

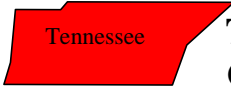
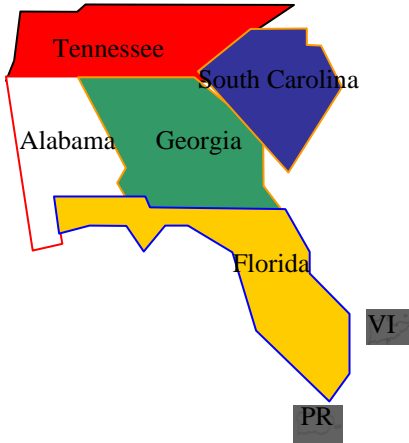


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Tennessee holds 2007 Annual State Conference

Members of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Tennessee and its auxiliary held their 2007 Annual State Conference 23-25 March in Knoxville, TN at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

Among the guests in attendance to the conference was President of the Enlisted Association of Georgia (EANGGA), **MSGT (Ret) Joseph P Stevens** and EANGUS Auxiliary Area III Director, **Dianne Williams**.

A Friday evening social featured a buffet of great food and entertainment.

On Saturday morning, conferees convened in a joint session for the Opening Ceremony. The conference was called to order by EANGTN President, **Don Mapes**.

The Auxiliary's meeting, held in the Crowne Plaza's Cumberland Room, was called to order by President **Ann Story**. EANGUS Auxiliary Chaplain and EANGTN Auxiliary member, **Kathye Jackson** gave the invocation. Other members in attendance to the meeting included Vice President, **Billie Mapes**; Secretary **Joan Goodrich**; **Denise Davis**, **Andrea McDaniel**, **Martha Robinson** and **Teresa Foss**.

The membership was addressed by guest speaker, the Adjutant General of Tennessee, **Major General Gus Hargett, Jr**, General Hargett promised his continued support of the auxiliary and asked for suggestions on how he could enhance his support.

Saturday evening began with a Reception/Social followed by the formal State Banquet.



L/R: Joseph Steves, Dianne Williams, Kathye Jackson and Ann Story.



L/R; New Guard recruit Aaron (grandson of Ann Story), Ann Story, Dianne Williams and Kathye Jackson.

(photos courtesy of Kathye Jackson)

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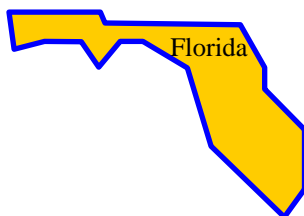
AREA III STATE NEWS



News from Alabama Auxiliary, President Starr Boatright

Hello to all—

The State conference was a lot of fun and a lot was accomplished. Thanks to all of our officers for their help and dedication to this auxiliary. Next year the theme, decorations and door prizes will be our responsibility so put on your thinking caps. Let me know of any ideas you have and if anyone wants to serve on the committee. **Congrats to:** Peggy Schmidlkofer, Member of Year; Steve Boatwright, Side by Side award—both were well-deserved. Mylene Thompson is our Alabama Auxiliary's Legislative Chair. She gave out excellent material to us. DON'T forget to forward all of your legislative contacts to her so that she can keep a tally to turn into Area III contact, Barbara Rains. Ones not in attendance, we missed you.



News from Florida Auxiliary President, Marie Brabham

The Florida Enlisted Membership and Auxiliary have finalized plans to host the 2007 Area III Caucus in Panama City Beach, FL on 04-05 May (**registration form; page 3**) to include meetings, social, hospitality room and Area III Auxiliary Ways and Means Fundraiser with Chair Deanna Hewett; FL and Co-chair Brenda Atkinson, GA.

Members of the Georgia Enlisted Association will assist with staffing the hospitality room on Saturday.



News from Georgia Auxiliary President, Dianne Williams

Georgia will host the 2007 annual conference 20-22 April; Holiday Inn; Augusta, GA.

Enlisted Association President Joseph Stevens has made all of the necessary arrangements to include the Auxiliary in every aspect of the Conference. Watch for after conference highlights in the next issue of *The Southern Drawl!*



**AREA III EANGUS CAUCUS
4 & 5 MAY 2007
Panama City Beach, Florida**

REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name/Rank _____ First Name _____ MI: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____ Attend Auxiliary Meeting: Yes No

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Registration: 1300-1700, Friday, 4 May 2007
0730-0900, Saturday, 5 May 2007

Registration Fee: \$15.00 per person **Number Attending: _____**

Host Hotel: Bay Point Resort Marriot Tel: 1-850-236-6000
4200 Marriott Drive Fax 1-850-236-6150
Panama City Beach, Florida 32408

Rate: \$106.00 (plus tax)

A block of rooms has been reserved for our conference but all
Reservations have to be made NLT 1 April 2007.

Date of arrival: _____ Date of departure: _____

Airports: Panama City/Bay County International Airport

Golf Outing: To Be Determined

If you would like to play golf provide the information below and we will contact you with
the time and place of play on Friday 4 May 2007

Number Playing: _____

Please return this form and check by 1 April 2007 to:

National Guard Associations of Florida (NGAFL)
P.O. Box 3446
St. Augustine, Florida 32085

Fax: 1-800-531-3270
1-904-829-2068

Email: mary.paul@fl.ngb.army.mil

Office: 904-823-0629
Cell: 904-501-0842

2007 EANGUS/EANGUS AUXILIARY CONFERENCE INFORMATION

This information is excerpted from my Conference Coordinator Information pages in the March issue of The Signal.

Conference Registration

Registration cost from now and **before** 31 July 2007 for Inclusive Functions is **\$85.00**

Registration cost for Inclusive Functions **after** 31 July 2007 is **\$100.00**

NO REFUND AFTER 01 AUGUST 2007

Registration cost includes admission to the following Inclusive Functions (events).

Welcome Night (Sunday)

Auxiliary Luncheon (Tuesday)

All Area Hospitality Night (Tuesday)

All States Banquet (Wednesday)

Hotel Room Reservations

**All hotel room reservations must be coordinated through [SFC Belva J Hahn Oklahoma EANGUS 2007 Round UP Registration Chair; 405-228-5386; DSN 628-5386](#)
belva.hahn@us.army.mil**

Individuals or state POC's must make sure that they provide a credit card number and expiration date to hold the rooms.

They may either call or email the number to Belva Hahn. If the state wants to use one credit card number to hold all of the rooms, they may do so. They must provide a credit card number and number of rooms they want to hold.

Alternately, the state POC may collect the credit card numbers and bring them to the June Site Visit. However, you must have provided credit card numbers **before** 15 June 2007. All credit card numbers must go to Belva Hahn in registration.

EANGUS Auxiliary Room Block

EANGUS Auxiliary has a block of twenty (20) rooms at the Sheraton Hotel—reserved as a courtesy to ensure that the Auxiliary leadership to include committee chairs will have a room. To-date I have requests for eight (8) rooms. Any rooms remaining from the block **prior** to the June Site Visit will be offered on a first-come; first-served basis. You may request to be put on the waiting list for a room from the block.

Auxiliary Luncheon (FREE)

The theme for the Luncheon is *“Western/Native American”*.

There is no cost for the Auxiliary Luncheon. However, you must have indicated your intent to attend on your Conference registration form. If you are not sure whether you have checked the appropriate box, now is the time to make sure.

**There will be no provisions to sign up to attend the Luncheon at the Conference.
The count from the Conference registration forms will be strictly adhered to.**

Transportation

Transportation will be provided to and from the airport for conferees (Will Rogers World Airport) as well as for off-site conference events and special requests. Additionally, the Oklahoma Spirit Trolley system offers free shuttle service from outlying parking lots to the Bricktown area. You may obtain a Spirit Trolley shuttle schedule from your respective hotel.



LEGISLATIVE CALL'S

(If you have not answered the following CALL's, there's still time to contact your congressional delegation on behalf of our Guard members and families. Visit the EANGUS website at www.eangus.org for complete details to answer The CALL's rapidly/efficiently.

07-05 Montgomery GI Bill Update

Ask your Congressman to support updating the Selected Reserve Montgomery GI Bill

07-04 Support National Guard Empowerment Act of 2007

Ask your Congressman to co-sponsor the National Guard Empowerment Act of 2007

07-03 Oppose TRICARE Fee Increases

Ask your Congressman to oppose any TRICARE fee increases in FY08

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Thanks for your time, Area III

