



The Signal

Special Interest

March Trivia

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Real Challenge



President Viv's Message

Hello Auxiliary,

Special thanks to Jenny Lainhart, Vice-President, for representing the Auxiliary at the Area II Mid-Winter Conference held January 30-February 1; the Area II Mid-Winter was hosted by the Pennsylvania National Guard Enlisted Association and Auxiliary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania at the Lancaster

Host and Convention Center.

Area II Chairman, Rip Preston facilitated the opening session. Major General Jessica Wright, State Adjutant General, greeted the Association and Auxiliary members as did State Command Sergeant Major, Don Shiner. EANGUS President CSM (Ret) Frank Lever briefed the members on EANGUS. Auxiliary members broke out for a meeting conducted by Area II Auxiliary Director Ute Vance. Regina Spohn let me know that Pennsylvania National Guard Enlisted Association membership is slowly starting to grow with a number of military spouses signing up their spouse for the Auxiliary when they join the Association. Regina has been assisted in promoting the Auxiliary by longtime friend and supporter, Irene Pinter (wife of SGM Richard Pinter, the "Lone Bugler").

Area IV enjoyed their Mid-Winter Meeting in Olive Branch, Mississippi. I was privileged to represent the Auxiliary in my home Area. President Frank Lever briefed Association and Auxiliary members on EANGUS and I briefed the members on the EANGUS Auxiliary. The Auxiliary dismissed to their meeting, which was moderated by Area IV Directors Cathy Morris and Connie Myers. The Auxiliary conducted a silent auction with one-half the proceeds going to the Missouri Auxiliary to help them host the 2010 EANGUS Conference in St. Louis. Area IV began this practice a number of years ago to assist Area IV states when they host the EANGUS Conference. Two ladies, Cathy Morris and Pat Burchfield, indicated their willingness to run for Area Director at the EANGUS Conference in August. I had said I would give up the Area IV Secretary's work if I were elected as EANGUS Auxiliary President so I completed my 7-year tenure at the Olive Branch meeting. Rita Brown, Arkansas, was elected as Secretary and Peggy Campbell, Oklahoma, was reelected as Treasurer. The Auxiliary voted to donate one hundred seventy-five dollars to me to assist with lodging for the Area IV Mid-Winter.

Connie and Ricky Myers did a great job with conference arrangements. The hospitality room was a popular place on Friday night. Ricky's cowboy stew was a hit and was served along with sandwiches and various chips and dips. A birthday cake, provided in honor of Paula Carrigan on her birthday, was one of the desserts. On Saturday night, "A Taste of Mississippi" buffet was catered by the Whispering Woods Hotel and included fried catfish, barbeque pork, and chicken with a variety of side dishes and desserts. But, the most fun part of the entire weekend was the Newlywed Game, which was the after-dinner entertainment. Five couples, randomly selected, played the game and gave us an hour of laughs! Charlie and Paula Carrigan were the winners.

Again, I appreciate Deborah Ward's generosity in donating a mystery basket filled with goodies; donations on the basket netted \$189 for the EANGUS Auxiliary Treasury. I also sold 23 EANGUS Auxiliary Dessert Cookbooks for a total of \$115 for the EANGUS Auxiliary Treasury.

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Viv's Message Continued

I enjoyed the EANGUS Legislative Workshop, March 2-4, and was privileged to assist EANGUS President Frank Lever in presenting the awards at the Legislative Breakfast held on March 3. See the report from Connie Myers, EANGUS Auxiliary Legislative Committee Chairman, for more information on the Workshop.

Travel plans in the next few weeks include going to the Mississippi National Guard NCO Association/Auxiliary Conference in Tupelo, Mississippi and the Area III Meeting in Tusculumbia, Alabama. In just over 2 months we will be attending the Area V Meeting, Site Visit, and President's Workshop in Rochester, Minnesota.

Proposed constitutional amendments have been presented to me and I have forwarded them to the Constitution Committee Chairman, Virginia Ericson. She and her committee will work on them and they will be printed along with the Committee's recommendations in an upcoming issue of *The Signal*. Any state or individual can recommend changes. All changes must be submitted to the president at least 90 days prior to Conference and then the president will distribute the proposed changes to the states (by printing them in *The Signal*).

I really want to hear from you! You can reach me at the toll-free number (1-800-230-8221) or leave a message on my phone recorder or e-mail me at vividean@aol.com. Special thanks to those who communicate with me on a regular basis.

I appreciate you and what you do for Guard members and families!
Vivian

EANGUS Auxiliary will be selling a "Dessert Sampler" cookbook at Annual Conference in Rochester, MN. The plan is to have 300 available at a cost of \$5.00 each. There are some mighty good recipes in the book and will certainly be welcomed at the dinner table.

Our second cookbook is "Main Menu" and will be available at Annual Conference in St. Louis, Mo. We are accepting recipes for the "Main Menu" cookbook at this time. Our cookbook only allows for 20 pages and currently we have about 7 pages. Please submit menus to:

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NGAUS ENSHRINES MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

The National Guard Educational Foundation (NGEF) hosted a ceremony Wednesday to honor Guardsmen who have earned the Medal of Honor, the military's highest honor, at the National Guard Memorial in Washington, D.C. With three medal recipients on hand, NGEF added six new names to the Medal of Honor wall in the National Guard Memorial. The names were earlier inadvertently left off the alcove's memorial walls.

NGEF Director Jonathan Bernstein said that the impetus for the addition of names was a result of the posthumous awarding of the Medal of Honor to Master Sgt. Woodrow Wilson Keeble. During research, Bernstein discovered that names of Guardsmen who served in the Philippine Insurrection had been left off the wall. "It is an honor to be able to recognize additional members of the militia and Guard who have earned this highest military honor," said retired Brig. Gen. Stephen M. Koper, NGAUS president, during the ceremony.

The names of Guardsmen added to the wall were: Lt. Col. Webb C. Hayes, 36th U.S. Volunteers (1st Ohio Volunteer Cavalry); Col. Gordon Roberts, 101st Airborne Division (Ohio Army National Guard); Keeble (164th Infantry, North Dakota); Sgt. John A. Huntsman, 36th U.S. Volunteers (20th Kansas); First Lt. George W. Biegler, 28th U.S. Volunteers (1st Indiana Volunteer Infantry); Pvt. Charles Cawetzka, 30th U.S. Volunteers (1 Company, 7th Illinois).

In addition, three living Medal of Honor recipients attended the ceremony: retired Col. Ronald E. Rosser; retired Lt. Col. Bruce Crandall and retired Sgt. First Class Sammy Davis Jr.

Prayer and Praise

—3/9/09 On Monday, as we were leaving Ann's heart doctor's office, she had one of her "black outs" and had to be taken to the hospital by ambulance. Today, they did another Cath, a balloon thingy, and installed stints. If she does well tonight and in the AM, she will hopefully get to come home tomorrow. Thanks for your prayers and concern.

David

Keep Ann in prayer she is doing well as far as we know.

—Delaine Reis, the Wisconsin Auxiliary President, was in an automobile accident earlier this month which necessitated surgery. Delaine is scheduled to be off work for 8 weeks. Additionally, Delaine's brother died suddenly last week. Delaine really needs to know that we are remembering her in prayer.

—3/26/09 Jody Ward's sister, Geneva Rainey, is in the Baptist Hospital with congestive heart failure. Jody's brother, Spud Furr, is in the hospital in Brookhaven with a stroke. Please pray for Jody and her family in this time of need.

You can e-mail Jody at JWard1933@aol.com

—3/26/09 Pat Burchfield (MS) called last night and Jerry Burchfield is in the hospital. He has a large kidney stone 4 mm in size. The doctor will have to do surgery tomorrow.

Get Well Messages and Prayers for Auxiliary members, friends and family!

Ruth Ann Crawford

AL Hoxie

Joe Davis

Kathy Jackson, Husband

Jewel McBride, mother of BJ

Maxine Hammond

Agnes & Money Tupman

Oakley & Sarah Lollar

Dean Steinberg

Misty Gibson

Debra Campbell's Nephew

Paulette Lafferty

Lucretia Barbee's friend Marge Walsh

All deployed service members and their families

Our Country and the Leaders of our Country

Deaths: Please keep these families in prayer!

Daphne Robinette/ AZ

Dorothy Cobb

Betty Jane King, mother of Randy

Katherine Pylant

SMS Theresa "Sissy" Bartsch

Dorothy Barham, mother of Carol Hagan



Military Scholarships Available Through Grantham University

Grantham's desire is to make education affordable for our nation's service members, which is why they have established scholarships for active duty, reserve, guard, veterans, and military family members. Grantham's Military Scholarship covers the tuition remaining after Military Tuition Assistance (TA) benefits have been applied, up to the fiscal year (FY) cap, even for National Guardsmen and reservists who only receive 75% TA benefits (\$187.50 per credit hour). It also includes a Textbook and Technology grant that covers the costs of required textbooks and software. In addition, military students, who use all their allotted FY TA with Grantham, are allowed to take one additional credit hour - at no additional cost - for every \$1,000.00 of TA paid (Additional credits must be used the same FY they are earned).

Grantham University offers online undergraduate and graduate degree programs in Criminal Justice, Business Administration, Business Management, General Studies, Computer Science, and other technology-related fields. For more information, visit: <http://www.grantham.edu/admissions/scholarships.php>.

Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States

Congratulations on appointment as Command Chief Master Sgt. OHIO

Dear Chief Muncy:

CONGRATULATIONS on your appointment as Command Chief Master Sergeant! I look forward to meeting you. Please know that we wish you well in this new place or responsibility.

Sincerely,
Vivian Dean Taylor
President EANGUS Auxiliary
Vivian,

My wife is retired from the Guard (81-01), our oldest is a Captain (ANG), next daughter is a Senior Airmen (ANG), then our oldest son is ANG, and our youngest is a senior in High school. Our son-in-law is ANG, two of their children are now in the Guard (one Army and one Air).

I'm a former State Association president in Ohio, so EANGUS and the Auxiliary are near and dear to me.

Thanks, Chris



The Muncy Family

Massachusetts

The knitters at the senior center have been busy clicking their needles making hats and foot warmers for overseas servicemen and women. So far Auxiliary member Shirley Bogdan has taken over 350 of these knitted items and given them to "Operation Troop Support" who have mailed over 29,000 boxes to our troops. The American Legion Auxiliary unit that Shirley also belongs to is involved in the "Pocket Flag" project. The ladies are on their second box of 300 miniature American flags which they fold and insert into small plastic sleeves measuring 2x2 inches. These flags just slip into the Service members pockets.

WAY to go Massachusetts!

Laurie Cook CA

CONGRATULATIONS on your ascension to the office of president of the California Auxiliary. I know that California is excited about your leadership and I also know that you will do an excellent job. There are wonderful supporters and mentors in California that will be there to help you as well.

God bless!
Vivian Taylor, President
EANGUS Auxiliary

\$19,000 a year to those who serve during conflict

A little-known veterans' benefit for long-term care expenses is available to wartime veterans and their spouses. But the benefit is being overlooked by thousands of families.

The Special Pension for Veterans' Aid and Attendance pays up to \$1,644 a month, \$19,736 annually, toward assisted living, nursing homes or in-home care for veterans 65 and older who served at least 90 days and one day during wartime - state-side or overseas. Veterans and their spouses can receive up to \$23,396 annually and spouses of deceased veterans, \$12,681.

Please feel free to share the article with anyone you know who is a veteran of a war.

<http://newsok.com/article/3344150> <<http://newsok.com/article/3344150>>

First issue of On Guard magazine

The link below is for the first issue of our new online On Guard magazine.

With our Web site providing the latest National Guard news, this e-zine will showcase more in-depth feature articles and captivating photography of our Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen and their missions. Our goal is to reach much more of our audience and provide the most timely, accurate and interesting news and information to National Guard members and their families, retirees and civilian employers. It is time to move The On Guard into the 21st century.

<http://www.ngb.army.mil/features/onguard-beta/default.aspx>

This photo of Pat Kishman West Virginia made me smile...hope it makes you smile too. Pat won the *Pen Is Mightier Than the Musket* Award last year at conference; she is currently deployed with a Mississippi unit.



ENGAA Auxiliary after Conference Report

Date: March 20-22, 2009

Place: The Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, Al

Kicked the conference off with a great Early bird party. Highlights of Business meeting agenda:

- Betty Galloway inspired the members as she always does with the Lord's Prayer.
- Treasurer Peggy Schmidlkofer made a nomination to raise the associate member dues from \$8 to \$10. Members voted and passed.
- Update given on the Area III Caucus by Starr Boatwright and Barbara Rains, To be held April 24-25 at the Coldwater Inn in Tuscumbia. Marlene Thompson stepped down as our Legislator Chair. Temporarily standing in until a replacement is found will be Cindy Chance, State President.
- Next year will be election year.

Brunch was a combined effort of ENGAA and NGAAL Auxiliaries. Our raffle of a Portrait drawn by member Jackye Hargrove was a success, with a final tally of \$600

- President's Award-Marjorie Monk
- Side by Side Award-SFC (retired) Glenn Schmidlkofer.

If you missed this year's conference hope to see you there next year. Next year's conference will be in Marriott at the Space Center, Huntsville. April 16-18, 2010.

SAN ANTONIO - Operation Home front and Lockheed Martin Corp. have partnered together to recognize the service and sacrifices of the nation's youngest heroes with the Military Child Award. Nominations for the award are open to military children between the ages of 8 and 18. The winner will be flown with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., for the \$5,000 award and special recognition ceremony on April 29, 2009.

Anyone can nominate a deserving child for the award, but the nominee must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility System, DEERS.

"The sons and daughters of America's service members learn what patriotism is at a very young age," said Amy Palmer, chief operating officer, Operation Home front. "Children in military families understand sacrifice and live with the concept of service. This is what the Military Child Award honors."

Go to www.homefrontonline.com between now and March 30, 2009 to nominate children of both active duty and Reserve families. In addition to the financial award and travel expenses, meals and accommodations for two will also be provided.

"One of the key missions of Operation Home front is to provide our troops and their families with morale assistance," said Regina Galvin, vice president of communications, Operation Home front. "The Military Child Award highlights these efforts and reminds military family members of all ages that their service is appreciated."

To nominate a deserving young patriot, visit www.homefrontonline.com. For more information about Operation Home front, visit www.operationhomefront.net or contact Tranette Ledford at tranette@operationhomefront.net; 210-659-7756 or 210-788-8778.



Mid-Winter 09
Area Vi & VII
Vegas, Nevada

Thank you Sara Hendrix
for sharing pictures!

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 10:22:46 AM

Subject: PASS THIS TO EVERY MILITARY RETIREE YOU KNOW!

To: All Military Retirees:

This is a "Heads Up" on a battle we are facing now and down the road with the new Administration. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has already drafted proposed legislation that would basically reduce our TRICARE for Life benefits to a system whereby we pay deductibles and co-pays up to \$6,301 the first year for you and your spouse, with future years being indexed to increase with inflation.

What can we do? The article below, obtained from an Air Force Association and written by BG Bob Clements, best describes what we can do to ensure the continuation.

Please read it and check the links for CBO language and do what Bob says-Send this e-mail to every Military Retiree you know and write and e/m your Congressman often. For those of you that might have voted for "Change", you should do it more than often!

TRICARE FOR LIFE'S FUTURE....

TRICARE For Life was instituted to correct the broken promise that military retirees would receive free healthcare coverage for life and it does cover the Medicare co-pay.

Now a heavy assault has begun on Veterans'/Retirees' benefits to pay for other programs our President promised during the campaign .. And it is a high priority of his administration. The one item most of interest to Retired Military is in Article 189. If approved by Congress the first assault wave would hit in 2011 and would hit hard.

It would initiate cost sharing to require retirees to pay the first \$525 of medical cost and 50% of the next \$4,725 for a first year cost of \$2,888 per person. It would be indexed to increase with inflation. A reason given for this action (for PR effect) is "overuse" by Retirees.

For those of you who are covered by TFL, you will want to pay attention (Below) to what BG Bob Clements has surfaced about the future of Tricare for Life.

In any case, on page 189 of the Congressional Budget Office report, see the note below on how to get to that spot, there is a strong recommendation to eventually eliminate the program. Just another move to slight those of us who dedicated much of our adult lives to the defense of our country.

Strongly recommend that you contact your elected officials and register

Auxiliary:

The American Institute of Philanthropy, a leading charity watchdog, issued a report card this month for 29 veterans and military charities. Letter grades were based largely on the charities' fundraising costs and the percentage of money raised that was spent on charitable activities.

Air Force Aid Society (A+)
American Ex-Prisoners of War Service Foundation (F)
American Veterans Coalition (F)
American Veterans Relief Foundation (F)
AMVETS National Service Foundation (F)
Armed Services YMCA of USA (A-)
Army Emergency Relief (A+)
Blinded Veterans Association (D)
Disabled American Veterans (D)
Disabled Veterans Association (F)
Fisher House Foundation (A+)
Freedom Alliance (F)
Help Hospitalized Veterans/Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (F)
Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (A+)
Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation (F)
National Military Family Association (A)
National Veterans Services Fund (F)
National Vietnam Veterans Committee (D)
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (A+)
NCOA National Defense Foundation (F)
Paralyzed Veterans of America (F)
Soldiers' Angels (D)
United Spinal Association's Wounded Warrior Project (D)
USO (United Service Organization) (C+)

ATTRACTIONS NEAR THE ROCHESTER

CONFERENCE SITE:

The Plaza (in between the Kahler Grand and the Rochester Marriott)
Mayo Clinic - Gonda Building (across the street)
Mayo Clinic - Methodist Hospital (across the street)
Goonies Comedy Club
Mayo Civic Center
Rochester Civic Theatre
Government Center
Mayo Field
Rochester Arts Center
McQuillon Fields
Mayo Clinic - St. Mary's Hospital
Soldier Field
Plummer House
Olmsted Fairgrounds/Graham Marina
IBM
Quarry Hill Nature Center
Rochester Community & Technical College
Maywood Mansion
National Volleyball Center

Say "Thank You" with a Freedom Team Salute Commendation

Freedom Team Salute is sponsored by the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff. There is no cost to participate. Anyone can honor a discharged U.S. Army Veteran and those individuals who support Soldiers and the Army mission. Active Duty Soldiers can honor their parents, spouse, and other supporters. Guard and Reserve Soldiers can honor their parents, spouse, employer, and other supporters. To find out more about Freedom Team Salute, visit www.FreedomTeamSalute.com.

The National Guard Family Program Division is pleased to announce the National Guard: Child Care Use During Deployment Survey.

Please assist the National Guard Child Care Program by distributing this survey link to National Guard members and their families. Survey Link: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228AQH9A7LO>

Target Audience: National Guard families with children who are currently preparing for deployment, in a deployment phase, or recently returned from deployment (up to 2 months after return).

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Information collected in this survey will be used to research perceptions and child care needs of military members. This information will assist in the formulation and improvement of policies for programs that benefit military families. Reports will be provided to the National Guard Family Programs Division. Findings may be used in reports and testimony provided to Congress and other Government Agencies. Some findings may be published in professional journals, or presented at conferences, symposia, and scientific meetings. In no case will individual identifiable survey responses be reported.

Providing information on this survey is voluntary. Most people take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey.

Thank you,

Mr. Michael Conner, Sr.



Sara & Bryce Hendrix



Viv and Connie having fun in Vegas!

Emergency Preparedness Thoughts

The United States has only one firefighter for every 480 people and one police officer for every 385 people. That means in an emergency, most people “are going to be on their own for possibly 48 to 72 hours,” says David Paulison of the Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA).

“Survival Planning Starts at Home,” USA Today, February 11, 2003. You should have an emergency kit at home, school, work, in the car and while traveling.

The kits should consist of items that are necessary for your survival in case you are displaced from your home or workplace etc. Here are some suggested items:

Flashlight, batteries, water, food, medications, important documents, change of clothing, shoes, socks, portable radio, money – in small bills and change, seasonal clothing, poncho, plastic garbage bags, personal items etc.

You can decide before an emergency how comfortable you will be while you are waiting for help to arrive. As you go through a normal day, take note of items you would not want to be without and build your own list for your kit.

Think back to the horrible scene in the aftermath of the Katrina hurricane. Those people suffered because they weren’t prepared. How different would the situation have been if they would have had a backpack, bag or small suitcase with needed items.

This isn’t a hard assignment. Most of you have everything you would need to build a kit. You just need to gather everything together and put it in a central location in your home so you can grab it at a moment’s notice. Make sure you have emergency supplies in your cars as well. Always try to keep your gas tank at least half full.

This will give you enough gas to get out of the affected area in case you have to evacuate.

If you would like any more information about preparing for an emergency, you are welcome to email me with any questions or thoughts.

Connie Smith /Family Affairs Chair
connie@chaffetz.com

Senior Corner:

Brooks Marr Senior Contributor

Will You Dance With Me?

Too many people put off something that brings them joy just because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine.

Think about all those women on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible.

How many women out there will eat at home because their husband didn't suggest going out to dinner until after something had been thawed? Does the word 'refrigeration' mean nothing to you?

How often have your kids dropped in to talk and sat in silence while you watched 'Jeopardy' on television? I cannot count the times I called my sister and said, 'How about going to lunch in a half hour?' She would gas up and stammer, 'I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday, I had a late breakfast, It looks like rain.' And my personal favorite: 'It's Monday.' She died a few years ago. We never did have lunch together.

Because Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to schedule our headaches. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect! We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Steve toilet-trained. We'll entertain when we replace the living-room carpet... We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college.

Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of 'I'm going to,' 'I plan on,' and 'Someday, when things are settled down a bit.'

When anyone calls my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of Roller blades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord..

My lips have not touched ice cream in 10 years. I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my stomach with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The other day, I stopped the car and bought a triple-Decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy. Now...go on and have a nice day. Do something you WANT to.....not something on your SHOULD DO list. If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain lapping on the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night? Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask 'How are you?' Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? Ever told your child, 'We'll do it tomorrow.' And in your haste, not see his sorrow? Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die? Just call to say 'Hi?' When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift....Thrown away..... Life is not a race. Take it slower.. Hear the music before the song is over.

This was read by Brooks and it touched her, a great message for all of us and one she wanted to share with each of you.





AIR NATIONAL GUARD TEEN LEADERSHIP SUMMITS

The Teen Leadership Summits are only for Air Guard and Air Force Reserve youth. The camp is 100% funded and the youth will fly into Atlanta or Jacksonville (depending on the summit location) from the closest major airport to where they live.

The application deadline is **6 April 2009** (application and criteria are located at the following website): www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit. We appreciate your support in promoting this outstanding opportunity to our teens. Information about each summit follows:

Airfare, transportation while at the Summit, camp fees, lodging and meals are covered by Air Force. Parents will be responsible for getting their teen to/from the airport, baggage fees, spending money for snacks, souvenirs and meals purchased during their airline travel to the summit.

July 13-17, 2009 - Wahsega 4-H Center, Dahlonega, GA Attendees will be flown into Atlanta-Hartsfield International Airport. This Summit will focus on developing an awareness of programs and services available to AF Reserve and Air National Guard dependents. Activities include high/low ropes course, rock climbing, white water rafting, environmental education and leadership classes.

July 27-31, 2009 - Jekyll Island 4-H Center, Jekyll Island, GA Attendees will be flown into Jacksonville International Airport. This Summit will build upon information gained at the first Summit so attendees should come with a basic understanding of programs and services available to them as dependents of AFR/ANG. Speak Out for Military Kids training will be provided as well as programs focused on ocean/marsh life and the local history. Activities will include sea kayaking/canoeing, dolphin tours, biking, a day at Cumberland Island National Seashore, leadership activities and more.

The AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summits are open to all 15-18 year old dependent teens of current Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard members.

If you have any questions, please contact: Ms. Stacey Young, HQ AFRC/AISY, Chief, Family Member Programs Stacey.young@afrc.af.mil, 478-327-0971, DSN 497-0971 or Ms. Brandi Mullins, HQ AFRC/AISY, Specialist, Child and Youth Programs brandi.mullins@afrc.af.mil, 478-327-2090, DSN497-2090.

Can you GUESS who our "Member" Spot Light will feature next MONTH?

Here is a hint! A lovely picture of our very Special Auxiliary Member. If you don't know her then you don't spend enough time or money at our Annual Silent Auction! Tune in next month to read all about her.



New Trivia Questions

1. In Phoenix, AZ at the 1979 National Conference the State of _____ presented the Auxiliary with an American Flag and District Two of _____ presented the Auxiliary with an Auxiliary Flag which was hand-made by _____.
2. What two items were first used as a money making project by EANGUS Auxiliary?
3. The EANGUS Auxiliary membership voted to establish a scholarship fund, and a scholarship committee will set the requirements. The year was _____. The National Conference was held in _____, _____.

Answers for February:

- (1) Answer: Discussion and a vote to form a National Auxiliary. 44 ladies were present.
- (2) Answer: President, Mary McKamey, Louisiana V. President, Doris Williams, Mississippi Secretary, Dot Brown, Mississippi
- (3) Answer: ARKANSAS

PBS website: New York, NY, January 28, 2009

[Sesame Workshop](#), the nonprofit educational organization behind [Sesame Street](#), is producing, in association with David Letterman's production company Worldwide Pants Incorporated and Lookalike Productions, a new PBS primetime special, **Coming Home: Military Families Cope With Change**, featuring Queen Latifah, John Mayer and Elmo. This half-hour HD special tells stories of service members who return home with injuries, visible and invisible, and explores the heroic struggles their families face in discovering anew way of finding a "new normal." It salutes the extraordinary courage and strength of these military families and offers the general public a powerful glimpse into what they often must endure. The special will air on [PBS](#) on April 1, 2009 at 7 PM (Central Standard Time but check local listings) in conjunction with April as the "Month of the Military Child." Sesame Workshop has spent the past two years creating outreach materials to help military families with young children cope with deployments, homecomings and changes. In 2007, the Workshop produced a PBS primetime special, *When Parents are Deployed*, with Cuba Gooding, Jr., which was honored with an Emmy nomination. [The Talk, Listen, Connect Initiative](#) provides support and offers significant resources for military families with young children experiencing the effects of deployments, multiple deployments or when a parent returns home changed due to a combat related injury. The materials consist of a bilingual (English/Spanish) multimedia outreach kit with DVDs for children and adults starring the Muppets from Sesame Street, and print materials for children, parents and caregivers and facilitators. Sesame Workshop has produced over 1.3 million kits which are being distributed, at no cost, to individual families, schools, child care programs, family support programs, hospitals and rehabilitation centers and other organizations serving the needs of military families. The Talk, Listen, Connect materials are also available online at www.sesamestreet.org/tlc so that families everywhere can view the videos and download the information. Families can also find information about the program on www.pbsparents.org.

SPECIAL OFFER: The Army National Guard has established a multimedia library available to Soldiers and Family members. The library has popular audio books on tape and CD. They are available for a free short-term rental. Eligible participants may login and request several audio books but will only be shipped one at a time. Once the item is returned the next item requested in the queue will be shipped. To register go to www.arng.3leafgroup.com.

Wisconsin

NEW or excellent condition CDs and DVDs. These will be sent to our Wisconsin Guard members who have been deployed monetary contributions accepted to purchase more CDs and DVDs and shipping costs. For more information contact:

President - Delaine Reis (920) 775-4405 cdreis@tds.net

Wisconsin: Gina Adamski of Rib Mountain penned this tribute to the again-deployed 32nd Brigade which was printed in the *Wausau Daily Herald*:

"One ordinary man, One ordinary woman, with a heart made of gold. "Training one weekend a month, until they were told to bring all their strength, and control all their fear; kiss their loved ones goodbye, but don't shed a tear.

"Now is the time to put your training to the test; fighting a war with America's best. Twelve months you will be gone, in a land far from here; fighting a cowardly enemy, the dangers will grow near."

"Don't give in, don't give up, stand tall and be true; for you are a hero fighting for the red, white, and blue. The country will thank you, and proud should you be because the world will be safer for both you and me.

Greetings from Minnesota.....

Hopefully the snow and cold are finished for us up here in North Country. Before we know it, it will be time for our Conference.

In February I was in Rochester with Roger Hagan, Dee Riggle and all the people involved in making this Conference a great event.

If you are having problems with your hotel reservations please contact Dee Riggle.. EANGUS handles all the hotel issues. It will be easier for you than trying to go thru the hotels.

The convention center is very nice and we should have plenty of room. We are having a site visit in May and I hope to see many of you there in our fair city of Rochester. I don't personally live there, but I assure you it's a lovely town. Rochester is very excited to have us coming to their town.

We would like to offer some tours for Monday. It will all depend on the number of people who sign up. There will be more information to come. The tours are:

Mall of America

Spam Museum

Mississippi River Cruise

Treasure Island Casino

About 95% of all the Hotels can reach the convention center and other events thru the skyway system. For anyone that is staying at out lying Hotels there will be a shuttle or some sort of transportation. Also if you have special needs transportation can be arranged.

For our luncheon the menus have been chosen. If you are a vegetarian please let me know and we will work something out.

All the preparations are being made for the "Home Town Heroes Parade" on Sunday. The opening ceremonies will follow at the Rochester War Memorial Park. Buses will be provided to take everyone back to the convention center.

The Welcome Night party will be held at the Peace Plaza. We're going to have a Guard Family Picnic, a celebration of our other family.

The All Area Hospitality night will be held behind the convention center in the park.

This is a lot of information and I hope it will help everyone. If you have any questions contact me and I will do my best to help you. Be sure and put Rochester Conference in the subject line of your email.

See you all soon!

Karen Vicento
President MNGEA Auxiliary
kmvincento@yahoo.com

Here is a great website for information about MN.

http://www.rahrahrochester.com/events/2009_EANGUS/

**ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD
OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY
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.
4. A Letter of Recommendation and transmittal from State Auxiliary President, Scholarship Chairperson or Designee.

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.)



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October 31, 2008

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 recipients are allowed to 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.

SIDE BY SIDE WE STAND WITH PRIDE

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2009 EANGUS Legislative CALLS

CALL 09-14 - Sponsorship of S.645, National Guard Youth Challenge

The National Guard Youth Challenge Program serves to improve the education, life skills, and employment potential of America's high school dropouts by providing military-based training, education, supervised work experience, and other important assistance. Over 30% of our nation's youth fail to attain a high school diploma. High school dropouts are much more likely to be unemployed, live in poverty, receive public assistance, serve time in prison, and/or become a single parent with children who repeat this cycle.

The National Guard Youth Challenge Program is managed by the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs, and executed by the National Guard Bureau. It is a community based program that trains and mentors at-risk youth so that they may become productive, employed, and law-abiding citizens. It has been recognized as one of the Nation's most effective and cost-efficient programs for targeting youth who are at the greatest risk for substance abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency, and involvement in criminal activities. The program currently operates at 33 program sites in 27 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Eleven states would like to start a program, and four current states would like a second program within their states.

This important legislation amends the law to allow new programs to be federally funded at 100% for the first two years, and changes the cost ratio from 60% Federal/40% State to 75% Federal/25% State for all programs.

CALL TO ACTION!

Wwww.eangus.org



Connie Myers
Legislative
Chair

EANGUS Legislative Workshop and Awards Reception

The 2009 EANGUS Legislative workshop and awards breakfast was held 2-4 March in Alexandria, VA and was a tremendous success. The approximately 70 attendees received training in legislative matters, how to answer "The Call", and how to dress for success when you visit Capital Hill. The weather forced a change in the agenda. Congressman Tim Walz from MN was scheduled to address us, however he was stuck in a MN airport but thanks to Frank Yoakum's persistence, the Congressman was able to talk to us by conference call. Tuesday morning when we left the hotel for downtown DC it was obvious who was prepared for the 8 inches of snow, 12 degrees with a wind chill of zero!!! They had long overcoats with scarves and gloves. We from the south had jackets and chill bumps the size of Texas!!

The format was different this year with a breakfast instead of an evening reception for the awards ceremony. And it was very well attended by military personnel and members from Capital Hill. The award winners were: Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) Montgomery Eagle Award; Representative Joe Wilson (R-SC) Montgomery Eagle Award; Mr. Mike Dubois, Militia Award and Mr. Neil McKiernan, Militia Award. All the recipients were honored to receive these awards and all spoke about the hard work and the dedication to duty of our National Guard.

Please make it a priority right now to answer the "Call", get to know the lawmakers in your state – they want to hear from you—and make your plans now to attend the workshop next year.

Connie Myers

EANGUS Auxiliary Legislative Chairperson



Thanks to SGT Debbie Newton for the pictures.



President Viv Taylor, Legislative Chair, Connie Myers, Connie Smith Area VI Director and EANGUS Legislative Chair Frank Yoakum staying busy during the Legislative workshop in March.

