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Silver Medal is Guard's Top Olympic Prize

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ARLINGTON, Va. (2/27/2006) — A Soldier who earned a silver medal in women's bobsledding on Feb. 21 during her Olympic debut was among several National Guard athletes and coaches who participated in the XX Winter Olympics in Italy.

Utah Army National Guard Spc. Shauna Rohbock (right), the driver of the two-woman USA-1 sled, and brakeman Valerie Fleming earned silver medals by completing their four runs in 3 minutes, 50.69 seconds. That was .71 second behind the gold-medal winning German team. An Italian team took the bronze in the Torino Games that began Feb. 10 and ended Feb. 26.

"I'm ecstatic," Rohbock told the Army News Service.

Utah Guardsman Spc. Steve Holcomb, meanwhile, finished sixth in the four-man bobsled event on Feb. 25. Holcomb, of Park City, and his teammates in USA-2 finished ahead of the USA -1 sled driven by Todd Hays.

And Spc. Jeremy Teela of the Vermont National Guard was part of the team that clinched ninth place in the men's biathlon relay – a result that tied the nation's best Olympic finish in the modern era of the skiing and shooting event, according to the United States Biathlon Association.

Rohbock is in the National Guard Outstanding Athlete Program. Holcomb and Teela are members of the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program.

Teela finished 51st in the 20-kilometer individual competition, a drop from his 14th place finish in Salt Lake four years earlier. He was 62nd in the 10K sprint.

The head coaches of the men's and women's bobsled teams also are National Guard Soldiers – Vermont's Spc. Tuffy Latour and New York's Spc. Bill Tavares. Tavares coached Rohbock and Fleming to their silver medal finish.

And four alternates for the biathlon and bobsled teams were National Guard Soldiers. The alternates for the men's and women's biathlon teams were Sgt. Jacob Beste from Minnesota and Sgt. Sarah Kamilewicz from Vermont. Spc. Mike Kohn from Virginia was a men's bobsled alternate, and Spc. Jill Bakken from Oregon was a women's bobsled alternate.

"These Olympians are outstanding examples of our National Guard people – Americans at their finest," said LTG H Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau. "They are an inspiration to all who are serving with the National Guard at home and abroad, who have served in the Guard, and who are considering National Guard Service."

"Side by Side We Stand With Pride"

2006 AREA III CAUCUS

Director Brabham and I will be drafting the agenda for the Auxiliary meeting during the Caucus; 19-21 May; Athens, GA within the next two weeks. If you would like to add an item to the General Agenda, send it in to us within the two-week time frame. Your input is encouraged and welcome.

State Presidents or state designee/s; please have your reports ready for presentation.

The Fundraising Committee asks everyone to donate items for the gift basket. Drop-off information will be available at the registration desk. The Auxiliary will assist with registration as well as have generic membership forms available for member recruiting.

More to follow as other Caucus preparations are finalized.
We will have door prizes!!

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In the February issue of EANGUS Auxiliary newsletter, *The Signal*, I have compiled information that will help to answer many of your FAQ's (Frequently asked questions) concerning the 2006 EANGUS/EANGUS Auxiliary Conference slated for 20-23 August in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Contact with me if you have any other questions/concerns.

Also in the issue, I have updated and included the 2006 EANGUS Auxiliary Awards criteria/information. Please note that the deadline to submit entries for the Meritorious, Distinguished Service and Spouse of the Year awards has been changed to 01 June 2006.

We want to make every effort to ensure that as much information is distributed to our members as is available to us. Your help is needed with this effort. Give this information widest dissemination among your respective membership and any other interested persons.

We still have rooms in the Auxiliary block. If you plan to attend the Conference and do not yet have a room reservation contact me with your request at dyywill@earthlink.net

This is election year. If you are an annual or life member (in good standing) and is interested in running for a national office, (Pres; V-Pres; Sec; Treas. or Area III Director/Air), let us know— we will send you the necessary form to complete for you to submit to the EANGUS Auxiliary Nomination's Chair.

STATE AUXILIARY INFORMATION SHEET

State Presidents—

complete and send the State Auxiliary Information sheet (page 3) following your 2006 State Conference to EANGUS Auxiliary President, **Sheila Bandy** along with a copy to each Area III Director, **Dianne Williams** and **Marie Brabham**.

This sheet should be submitted whether there is a change in leadership or not and should include the next year's State Conference Dates if available at the time of submitting.

We also ask and encourage you to share news of your state conference events as well as photos to include in an issue of *The Southern Drawl* and or *The Signal* newsletters.

Note: All information and/or photos will be edited for space and content.

State Auxiliary Newsletters.....

Remember to send a copy of each state auxiliary published newsletter to EANGUS Auxiliary President and both Area III Directors.

STATE AUXILIARY INFORMATION SHEET
(PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN FOLLOWING EACH ANNUAL CONFERENCE)

STATE: _____ **DATE:** _____

COMBINED ORGANIZATION? _____

IF YES, CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER and EMAIL).

**NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL INFORMATION FOR STATE AUXILIARY
OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS**

PRESIDENT: _____

VICE PRESIDENT: _____

SECRETARY: _____

TREASURER: _____

LEGISLATIVE: _____

FAMILY READINESS: _____

STATE SCHOLARSHIP: _____

DATE & LOCATION OF YOUR NEXT STATE CONFERENCE:

RETURN TO:
EANGUS AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
MAIL COPIES TO:
THE TWO AUXILIARY DIRECTORS IN YOUR AREA

AAFES Restricts Dextromethorphan

Recent media reports and research indicate abuse of DXM is becoming more of an issue than previously thought. While there is not yet a legal requirement to flag products with this ingredient, Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is voluntarily limiting sales of products with DXM to customers over the age of 18. Customers can still find cough and cold medicines with DXM in the Health and Beauty Care department of their BX/PX.

Free Online TurboTax® Filing for the Guard and Reserve

The Department of Defense (DoD) announces the new TurboTax® filing offer which is being provided at no cost by to Active Duty, Guard and Reserve (regardless of activation status) and their families. This TurboTax® program can be accessed 24/7 through the Military OneSource website:
www.militaryonesource.com.

To access this free program, users need to visit the Military OneSource website (www.militaryonesource.com). This simple, secure, step-by-step system allows individuals to save, print and send completed tax forms electronically to the Internal Revenue Service. IRS sends confirmation of receipt and completed tax returns generally within 10 days.

TurboTax® guarantees error free preparation, double checks potential audit risks and identifies relevant deductions for each tax return prepared.

In addition to offering this TurboTax® resource, Military OneSource connects users by phone to tax preparation professionals, certified financial counselors and public accountants for tax advice at no cost. These counselors can be reached at 1-800-342-9647. Additional phone numbers for those living overseas, non-English speakers and individuals with disabilities can be found on the Military OneSource website.

Military OneSource is a 24/7 virtual extension of local military base support services. For those requesting in-person financial education, counseling or tax assistance, Military OneSource can make referrals to on-base programs offered by Family Center.



Director Marie Brabham (FL) and husband **Danny** are still dealing with medical issues.

Jo Murray (TN) — husband **Bob** has been ill.

Kathy Jackson (TN) — has had some sinus discomforts.

Betty Belew (TN) — and husband have both been ill.

This week in Area III—

South Carolina National Guard Association and Auxiliary will have their state conference 10-12 March at the Marriott Hotel; Savannah, GA.

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Thanks for your time Area III,

Dianne