kasin** is the new President for North Dakota Auxiliary  
[skasin@starband.net](mailto:skasin@starband.net)

From **Marlys List**—

I enjoyed the EANGUS National Conference recently held in Salt Lake City, UT. My husband, **Donavon**, received the 2006 EANGUS Retiree of the Year Award at the Banquet. He was taken by surprise and said he was speechless; it was a very nice award. On Sept. 30, 2006 "Charlie" Battery of the 147th Field Artillery Battalion of the South Dakota Army National Guard, stationed in Yankton, SD, returned home after being deployed for 16 months, 12 of those spent in Iraq. Our town of 14,000 welcomed them with a huge Yellow Ribbon Parade.

**Shirley Spitz** and **Marilyn Freking** bring us great news of interest from Indiana—members of the Indiana Association have requested information help to begin the organization and chartering of an Indiana auxiliary.

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

Cares/concerns to:

**Sandy Morse**, Secretary—she has been ill.

### Area VII – AK, CA, GM, HI, OR, WA

Cares/concerns to:

Life member **Jinx Rucquoy**— husband of 51 years passed away first week in October.

**Virginia Embrey**—was injured in a fall.

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