



The Signal

Inside Agenda for
St. Louis Conference
HOPE to SEE
You There



President Viv's Message

Summer arrived with a bang, didn't it?!

Even before the calendar said it was summer the thermometer said it was and it's been hot, even in places where it usually isn't so hot. With the warmer temps came lots of outdoor activities. I hope you've enjoyed your vacations, fishing trips, gardens, or whatever your favorite pastime is. I enjoyed decorating the church for the Independence Day celebration and planning for several emphases and trips during the summer.

June 28 through July 3 I had the opportunity to work at the 18th annual Kids AT (MS NG Summer Youth Camp). Several of our Auxiliary members work each year and I have been privileged to be there from its inception. The Camp is for Guard children or grandchildren ages 9-12; we had 144 children at Camp plus around 50 teenagers who served as junior staff, junior counselors, or aides de camp. Volunteers, mostly family members of Guard members, staff the Camp.

We had patriotic music at church on Independence Day and then enjoyed ribs, potato salad, corn salad, baked beans, cheesecake, blueberry crunch, and watermelon for lunch with our family. I feel so blessed to have been born in the United States and to be free to choose to live here. On July 11 we had a Summer Social after the evening service at church and enjoyed hot dogs, chips, dips, numerous desserts, and several flavors of homemade ice cream. We also "sneaked in" a birthday celebration for my sister-in-law, Carole, whose birthday was July 14. Friends and family—another wonderful blessing!

I finally just had to cut off the information for the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Book on July 5 so that I could get the information in the mail to Susan Jenkins in Missouri on the 6th. Susan let me know that she received the package on the 9th and Missouri is working on getting the Conference Book printed.

Please think and pray about what you can offer to the Auxiliary...I'm hopeful that we will have at least one candidate for every office before Conference. To date, Jenny Lainhart has announced candidacy for president and Cora Sower has announced candidacy for treasurer. If you missed the forms and information in earlier issues of *The Signal* you can contact Nominations Committee Chairman Marie Traxler at sidmarie@sbcglobal.net. Don't delay!!

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President

Viv's

Message

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Conference will be here in just a few days—oh, my goodness, it's hard to believe!!!

Remember to pack items for the silent auction.

It will be hot in St. Louis so pack appropriate clothing; of course, you may want to add a light sweater for those spaces that are air conditioned and cooler than you might want. Believe me, you will shed it once you're outside. J

I hope you've been saving a little extra cash so that you can bid at the silent auction, buy a Main Dish Cookbook (and Dessert Cookbook, too), and buy tickets on the amethyst and diamond bracelet. Dues fund less than half of the Auxiliary budget, so our fundraisers are very important.

Everyone is encouraged to bring door prizes.

Area V and Area IV have each given at least \$250.00 for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) and they would encourage other areas/states to give as generously as possible. If you have not already sent in your donation to our treasurer, Cora Sower, please bring your cash or check to Conference and *give it to Cora prior to the Wednesday session*. We will present one check to the RMH representative, Mr. Dan Harbaugh, on Wednesday morning. RMH is a great charity and many of our members/families have experienced their hospitality first-hand. Thanks for your generosity. [Also, remember that we will not take pop tabs at Conference. We voted last year to sell pop tabs prior to Conference and then take the receipt and proceeds to Conference for RMH. We will still receive travel-size toilet-ries.]

If you haven't gone to the EANGUS website and paid for your EANGUS Auxiliary Luncheon you need to do so **before** arriving in St. Louis.

Bring smiles and hugs for old friends and new.

You noticed that I sent out an updated agenda with some room number changes and time changes. Bryan Birch, EANGUS Chief of Staff, also posted it for us on the EANGUS website and it is included in this issue of The Signal. If other changes should occur we will do our best to alert you to those.

We had intended to put the closing time of the silent auction in this issue of the newsletter but that is currently being discussed with the exhibitor decorator and others. Watch for times to be posted and we'll announce as soon as possible.

You can reach me at the toll-free number (1-800-230-8221); phone me at work (601-735-9413); or e-mail me at vividean@aol.com. Thanks to every single person who has taken the time to call, write, and e-mail. Your communication has been vital.

This is my final article as president of the EANGUS Auxiliary. What an experience this has been for me; I certainly will never forget this time. So many of you have been encouragers. Thank you for that. Please support the next president and Board and keep on supporting our Guard family. You truly do make a difference.

Continue working to make the EANGUS Auxiliary bouquet big, beautiful, and showy!!!

God bless you as you bless others,
Vivian

Auxiliary Fundraiser at St. Louis: A beautiful amethyst and diamond tennis bracelet in 10K. Tickets are \$3 each or 4 tickets for \$10.

Drawing for this beautiful bracelet will be in St. Louis on August 11th

Prayer and Praise



- *IL-Marge Walsh in her continuing battle with cancer, showing signs of remission praise the Lord!*
- *MS– Nathan Cooley and his family*
- *Pray for our Troops*
- *Pray for our Country and it's leaders*
- *Pray for the National EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in St. Louis, Missouri*
- *Pray for storm and other natural disaster victims throughout our country and for the mighty group of volunteers that are working each day to support them*
- *Janyth, Willa Ales's sister. Ann, now has pneumonia and is running a fever. She stays nauseous also. We are waiting test results. Thanks for all that you do.*
- *Helen Denton: She is in ICU. She had a sick spell last night and vomited. They called me at 10:30 to tell me she was OK. They have been trying to get her to a point that they can remove the chest tubes, but so far she still needs them. The doctor told me that when they are removed, she will improve quickly. Bob Denton*
- *Just thought all you ladies would like to know, one of our State CSM Wife's, Vick Breece from Tennessee fall last week and broke her hip—here is her info if any of you would like to contact her. Just got off the phone with her and she was really down, she was looking forward going to Tucson. I know she would love to here from each of you. My prayers are with Mark and Vick for a speed recover. Gloria Our address is: 2105 Indian Trace Dyersburg, TN 38024 She is currently in Rehab in Martin. She will be there probably 5 - 7 days. If you want to call or email, her information is below: Cell: 731-445-8504 Email: vbreece@vzw.blackberry.net*

EANGUS Blood Drive 2010

During our 39th Annual National Conference, EANGUS will once again host a blood drive for our local community in the St Louis, Missouri area. This year the blood drive will be offered by the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. The blood drive will be held on August 9, 10, and 11th in the America's Center Exhibitor Area.

EANGUS thanks each and every one who took the time last year to give the gift of life to someone else. We look forward to another successful drive to further our relationship within our community as we are called to be Citizen Soldiers serving this country. Any questions call or email me. MSgt Deborah Ward at 601-927-1288 or msdebward@bellsouth.com

EANGUS AUXILIARY ELECTION YEAR!

Remember this is an election year and nominees are needed for president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Please send nominations forms to Marie Traxler. Contact Marie at sidmarie@sbcglobal.net. Download a nomination form and read letter from nomination chair at [eangus.org>aboutauxiliary>organization>nomination form](http://eangus.org/aboutauxiliary/organization/nomination%20form)

Continue to answer the CALLs as they come out.

It's one of the most important ways you can make a difference for your Guard member

The Call: 10-11 TRICARE Retired Reserved (TRR) Implementation

Now is the Time to Fight for Your Benefits

The Issue: On-going delays in the Implementation of the FY 2010 Approved TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) Program.

Immediate Action Required: Contact your Congressional Leaders/Candidates, the Secretary of Defense, and the President asking them to urge the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to expedite approval of this non-controversial initiative so we can deliver this hard-won benefit to our deserving Gray Area Retirees in a timelier manner.

www.eangus.org

To stay informed about our programs and events, please see the July edition of the Military Community & Family Policy eMagazine.

<http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/mcftp/emag>

In this issue of the eMagazine, explore summer activities for you and your families, prepare for that summer move, and look for tips on your children's transition back to school at the end of the summer.

All of our websites are listed, so just click on any of them for quick and easy access. If you have any suggestions or comments on how we can further improve this effort, please do not hesitate to let us know. Our next issue will be published in July.

Your MC&FP Team!

Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) Office of the Secretary of Defense Providing policy, tools, and resources to further enhance the quality of life of service members and their families.

EANGUS Auxiliary Conference President's Report

For the period since the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Rochester, Minnesota in 2009 through the date of this report in July 2010, the president has represented the EANGUS Auxiliary at numerous events. As your EANGUS Auxiliary president I was afforded the opportunity at each of these events to speak about the EANGUS Auxiliary. I was also able to present the Dessert and Main Dish Cook-books and amethyst and diamond bracelet fundraisers at each of the events listed below as well as at other Auxiliary and Family Program events held in Mississippi; through July 5 these fundraisers had netted almost thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300.00).

AREA MEETINGS

Area II Meeting – Baltimore, Maryland – March 5-7, 2010

Area III Meeting – Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, South Carolina – May 21-23, 2010

Area IV Mid-Winter Meeting – Baton Rouge, Louisiana – February 12-14, 2010

Areas VI & VII Meeting – Casa Grande, Arizona – January 22-24, 2010

I was apologetic when a prior engagement prevented my attending the Area I Meeting. I did have the opportunity, however, to visit with numerous Area I EANGUS members at the President's Workshop. There is interest in Area I and we do have some lifetime members in some of the states in Area I. The Auxiliary really needs at least one Area Director in Area I to capitalize on that interest. Maybe that person is you...think about what you can do!

I was also unable to attend the Area V Meeting as it was held on the same weekend as the Area III Meeting. Both Area V

EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Report Continued

Directors Edna Steinberg and Margaret Greenfield, were present and represented Area V and the EANGUS Auxiliary.

EANGUS BOARD MEETINGS

Rochester, Minnesota – August 8, 2009 and August 12, 2009

Savannah, Georgia – October 9-11, 2009

St. Louis, Missouri – May 15-16, 2010

PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP & SITE VISIT

St. Louis, Missouri – May 14-15, 2010

EANGUS cancelled the 2010 Legislative Workshop due to low registration.

FUNDRAISERS

Cookbook Chairman Sara Hendricks typed the Main Dish Cookbook. President Taylor donated the paper, card stock for covers, binders, and toner and reproduced the Main Dish Cookbooks. The 80 Main Dish Cookbooks sold through July 5 netted four hundred dollars (\$400.00). We have 70 on hand to sell between July 5 and August 11.

President's spouse, Jerry, donated an amethyst and diamond tennis bracelet to be used as a fundraiser. Through July 5 tickets on the bracelet had raised seven hundred forty dollars (\$740.00). My goal is to make at least one thousand dollars on this fundraiser. I wouldn't ask you to do anything I wouldn't do so I have already purchased tickets for my sister-in-law, niece, great niece, and niece by marriage.

COMMUNICATION

Eleven issues of *The Signal* were published. No newsletter is printed during the conference month. I will always be grateful to Lucretia Barbee, OK, for all her help in making this possible!

President provided articles for the quarterly issues of *The New Patriot*.

Wrote the 2009 history pages and with assistance from Past President Sheila Bandy updated the EANGUS Auxiliary History and sent to all those on the distribution list. Members submitted a few corrections from prior years and these were noted and made in the history.

Frequent e-mail as well as some postal and phone communication with EANGUS Auxiliary Board members and state officers.

DONATIONS

Arizona waived registration fees for EANGUS Auxiliary president and spouse to the Areas VI & VII Meeting in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Area IV provided two hundred dollars towards president's expenses to attend Area IV Mid-Winter Meeting.

Louisiana waived registration fees for EANGUS Auxiliary president and spouse to the Area IV Mid-Winter Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Area II waived registration fee for EANGUS Auxiliary president to Area II Meeting.

Vivian D. Taylor, President

2008-2010

EANGUS Executive Director Mike Cline, announces his retirement

Mike Cline, the Executive Director of EANGUS since the beginning has announced his retirement @ year end Dec 2010. Anyone who is an EANGUS member or has any knowledge of EANGUS knows that Mike Cline put his whole heart and soul into this organization and has spent many hours on Capitol Hill defending the word EANGUS making it what it is today. He is a true National Guard. Mike will be greatly missed and when people like myself think of EANGUS it will be hard to imagine not having Mike Cline and his wealth of knowledge to call upon. Mike serves on several committees and currently serves as the President of the Military Coalition. This is not something we should take lightly as this is progress from his hard work and dedication to this organization.

When we lose Mike Cline to retirement, naturally we lose his loving spouse who many of you that have attended the Legislative workshops in DC, know that Dian, also a retired Guardsman coordinated an awesome Legislation reception that gave EANGUS a well known reputation at NGAUS and the many members of Congress on the hill. Dian is the editor of our Patriot Magazine and many other office duties. She also has been the secretary for Area II for many years. We could never thank them enough for all they have done for this military organization and its families. Mike and Dian are both life members of the Auxiliary as well. They have also been a great support to the Auxiliary. When you see Mike and Dian at the conference this year, please take the time and tell them how grateful we are for their hard work and dedication.

Article from AREA II News

AREA II CHAIRMAN: SFC Joe Wade (RET)

We in the National Auxiliary want to also express our APPRECIATION to Mike and Dian Cline they have represented EANGUS and helped to establish the excellent reputation EANGUS now holds. They will be the legends and very hard to replace. It is certainly our hope that they enjoy their retirement but stay actively involved and we will see them both often.

Sincerely,
The Auxiliary

Personal NOTE:

Vivian and I are looking forward to conference and seeing old and meeting new friends. My journey with the "Signal" is over! It will be fun to see who takes on this challenging and very rewarding job. I encourage anyone who might be interested to let your New President know. I can tell you that it is a team effort and I certainly could not have asked for a better team mate than Vivian Taylor. I am also very pleased with the information I have been receiving the past few months, I hope this will continue in the future it makes for a much better communication tool. I also owe special thanks to: Brooks, Jody Ward, Ann Hart, and especially Connie Myers who shares so much information. She made my job so much easier !!! See you Soon! Thanks for all of the great support! Lucretia Barbee

Area IV Auxiliary caucus will be held in the Americas Center Room 266!! See you all there! Connie Myers Area IV Director

Welcome to our world, Garrett Lee Myers July 22, 2010 at 7:36 PM he weighed 8lbs 2oz and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents Connie and Ricky Myers MS. Praise and prayers for this new Guard family member.

Families Who Share the Guard Experience

GUARD:

Husband, Jerry, retired with 39 2/3 years of service.

Brother, Robert, retired with over 35 years of service.

Nephew, Chase, is currently serving at Camp Shelby.

Double first cousin is also serving at Camp Shelby.

Other cousins serving in various units.

Jerry's brothers, Jimmy and Joe, also served in the Guard.

OTHER MILITARY:

My father was a Marine in WWII; my grandfather was in the Army in WWI.

My uncle retired from the Navy.

One of Jerry's uncles retired from the Army and others served during WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War.

Jerry's dad was in the Army in WWII.

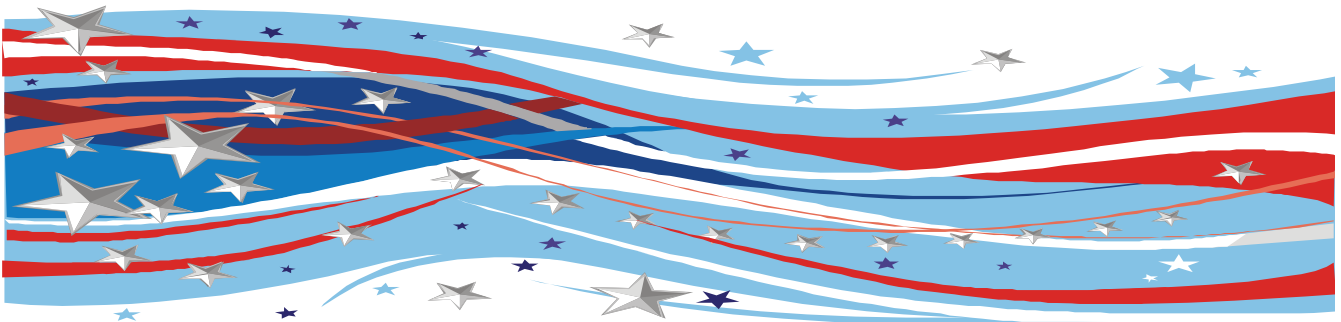
My great uncle (grandmother's brother) died in service during WWI.

Guess you could say we have a legacy of military service in our family.

Vivian

Note from the Editor

I didn't really hear from anyone else, I still feel sure there are many more out there because it does become a way of life. I would like to apologize to Vivian I misplaced her information and left her out last month (wrong person to leave out it was her idea to begin with). She certainly has a proud Military tradition in her family! We would know that from her Patriotic life and dedication to service.



EANGUS AUXILIARY SCHEDULE – Updated 7/12/10 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

AUGUST 7

Silent Auction – set-up begins Saturday, August 7 with tear down Tuesday, August 10 Exhibit Hall #1, America's Center
 EANGUS Registration 2010/Pre-Registration 2011 – Saturday, August 7 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., America's Center (note time change)
 EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting – Saturday, August 7 2:00-3:45 p.m., Regency B in the Hyatt Hotel (note room change)
 EANGUS Auxiliary Past President's Social – Saturday, August 7 Sterling Room 3 in the Hyatt Hotel – 3:45-4:45 p.m. (note room change)
 Exhibitors' Reception – Saturday, August 7
 By invitation only – 5:00-7:00 p.m., America's Center, Exhibit Hall 1

AUGUST 8

Exhibitors' Ribbon Cutting – Sunday, August 8
 8:00 a.m. – Free breakfast in Exhibit Hall 1, America's Center (note time change)
 Chapel – Sunday, August 8
 9:00-9:50 a.m. – Room 220 in America's Center (note time change)
 EANGUS Auxiliary First Timers Orientation – Sunday, August 8
 10:00-10:50 a.m. – Room 100 in America's Center (note room change)
 Missouri Host State Welcome – Sunday, August 8
 6:00 p.m. – Busch Stadium, home of St. Louis Cardinals (wear team attire)

AUGUST 9

EANGUS Area Caucuses – Monday, August 9
 7:00-7:50 a.m. – Check with your EANGUS Area Director for designated room (note time change)
 EANGUS Auxiliary Committee Meetings – Monday, August 9
 8:15 a.m. – Finance Committee Meeting (Room 104 or 105)
 9:00 a.m. – Areas in General Session space, Rooms 101 & 102, America's Center As needed by Burden Bears Committee, Legislative Committee, Membership Committee, Resolutions Committee, Constitution Committee, and any others (check with your Committee Chairman)
 10:00 a.m. – Nominations Committee Meeting in Room 104, America's Center
 10:30 a.m. – Credentials Committee will credential state delegates
 EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting – Monday, August 9
 10:00 a.m. – Room 105, America's Center

AUGUST 10

EANGUS Area Caucuses – Tuesday, August 10
 7:00-7:50 a.m. (note time change)
 EANGUS Auxiliary Area Caucuses – Tuesday, August 10
 8:15-8:45 a.m. – Optional – Check with your Area Directors on whether or not your Area will Caucus before General Session.
 General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, August 10
 9:00 a.m. – Rooms 101 & 102, America's Center

<p>Call to Order Invocation Pledge to the Flag <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> Opening Remarks Roll Call Meeting Recesses Lorraine Miller, Committee, will use this time to verify her report. Meeting Reconvenes Credentials and Rules Report Minutes of the 2009 Conference Wing Family Program EANGUS Publications Awards St. Louis Conference Update</p> <p>Legislative Report Treasurer's Report Presentation of 2011 Budget Burden Bears Scholarship Committee Report Adoption of Printed Reports President's Gifts Recess</p>	<p>President Vivian Taylor Chaplain Vice-President Jenny Lainhart</p> <p>President Vivian Taylor Secretary Pat Reed Areas Caucuses Chairman, Credentials and Rules</p> <p>Chairman Lorraine Miller Secretary Pat Reed Connie Myers, 186th ARW, Meridian, MS</p> <p>Susan Jenkins, Missouri Auxiliary Chairman Sheila Bandy, EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator Chairman Connie Myers Treasurer Cora Sower Chairman Marsha Stark Chairman Sharon Henderson Chairman Marie Brabham President Vivian Taylor President Vivian Taylor President Vivian Taylor</p>
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Awards Luncheon – Tuesday, August 10

12:30-2:30 p.m. – Room 226-228, enter through room 225, America's Center

(note room change)

Menu: salad, chicken, dessert, drinks, rolls

All Area Hospitality Night – Tuesday, August 10

6:00 p.m. – Under the Arch at the Mississippi River

AUGUST 11

EANGUS Area Caucuses – Wednesday, August 11 7:00-7:50 a.m. (note time change)

EANGUS Auxiliary Area Caucuses – Wednesday, August 11

8:15-8:45 a.m. – Optional – Check with your Area Directors on whether or not your Area will Caucus before General Membership Meeting.

General Membership Meeting – Wednesday, August 11

9:00 a.m. – Rooms 101 & 102, America's Center

Call to Order	President Vivian Taylor
Invocation	Chaplain
Credentials and Rules	Chairman Lorraine Miller
Meeting Recesses	Area Caucuses
Meeting Reconvenes	
Ronald McDonald House Representative	Mr. Dan Harbaugh
Nominations Committee Report	Chairman Marie Traxler
Candidates Speeches	
Proposed Constitution Changes	Chairman Chris Sower
Vote on Proposed Budget for 2011	Chairman Marsha Stark
Membership Drawing & Recognition	Co-Chairman Dianne Williams
Resolutions	Chairman Shirley Bogdan
Ways and Means	
Silent Auction	Chairman Paula Carrigan
State Pins Shadowbox	Chairman Dorothy Inglese
Main Dish Cookbooks	Chairman Sara Hendricks
Amethyst & Diamond Bracelet	President Vivian Taylor
Burden Bears	Chairman Sharon Henderson
Unfinished Business	President Taylor
New Business	President Taylor
Election	
No one will enter or leave the chambers during the voting.	
Conference Update	Susan Jenkins, Sheila Bandy
Presentation of Gift to President Taylor	Vice-President Jenny Lainhart
Election Results	Chairman Marie Traxler
Conference 2011 Charleston, West Virginia	
Installation	Installing Officer Dorothy Inglese
Benediction	Chaplain
Adjournment	President Taylor
Memorial Service	Billie Davis

Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 11

New Board – Immediately after General Membership Meeting adjourns

*Thank you for attending the Conference in St. Louis!
God bless you as you travel home.*

*Thanks for your many kindnesses to me during my tenure as your president.
I will never forget you!
Vivian Dean Taylor, President, 2008-2010*

Senior Corner: Brooks Marr Senior Contributor



Beware - Subtle Car Break-In

Don't be complacent, **take a little extra time**....be smarter than the thieves.

I drove myself and two co-workers to lunch Monday, 2/15/10. I chose a parking spot in the rear of the lot and backed into a space (no pull through available at location). This positioned my Chevy Avalanche with the passenger side doors facing away from the rest of the lot and to the end of the lot. I had a Sony digital camera lying on the console of my truck. Upon returning from lunch and entering the vehicle we noticed nothing wrong or missing from the vehicle.

Tuesday around lunch time I needed the camera and could not locate it. My first thoughts were, "I moved it or it fell to the floor mat or I removed it from my truck." After searching feverishly for two days, questioning anyone who had been close to my truck, and exhausting every possible location I could have put it, I began to have that sinking feeling I lost it or someone stole it. My new Garmin GPS had been in the truck the whole time, so I felt as if someone had entered my vehicle they would have taken it also.

Fast forward to Wednesday, I approached my truck from the passenger side to place my computer bag (aka my man purse) in the front passenger seat. As I reached to open the door I noticed there was a hole right under my door handle. My first thought was, "someone has shot my truck !" I began to think about it and inspect it a little closer and the "light" slowly began to come on. I phoned my friend who owns a body shop and asked if he had any vehicles with damage to the doors that looked like a bullet hole. "Yes, I see it all the time. Thieves have a punch and place it right under the door handle, knock a hole through, reach in and unlock it, just as if they have a key. No alarms, broken glass or anything.

I then placed a call to my insurance agent, who is also a friend, and explained it to him. I proceeded to tell him the situation and how I was puzzled that they left my GPS and all other belongings. Here is where it gets scary ! "Oh no, he said, they want the break-in to be so subtle that you don't even realize it. They look at your GPS to see where "home" is. Now they know what you drive, go to your home, and if your vehicle isn't there they assume you aren't and break in your home." He says they will even leave a purse or wallet and only take one or two credit cards. By the time you realize there has been a theft, they may have already had a couple days or more to use them. This is another reason they want the break-in to go unnoticed. I didn't realize my situation for two full days! They even give you the courtesy of re-locking your doors for you. I guess they don't want it to be broken into by other thieves !

Had they have found your check book, they could have taken checks from the middle section so they wouldn't be noticed.

Please remove from your GPS unit your home address as "home" ASAP ! Put in your local Wal-Mart address or some where else! Park your vehicle in a highly visible place. I positioned mine perfectly for them and didn't realize it until it was too late. I hope this is beneficial to you and helps you keep your valuables in your possession and your vehicle from damage. Most importantly, it may keep the thieves from showing up at your home !

DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN SIGHT INSIDE THE CAR.

Periodically walk around your car, daily if you are in a shopping center or other parking area. Report thefts immediately....your bank w/missing check numbers, your credit card agencies, police, and insurance companies, etc.

Cora Sower – Re-Elect Cora for EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer

CORA SOWER

Professional background- BS in music education, University of Minnesota. Besides teaching music 35 plus years, I played principal tuba with the Boise Philharmonic and the 25th Army Band of the Idaho National Guard. I am currently employed with the Siren School District as a half-time elementary music specialist and play in the Northwinds British Brass Band in Rice Lake, WI. Active in EANGUS on a state and national level, I currently serve as treasurer of the EANGUS Auxiliary. Member American Legion Post 132, Siren, Wisconsin. Certified in counseling services available to families of military deployed personnel through the Military Child Education Coalition. This training has enhanced our small rural county school districts with an added contact for military families going through deployment.

Community involvement –

Serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Burnett County Law Enforcement Citizens Auxiliary, Co-Captain of the Burnett County Mounted Patrol and member of the North Pines Mounted Search and Rescue. Recently graduated from Polk-Burnett Leadership Academy, a nine month study of Wisconsin government and public service.

Hobbies -

Include our new adventure at Angora goat farming (“just kiddin”), horseback riding, brass band music and my ceramic business www.Gourmet-Pottery.com.

It has been my distinct pleasure and honor to have served as EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer for the past two years. It is an important responsibility to keep up with all them membership records and financial books of an organization on a national scale. I look forward to the challenge of taking on the task for another term.

EANGUS Auxiliary Election Year – Step up to the plate. Positions are open to any annual or life member of the EANGUS Auxiliary. There is nothing wrong with a little competition. We are all volunteers and always looking for new ideas. We do the best we can and we support one another so think about what you could bring to this organization.

Jenny Lainhart and Cora Sower have filed nomination papers for President and Treasurer respectively. NO ONE HAS FILED NOMINATION PAPERS FOR SECRETARY OR VICE PRESIDENT yet!

Send nomination forms to Marie Traxler. Contact Marie at sidmarie@sbcglobal.net.

Download a nomination form and read letter from nomination chair at:

eangus.org>aboutauxiliary>organization>nomination form

Photos, Tidbits and Information from Across the States



Pictures of the 4th of July 2008 Celebration at Mt. Rushmore they weren't allowed in 2009-2010 what a shame. Pictures taken by Edna's niece, Lori Quinn of delegate or board member Milesville, SD



Congratulations

Colonel Sonny Hurtado Oklahoma and his wife Suzy President of the Oklahoma Auxiliary of which Sonny is a Associate member. He will be the new commander of

the 45th Artillery Brigade!

EANGUS Job Opening - Executive Director

The link to Job Announcement for EANGUS Executive Director is on the EANGUS.org home page. Executive Director Mike Cline will be retiring from EANGUS on 31 December 2010.

Important!

The Auxiliary needs a Sergeant at Arms for the upcoming conference. Anyone attending the conference who is not a delegate or board member and would like to volunteer as Sergeant at Arms please do! This would be a great opportunity to be involved, without serving as a delegate, you can watch the process without being an officer or a delegate. Hopefully this will lead to you becoming more involved. This is also a great opportunity to meet those people in leadership positions that influence the Enlisted Association.

Contact Vivian at: vividean@aol.com

Area V Hospitality Room Only

AREA V Hospitality Room: Karen Vicento, MN, will be selling "Side by Side" pins in the Area V hospitality room for \$1.00 each. The pin is the Minuteman & Spouse in gold and on the bottom it has "Side by Side We Stand With Pride," with a purple background.

See Karen or Carol Benda in the Area V hospitality room.

Photos, Tidbits and Information from Across the States

PROPOSAL FOR MILITARY CUTS

DoD is trying to reduce the military budget by \$100 billion dollars over the next five years. One Proposed Solution: Integrate the Army and Air Force Reserves into the National Guard. This has been proposed by the National Guard Enlisted Association of the United States chairman of the board. July issue of The National Guard Association magazine: (<http://www.ngaus.org/content.asp?bid=16775>)

LAST of the Veteran Websites:

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims <http://www.vetapp.gov/> VA Best Practice Manual for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) <http://www.avapl.org/pub/PTSD%20Manual%20final%206.pdf>

VA Fact Sheet <http://www1.va.gov/opa/fact/gwfs.html>

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