



The Signal

Special Interest

Remember EANGUS Auxiliary dues need to be mailed to the EANGUS Auxiliary treasurer, Cora Sower, by December 31.



President Viv's Message

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You might not realize the hundreds of hours that your EANGUS Auxiliary volunteers devote to this organization. As you will remember, we had an extra large issue of *The Signal* last month and I was just curious about how many hours that one project took—think about the approximately 25 hours that Sandy Morse devoted to getting the minutes ready for printing and her hours at conference recording the minutes; then there was the 30 hours or so that Lucretia and I spent on writing for, gathering information for, and editing and distributing *The Signal*. That means we spent a week and a half on getting the October issue together. Oh, and by the way, we left a couple of mistakes that should satisfy all our nitpickers! Have fun pointing them out!!!

In addition to what we were doing on *The Signal* Past President Sheila Bandy and outgoing treasurer, Pat Vogan, and treasurer Cora Sower were all working on the transition to the new treasurer, transfer of funds, and getting information in the hands of the state treasurers—another 30 hours or so. Membership committee co-chairs Dianne Williams and Sheila Bandy have been hard at work on correcting and verifying the membership database with help from Lifetime Membership Chairman, Sara Hendricks. Our officers and directors have been busy with updating leadership lists, gathering information for Area newsletters, keeping up-to-date with legislative issues, and communicating with members in the states. The next time you have an opportunity (or make an opportunity), express your thanks and appreciation to these people who are spending their time, talents, and money to help Army/Air Guard members and their families.

Please pay attention to the Vision and Objectives of the EANGUS Auxiliary, which are included in this issue of the newsletter. These were developed at the EANGUS Membership Workshop in October. If you have suggestions on how we might refine this or on additional marketing strategies, let us hear from you. E-mail me at vividean@aol.com or call me at 1-800-230-8221 (if I'm out you'll get my answering machine); you may also phone me at 601-735-9413, my office number. I am paid to be at work 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, but you who have tried me at that number know that I am often there in the afternoons working on volunteer church projects or community projects. I look forward to hearing from you feel free to call anytime.

Remember to contact Cora Sower if you need any information or help with submitting your state's dues to the EANGUS Auxiliary. You can e-mail Cora at sower-tuba@juno.com. Cora is eager to help in any way she can. Dues are to be submitted by December 31. The grace period of January allows Cora time to contact you if there is any question about your submission. Thanks, we're counting on you state treasurers!

President Viv's Message Continued

WOW! I noticed a huge voter turnout in my little corner of the world and that is fantastic!! Voting is a real privilege and responsibility. Praying for our leaders is also a privilege and a responsibility we each have and whether the vote turned out the way you wanted we must constantly pray for and support our leaders .

I had 2 friends send me the "Finding Joy" movie by e-mail (one, Ann Hart, you all know). I thought it was very inspirational so I want to share the link with you...<http://www.findingjoymovie.com/>. I hope you will enjoy it as much as I did.

Jerry and I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving! He and I enjoy spending time with family and friends and the special services at church. See elsewhere in *The Signal* for the prayer Jerry and I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lucretia and I would like your assistance with news for the December issue of *The Signal*. Please send your news to Lucretia and to me by **December 8 (one week early)** so that we can get that issue ready a few days early. We both have family and church events centered on the celebration of Christmas and we want to have finished the December issue of *The Signal* by December 12. Thanks for your understanding and assistance!

Gratefully yours, Vivian

Prayer Request & Praise the Lord

- Patsy and Ernest LA will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on the 9th of November 2008. Mother and I thought you might want to send them an email or a snail mail card. Boy-- 1/2 of a century is a long time to stay married this day & time!!!. Hope all of you are doing OK. Deborah Ward
Email address : Ernie979@charter.net Address is Ernest & Patsy Guerra 14 Cypress Meadow Loop Slidell, LA 70460
- Please remember W.C. and Bonnie Wood in your prayers as W.C. had triple by pass heart surgery on November 11th. Last report he was doing well. Contact Information: W. C. & Bonnie Wood, 1003 Coulter Rd., Sherwood, AR 72120, Phone # is: 501-833-1606.
- Marilyn Freking Area V is recovering from knee replacement and will have her other knee done sometime next year, Keep her in your prayers.
- Shelli Kasin Area V has had multiple health issues recently and also lost one of her best friends and co-workers to cancer.
- Rosie Clemenson Area V lost her sister to a lengthy illness, keep her in your prayer.
- Myrtle Hollman of SD is hopefully recuperating well from gallbladder surgery in October.
- Brooks Marr, MS knee replacement doing well but would like to drive! Daughter's wrist is healing and son had a ruptured appendix, Bill had a bacterial chest infection, so the Marr house needs all our prayers.
- We hope Ann Hart, MS had a great trip down the aisle at her Grand daughters wedding!
- Celebrate the birth of LaDawn Cope OK new Grand daughter Addison born October 17th.



What is a Veteran?

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in their eye.

Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg - or perhaps another sort of inner steel: a soul forged in the refinery of adversity.

Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem. You can't tell a Veteran just by looking.

He/she is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

He/she is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel.

He/she is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He/she is the POW who went away one person and came back another -or- didn't come back AT ALL.

He/she is the Quantico drill instructor that has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account rednecks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs.

He/she is the parade - riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

He/she is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

He/she are the anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep.

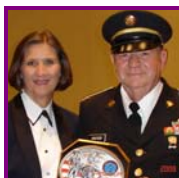
He/she is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket - palsied now and aggravating slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He/she is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being, a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs. He is a survivor of the infamous Bataan Death March who suffered unmerciful actions inflicted by the Japanese.

He/she is a soldier/sailor/marine/airman/coastie, and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and he/she is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say Thank You.

That's all most people need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.



Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States

AREA VI & VII 2009 Mid-Winter Caucus

January 23-24 2009

Las Vegas, Nevada

REGISTRATION FORM

POCs for this event are: ISG Tom Sauls 775-884-8403/775-720-7311, email address <mailto:thomas.sauls@us.army.mil> and CMSGT Ken Gray 775-348-5116 or 775-771-1876, email <mailto:ken.gray3@us.army.mil>

24th Annual Area IV Mid-Winter Conference

Olive Branch Mississippi

13-15 February 2009

Questions can be directed to: CMSgt Ricky Myers at 601.313.6265 (work) or DSN 293.6265 or email ricky.myers1@us.army.mil

What's going on in your Air Force

In order to keep you better informed about your Air Force, the *e-Afterburner* will regularly highlight current events affecting all Airmen. Check it out today @ <http://www.retirees.af.mil/afterburner/>

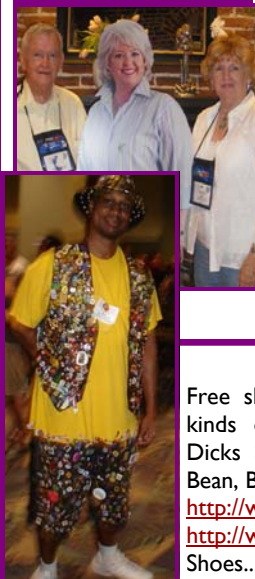
Raytheon "Thanks" Military Children with a Free Book

To thank military children for their daily sacrifices in the name of protecting America's freedom, Raytheon Company is sponsoring the distribution of the holiday book "It's a Family Thanksgiving! A Celebration of an American Tradition for Children and Their Families." This educational gift will be donated to military Families upon request through AUSA Family Programs. To receive your free copy, please send an email to familyprograms@ausa.org with your mailing address. The copies will be given out on a first come, first served basis. Please limit your request to two copies per mailing address.

AREA II

Our Area II EAN-GUS and EANGUS AUXILIARY Mid-Winter Conference will be held on 30 Jan - 1 Feb, 2009 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Contact (POC) Karl Spohn at kspohn@aol.com to register.



Service members can start saving money on travel by logging on to MilitaryRideShare.com.

E-mail jen@militaryrideshare.com for more information.

College Scholarships Available Through Commissary Agency

The Defense Commissary Agency is making college scholarships worth \$1,500 available to qualified children of military families, including those in the National Guard. Applications will be available beginning next week at commissaries worldwide www.militaryscholar.org

SAFE Web-Offers

Free shipping, % off, etc. All different kinds of stores...Victoria's Secret, JCP, Dicks Sporting Goods, Backcountry, LL Bean, Bed Bath Beyond, etc <http://www.retailmenot.com/> <http://www.dealcatcher.com/> Shoes...free shipping (both ways) <http://www.zappos.com/>

New Website Available for Air Force Families

<http://www.nmfa.org/site/R?i=4ddfQsrD6txy3BaUdoQmw..>

The Air Force is launching a new community website this week as an alternative to the former "Air Force Crossroads" site.

Senate Confirmation of the National Guard's First Four-Star General

WASHINGTON (Oct 2, 2008) — NGAUS today released the following statement by retired Brig. Gen. Stephen M. Koper, association president:

"We congratulate one of our own, Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, on receiving Senate confirmation this afternoon to become the next National Guard Bureau chief and the Guard's first four-star general.



Senior Page: Brooks Marr Senior Editor

I just got this and I think it is a great idea. Things happen and you may need help when you are unconscious or confused after an accident or stroke away from home. Brooksie

In Case of Emergency or "ICE"

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our family or closest friends.

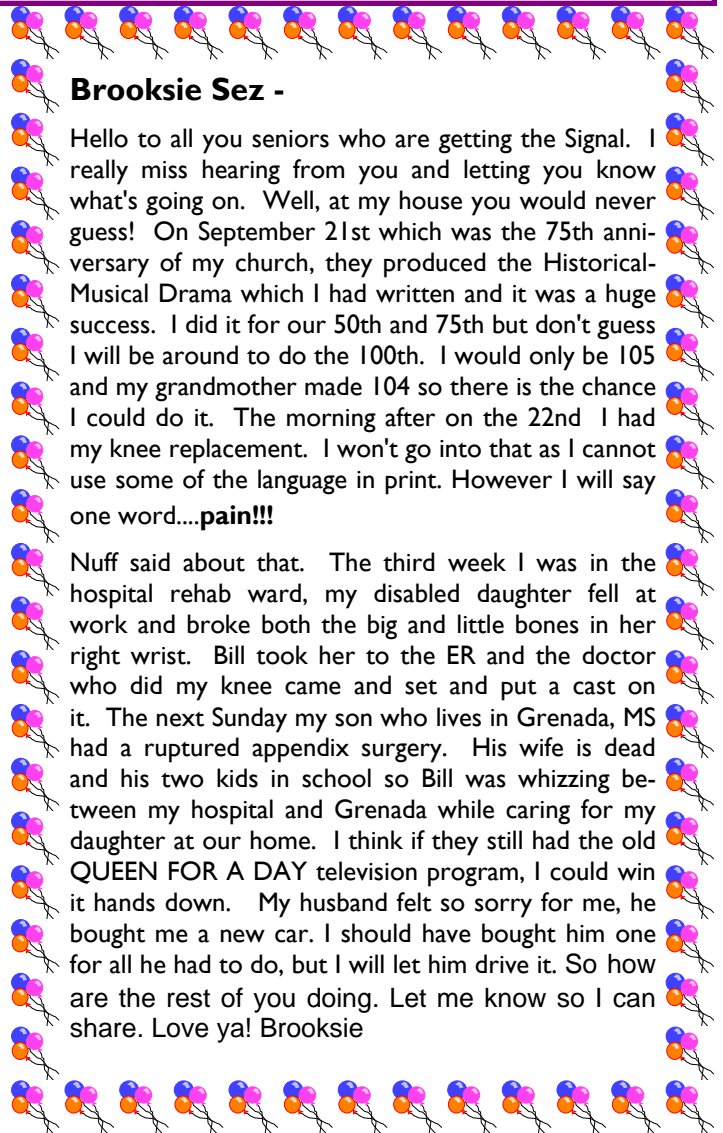
If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored, but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this ICE (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of ICE is catching on quickly. In fact, it has become standard procedure for all paramedics to check for ICE on the victims cell phone. All you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during an emergency under the name ICE.

The campaign was started by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for locating the victims family.

With ICE, in an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital. Staff are able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as ICE.

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3, etc. Please forward this. It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.



Brooksie Sez -

Hello to all you seniors who are getting the Signal. I really miss hearing from you and letting you know what's going on. Well, at my house you would never guess! On September 21st which was the 75th anniversary of my church, they produced the Historical-Musical Drama which I had written and it was a huge success. I did it for our 50th and 75th but don't guess I will be around to do the 100th. I would only be 105 and my grandmother made 104 so there is the chance I could do it. The morning after on the 22nd I had my knee replacement. I won't go into that as I cannot use some of the language in print. However I will say one word....**pain!!!**

Nuff said about that. The third week I was in the hospital rehab ward, my disabled daughter fell at work and broke both the big and little bones in her right wrist. Bill took her to the ER and the doctor who did my knee came and set and put a cast on it. The next Sunday my son who lives in Grenada, MS had a ruptured appendix surgery. His wife is dead and his two kids in school so Bill was whizzing between my hospital and Grenada while caring for my daughter at our home. I think if they still had the old QUEEN FOR A DAY television program, I could win it hands down. My husband felt so sorry for me, he bought me a new car. I should have bought him one for all he had to do, but I will let him drive it. So how are the rest of you doing. Let me know so I can share. Love ya! Brooksie

Tricare now covers 'Lap-Band' surgery

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFRNS) – Tricare beneficiaries whose weight poses a serious health risk now have a new surgical alternative available. For those who medically qualify, Tricare now covers laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding, also commonly called Lap-Band surgery. Although the Tricare policy change has only recently been made, coverage is retroactive to Feb. 1, 2007.

"We at Tricare are careful to only cover procedures that have been proven safe and effective, and are accepted by the medical community," said Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity. "We've added this procedure because, for some beneficiaries, it may be the right course of action to preserve their health." General Granger adds that, like gastric bypass, gastric stapling or gastroplasty, Lap-Band surgery is only for those suffering morbid obesity. In medical terms, that means their body weight is 100 pounds more than the ideal weight for their height and bone structure, and their weight is associated with severe medical conditions known to have higher mortality rates. Body weight that is more than twice the ideal weight for the person's height and bone structure may also indicate morbid obesity. Tricare will also cover the surgery if a patient has had an intestinal bypass or other surgery for obesity and, because of complications, requires a second surgery.

Details of the coverage are available in the Tricare Policy Manual, which beneficiaries can view online.

**Monthly Spotlight Member
Laurie Clark**

Laurie Clark, California, is a life member of EANGUS Auxiliary and an associate member of EANGUS. Laurie's dad was an Army man from Fort Knox, Kentucky; Laurie is one of 8 children and also has 3 other half brothers and sisters. Laurie is married to California's Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA), Bill Clark. She has been a military wife over 30 years with her husband first in the Army at Fort Ord, California, and since 1977 in the National Guard. When Bill received his assignment as SEA they left their home in Seaside and now live in Sacramento across the street from California's Joint Force Headquarters. Laurie left her job in Seaside and found work for Caltrans in Sacramento; Laurie says that Caltrans is very good to her and to the military. She has worked with the State of California for almost 25 years with different departments.

She is definitely a Side by Side lady supporting her husband. She travels extensively with her husband and has many opportunities to speak to Family Readiness groups and unit events and uses every opportunity to introduce EANGUS and the EANGUS Auxiliary. Laurie even enrolled in a Toast Masters group, although she already had good speaking skills. She used EANGUS in her Toast Masters speech stating that people aren't aware of the importance of the National Guard until the Guard responds to a fire, flood, natural disaster, or war.

Laurie is California's legislative contact and does an excellent job, writing many, many letters, e-mails, etc. and encouraging all California Auxiliary members to do the same. She is also in charge of California Auxiliary's pop tab collecting. She encourages everyone to keep their tabs and puts up signs and collection bags wherever she can. She makes many deliveries of pop tabs and toiletries to the Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento. The Ronald McDonald House project is dear to her heart since they used a House when their son was young. Laurie and Bill have a beautiful daughter, Angela, who is a labor and delivery nurse in southern California and a handsome son, Eric, who lives in Seaside and works with an insurance company there. Laurie tells me they are not married yet and she's not a grandmother but family and friends have blessed her. Thank you, Laurie, for all you do to support your spouse and the National Guard!



**CONNIE MYERS
AREA IV DIRECTOR**

Connie Myers is the new Area IV Director and she has served as Legislative Chairperson for 2 years. Connie is married to Ricky, who serves as EANGUS parliamentarian, and they have 2 sons in the MS Air National Guard and 2 beautiful daughters-in-law, one of whom also serves in the MS Air National Guard. Son Chris and Crystal have blessed Connie and Ricky with their first grandchild, Connor who is a constant source of joy.

Connie also works with the 186th Air Refueling Wing in Meridian, MS as the Wing Family Program Manager. Connie told me she is very excited about being a first-time Area Director and learning lots and lots from Cathy Morris. She is hopeful that all the states in Area IV will not get tired of hearing from her. Connie plans to visit each state in Area IV.

Connie wanted to take the opportunity to put in a plug about working really hard this year on legislative activities in each respective state--your voice equals votes in your legislators' eyes. Connie wants to hear from you!

**UTE VANCE
AREA II DIRECTOR**

Ute was born and raised in Germany and met and married her husband while he was stationed in Germany in 1977. They have 5 children and 9 grandchildren. The emphases in their home have always been God, their family, church, and country (in that order). Besides her husband, who is the state command sergeant major of West Virginia, they have 2 sons and 2 sons-in-law in the National Guard. Their oldest son is a soldier for God, pastoring a church in Alabama. Ute says that as her husband gained rank, she became more and more involved in volunteering for the National Guard soldiers and families. Ute is the regional representative for the State Command Sergeant Major Spouses Council, serves on the State Family Council, serves on the ISFAC Council, and is president of the West Virginia Auxiliary. As with most people who volunteer their time for a cause, she and her husband have become very passionate about doing what they can to improve the lives of soldiers and families. On the side, Ute works full time as a paralegal in a busy law firm. In between she says she does try to sleep every once in a while! Ute wants to get to know everyone in her Area, at least through e-mails. She asks that if anyone has any suggestions on how to stretch the day, she is open to suggestions and wants folks to feel free to contact her at any time with questions or concerns.

NEW Job for Retired Utah State CSM Dell Smith

Congressman-Elect Jason Chaffetz announced today the appointment of three key staff positions in his Utah and Washington, DC offices. The new Deputy District Director Dell Smith retired last year from the Utah National Guard, where he served as the State Command Sergeant Major.

Dell Smith brings expertise in veteran affairs, military and national security matters - issues Chaffetz has said would be a focus of his Congressional service.
Congratulations Dell !

Military OneSource New Online Video Site Fosters Military Family Communication

Military OneSource has a new video-sharing site Troop Tube, designed to help military Families connect and keep in touch while miles apart. It is the only video-sharing site for military Families sponsored by the Department of Defense. TroopTube extends the virtual military community by enabling Soldiers and their Families to connect with each other and share videos wherever they may be. For more information or to sign up and begin sharing videos go to <http://www.trooptube.tv/>

Red Cross Offering Free Class to Help Military Families Cope with Deployments

The American Red Cross developed a new course, "Coping with Deployments: Psychological First Aid for Military Families" that is now available. The course, offered free of charge, is open to military Family members of active duty Soldiers, Reserve and National Guard forces, as well as veterans and their Families. Presently, the course is offered in sixteen states (AL, AR, CA, CO, FL, HI, IN, MN, NE, NH, OH, OR, PA, TN, TX and WV) and Washington, D.C. However, the Red Cross plans to make the course available across the country in the summer of 2009. The Red Cross developed the course to address the stress and strain of deployments on military Family members to include spouses, children, parents, siblings and significant others of Soldiers and veterans. For more information on the course or to locate local chapters, visit <http://www.redcross.org/> or http://www.redcross.org/pressrelease/0.1077.0_314_8294.00.html.

New LAW Helps with DEBT RELIEF

The National Guard and Reserve Debt Relief Act of 2008 became public law 110-438. The law will ease bankruptcy rules for Guard and Reserve members who have served as active duty Soldiers. The law was drafted from complaints by guardsmen and reservists whose small businesses and personal finances dwindled due to recurring combat deployments. The law prevents courts from dismissing bankruptcy cases based on means-testing, if the Guard or Reserve member was called to active duty since September 11, 2001 and was active for more than 90 days. The law is effective through the first year and a half following the Soldier's return home. For the full text, go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:s.03197:>

SUPPORTING the EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS of VETERANS with TBI and PTSD

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) recently unveiled America's Heroes at Work, a unique program designed to help employers support veterans who are coping with two increasingly common battlefield injuries Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The initiative equips businesses and the workforce development system with the tools they need to help those affected by TBI and/or PTSD succeed in the workplace, particularly service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. DOL wants employers to know that often simple workplace supports can help individuals with TBI and/or PTSD succeed in their jobs, and that employment can play a major role in their recovery. It has launched a comprehensive Web site that offers support and education concerning ways to assist returning service members with TBI and PTSD in their transition into the work place. It also provides a toll-free phone number that employers can call for personalized assistance related to accommodations for veterans with disabilities (800-526-7234). America's Heroes at Work is managed by DOL's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) and Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) in collaboration with other federal agencies engaged in TBI and PTSD programs, including the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Health and Human Services and Education, the Small Business Administration, the Social Security Administration and others. For more information, visit <http://www.americasheroesatwork.gov/>.

2008-2009 EANGUS Resolutions

- 08-01 Relating to inequities of the military pay raises for active serving military members and the cost of living adjustments (COLA) for retired military members
- 08-02 Relating to service members' group life insurance (SGLI) vs. veterans' group life insurance for retirees
- 08-03 Relating to federal employees retirement system (FERS) for military technicians
- 08-04 Relating to employers hiring retired civilian workers to replace a National Guard or reserve member during deployments without penalty to social security benefits
- 08-05 Relating to increasing the level of defense spending as a percentage of gross domestic product
- 08-06 Relating to Department of Defense requirement for medical and dental readiness
- 08-07 Relating to provision of mental health resources to support all National Guard and reserve component members returning from deployment
- 08-08 Relating to the medical information management in the National Guard of the United States
- 08-09 Relating to civil support team training for the National Guard
- 08-10 Relating to equitable treatment of dual-status military technicians
- 08-11 Relating to amending the United States code to provide for the burial of parents of a single member of the armed forces or veteran in a national veteran's cemetery
- 08-12 Relating to the issuing of IBA and SAPI plates to non-BCT units training for deployment to OIF/OEF
- 08-13 Relating to space-a travel privileges for surviving spouses
- 08-14 Relating to congressional intent relating to qualified military buglers in a retired status

EANGUS Auxiliary Vision and Objectives

Those who attended the Auxiliary break-out at the EANGUS Membership Workshop developed this Vision Statement and Objectives.

Vision

The Vision of the EANGUS Auxiliary is to contribute value to EANGUS as a Side by Side partner and to contribute value to Auxiliary members through services to members.

Mission/Objectives

Increase membership both in EANGUS and in the EANGUS Auxiliary. Membership is really the engine that drives the train. Without members, other objectives cannot be fully implemented.

Provide grassroots legislative support to EANGUS members/the Guard. The Auxiliary reported over 13,000 contacts during the year ended June 30. We know there are hundreds, maybe thousands, more letters that are written, phone calls made, and responses received. Although the Auxiliary does a good job in this area, we need to do more. If every member wrote at least 12 letters during the year (only one per month) we would exceed 20,000 and when our membership increased, we would do even more. Ask a Congressman if contacts really work!

Work on helping projects in states and through EANGUS/Auxiliary. There are more projects to help Guard members/military than we can even begin to list. Each state probably has a relief fund for Guard members needing help (check with your state's Joint Force Headquarters) and EANGUS has the *We Care for America Foundation*. We can also partner with Family Readiness Groups in units and in the states to help provide other services to deploying members and their families.

Provide scholarships for member's children. At the conference in Savannah, the Auxiliary awarded 4 scholarships; one was for \$1,250.00; three others were for \$1,000.00 each. Increased membership and revenue would allow us to offer more scholarships in larger amounts. It could happen!

Provide training, learning opportunities. At the 2009 conference in Rochester we will have 2 speakers: one will share information with us about Family Assistance Centers and the other will provide training and "hands on" help with the legislative process. *The Signal* newsletter also provides an avenue for sharing information.

Mentor prospective and new members. There is a wealth of experience in the Auxiliary membership in our states. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to mentor others.

Marketing

Visibility at every Area meeting and in state meetings when possible. EANGUS has been instrumental in helping the Auxiliary to be visible at national conference and other events.

Show results, talk about successes. Everywhere we are given a forum we will tell the Auxiliary message and "toot our horn" on the good job we do with legislative grassroots efforts.

Put the Auxiliary brochure out.

Develop an Auxiliary video.

Offer incentives for better performance by state Auxiliaries in measurable categories such as membership and legislative.

We want your input! Please contact me, EANGUS Auxiliary president, at yividean@aol.com with your great ideas and methods for implementation. **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore. Although I have been elected to lead the **T**EAM we will only be as effective as our weakest member. The EANGUS Auxiliary is counting on **YOU!**

Vivian Dean Taylor, President

EANGUS Auxiliary

2009 – EANGUS Auxiliary Awards - Awards Presented at the 2009 EANGUS Auxiliary Annual Conference						
Category of Award	Recipient	Eligibility Categories/Requirements	Criteria	Selection Method	Nominations Requirements	Deadline Date
Outstanding State Auxiliary Award	State Auxiliary	1-25 members 26-75 members 76+ members	Outstanding Contributions, Achievements and Service.	* Point System	N/A	June 01, 2009
EANGUS Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award	Individual	Any member of the EANGUS Auxiliary not currently serving on the Executive Board.	Exceptionally Outstanding Service at the state and/or national level.	N/A	**Nominations Packet	June 01, 2009
EANGUS Auxiliary Outstanding Area Directors' Award	Individual	Area Director	Contributions, Achievements, Service to the EANGUS Auxiliary and the respective state auxiliaries within the Areas they represent.	* Point System	N/A	June 01, 2009
EANGUS Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award	Individual	Any member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS).	Contributions, Achievements, Support and Service to the EANGUS Auxiliary	N/A	**Nominations Packet	June 01, 2009
EANGUS Auxiliary Spouse of the Year Award	Individual	Any spouse of a member of the EANGUS Auxiliary	Exceptional support to spouse in state and/or national auxiliary.	N/A	**Nominations Packet	June 01, 2009
Torch Award & Life Membership Award	Individual(s)	Torch Award - Any member of the EANGUS Auxiliary Life Award – Any life member of the EANGUS Auxiliary	Outstanding Achievement over a sustained period of time to the EANGUS Auxiliary.	N/A	Presidents Discretion.	N/A
The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award	Individual	Any member of the EANGUS Auxiliary.	Exemplary support to EANGUS especially in legislative matters.	EANGUS' Discretion.	NOTE: SEE "We Care for America"	April 15, 2009

*Point System (see attachment A): State Auxiliary Outstanding Award and EANGUS Auxiliary Outstanding Area Directors' Award.

** Nominations Packet (see attachment B): EANGUS Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award, EANGUS Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award and EANGUS Auxiliary Spouse of the Year Award.

NOTE: SEE "We Care for America" - EANGUS Awards Program for more details on "The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award".



Communication is the Key

We have all heard the old adage that “change is inevitable”. While this may be the case, I think it may be better described as.....Change is constant. If we were to look at all of the changes that have taken place within Area IV and within the Army and Air National Guard over the last year, it is readily apparent that change has been a constant force throughout.

We have encountered countless deployments, leadership changes, economic highs and lows, and the list goes on.... Through it all we have proven our ability to perform and adapt which is evidenced by the proud and distinguished service of our National Guardsmen and women all over the world. Our rich history of success within the National Guard also substantiates the quality of our personnel and the strong and effective leadership we continue to be provided with each and every day.

Though our proud history speaks for itself, we have a very daunting challenge in maintaining this “Standard of Excellence” as we continue to transform into the National Guard of the 21st Century. Even though strong and effective leadership and our outstanding personnel are integral to our continued success, it is our ability to communicate with each other that will provide the catalyst in achieving our future successes in today's National Guard Auxiliary and Associations.

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary communication is – “A process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior.” Sounds pretty simple doesn't it? But I think we can all agree that EFFECTIVE communication is actually not that simple, and in many cases it can be very awkward and uncomfortable to accomplish.

We all communicate in some form or another each and every day, but are we communicating effectively? Here are a few effective communication indicators for you to think about; Do you communicate your needs, expectations, and issues while taking into consideration the needs, expectations, issues, and situations of others? Do you actively listen when communicating and ensure you understand the issues BEFORE arriving at a decision? Are you able to communicate sensitive or negative issues with others without becoming defensive and close-minded? Are you communicating objectively or would your communication be considered to be subjective?

If our State Associations are to realize their true potential within Area IV, it is absolutely imperative that we take the time to communicate EFFECTIVELY with each other and with our individual members. As we continue to strive for continued growth and stability, our successes will be measured by our ability to EFFECTIVELY communicate with each other.

I look forward to communicating and working with all of you in our future endeavors within Area IV.

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Article borrowed from the Area IV newsletter, didn't think they would mind sharing such a thought provoking article from SMSgt Appenfeller, it applies to all of us “Communication is the KEY”.



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State Auxiliary Presidents, Scholarship Chairperson,

National Officers and Directors

Reference: Scholarship Rules

The Scholarship Committee of EANGUS Auxiliary is accepting applications for the school year 2009-2010. If funds are available, one scholarship in the amount of \$1250.00 will be awarded to the number one ranked applicant and three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each will be awarded, one being the scholarship donated by USAA.

1. Please read materials carefully before giving any applications to candidates. Be prepared to give assistance if needed. No previous recipe may apply again.
2. In order for each application to be considered, it MUST contain the following documentation – NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - a. High School/College Transcripts.
 - b. Three signed Letters of Recommendation
 - c. Letter from Applicant containing future goals and need for assistance.
 - d. A Letter of Recommendation and Transmittal from the State Auxiliary President, Scholarship Chairperson or Designee.
3. EANGUS Auxiliary sponsor must have dues paid to National Auxiliary no later than December 31, 2008.
4. For applicants to be eligible, sponsor's State Auxiliary must make a donation to the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Fund for the current and prior year. (Suggested donation is \$2.00 per member annually payable by December 31.)

It will be the responsibility of each State to make the information available to their membership. You may copy the application, however, DO NOT reduce it. Each State is to designate a Scholarship Chairperson and the applications returned to that person by a specific date. The application should then be reviewed to ensure all requirements have been met. Any incorrect applications received by the National Committee will be considered ineligible.

Each scholarship application to be considered by the National Committee must be mailed to Marie Brabham, 3329 Aspen Forest Drive, Middleburg, Florida 32068-4253. If there are any questions, I can be reached at (904) 291-6778. Packets must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2009 in order to be considered.

Marie Brabham

H. Marie Brabham

Auxiliary National Scholarship Chairperson



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The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary Scholarship Awards Program is as follows:

The following persons are eligible:

1. EANGUS Auxiliary Members
2. Unmarried, dependent sons and daughters of EANGUS Auxiliary Members
3. Spouses of EANGUS Auxiliary Members

Verification of membership in the EANGUS Auxiliary of the mother, father, spouse or self is necessary for applicants to be eligible.

For applicants to be eligible, sponsor's State Auxiliary must have made a donation to the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship fund for the current year and the prior year. (Suggested amount is \$2.00 per member per year payable by 31 December.)

Applicants must be enrolled at a university, college, business or trade school taking a minimum of eight accredited hours. **Graduate students are not eligible**.

An alternate recipient will be selected in case a recipient is unable to accept the award.

There shall be no consideration whatsoever given by the judges because of rank or grade of applicant, applicant's parents or applicant's spouse.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, character, leadership and need.

All applications must be accompanied by the following documentation:

1. A transcript of high school credits and/or college credits for applicants already enrolled in institutions of higher learning.
2. Letter from applicant with specific goals to continue his/her education and why financial aid is required.
3. Three **signed** letters of recommendation verifying the application and giving general personal traits. These may be from high school principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer, etc.
4. A letter of recommendation and transmittal from State Auxiliary President, Scholarship Chairperson or Designee.

Checks will be sent directly to the recipient, made payable to the institution of the recipient's choice, when verification of current enrollment is received by the committee chairperson.

These are one-time awards and shall not be repeated. Non-recipients may reapply so long as stated requirements are met. IF the school term is not completed, due to cause other than sickness or injury, the student will refund the scholarship award in full to the EANGUS Auxiliary.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of fund availability for the current year and the number of applicants.

DEADLINE POSTMARK DATE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON IS 30 JUNE.

**ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD
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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Home Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

Birth Date

Social Security Number

Male _____

Female _____

Single _____

Married _____

Name, Rank, Address, Phone and Unit of Parent, Spouse or Sponsor who is a National Guard Member: _____

Expiration Date of Enlistment _____

Current Status of Applicant (check one):

High School _____ College _____ Business/Trade _____ Working _____

If in school or college, fill in the following information:

Name and Address of School or College and Grade or Term _____

Number of brothers, sisters and their ages (if living at home): _____

Fill in the following information if applicable: _____

Spouse's Occupation _____

Your Occupation: _____

Number of Children and their ages (if living at home): _____

List name and address of College, University, Trade or Business School that you plan to attend: _____

List activities to which you have participated (school, church, community):

List offices to which you have been elected in any organization:

List honors (school, athletic, citizenship, etc.) which you have been awarded:

What career are you planning to pursue and why? _____

While attending college, will you work part-time _____ or during the summer _____

Persons eligible to apply are: EANGUS Auxiliary members, their spouse, their unmarried dependent sons or daughters.

State Enlisted Association Auxiliary
and EANGUS Auxiliary Member:

Relationship to you
(Father, Mother, Spouse, Self):

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR SPOUSE: _____

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school for reasons other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any scholarship money I received to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

All applications must be accompanied by:

1. A transcript of high school credits and/or college credits for applicants already enrolled in institutions of higher learning.
2. Letter from applicant with specific goals to continue his/her education and why financial aid is required.
3. Three **signed** Letters of Recommendation verifying the application and giving personal traits. These may be from high school principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer, etc.
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IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, YOU MAY USE SEPARATE SHEETS AND ATTACH.

(Deadline postmark date for submission to the National Scholarship Chairperson is 30 June.)

A Prayer of Thanksgiving...

We thank Thee for our daily bread,
For faith by which the soul is fed,
For burdens given us to bear,
For help that lifts the heart's despair.

We thank Thee, Lord, for eyes to see,
The truth that makes, and keeps us free:
For faults--and for the strength to mend them,
For dreams--and courage to defend them.

We have so much to thank Thee for,
Dear Lord, we beg but one boon more:
Peace in the hearts of all men living,
Peace in the whole world on this Thanksgiving.

--Joseph Auslander

Protect your Social Security Number and Your Identity

Military Families should take extra caution to protect their social security number and their service member's social security number. The Federal Trade Commission offers these tips: do not carry your Social Security card in your wallet or write your Social Security number on a check. Give your Social Security number only when absolutely necessary, and ask to use other types of identifiers. If your state uses your Social Security number as your driver's license number, ask to substitute another number. Your employer and financial institutions will need your Social Security number for wage and tax reporting purposes. Other businesses may ask you for your Social Security number to do a credit check if you are applying for a loan, renting an apartment, or signing up for utilities. Sometimes, however, they simply want your Social Security number for general record keeping; if someone asks for your Social Security number, ask why do you need my Social Security number? How will my Social Security number be used? How do you protect my Social Security number from being stolen? What will happen if I don't give you my Social Security number? If you don't provide your Social Security number, some businesses may not provide you with the service or benefit you want. Getting satisfactory answers to these questions will help you decide whether you want to share your Social Security number with the business. The decision to share is yours. For more information on ID Theft, go to: www.ftc.gov/idtheft or <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/consumers/deter.html> #ProtectyourSocialSecuritynumber

November is Military Family Month

Each November, the Armed Services YMCA celebrates Military Family Month to demonstrate the nation's support and commitment to the Families of military personnel. With many Soldiers deployed overseas, recognizing the daily sacrifices made by military Families has never been more important. ASYMCA mailed Military Family Month packets to installations in mid October. If you have not received a packet of information to assist in celebrating this great month, you can download it at www.asymca.org. The packet contains: Military Family Month Poster; Message from President Bush; a letter from the National Executive Director of the ASYMCA; Military Family Month Program .

A whizzing sound, a hit in the chest, thank God for my armor and the sweat that went into preparing for this. A man comes toward me with a gun and a knife, One quick click and I know it's alright. What have I done, what am I doing, I just killed a man, and I am still living. This is wrong but it's what I do. I'm in the Army. I'm here for you.

Written by Ashley Violett for her retired Texas National Guard Dad Sam Violett

Thank You! I have never worked on a newsletter with so much wonderful information. I am taking from all the Area Newsletters and many other contributions. Thank you for the pictures! Keep up the GREAT job, you are making my job easy! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!! **Lucretia**