

## **EANGUS AUXILIARY – HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS, STATE AUXILIARIES**

### **January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014**

#### **Alabama**

**State Conference**—The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Enlisted National Guard Association of Alabama (ENGAA) and 10<sup>th</sup> combined ENGAA and National Guard Association of Alabama (NGAAL) State Conference was held at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama, April 25-27, 2014. There were twelve members present and two new members and one new life member. Three guests were present. The Auxiliary raffled several gift baskets; three hundred twenty-three dollars was raised. The Auxiliary Brunch was hosted by the Officers Auxiliary. New Auxiliary officers were elected and appointments were made: President/Treasurer, Pam Adams; Vice President/Secretary, Debbie Ridgeway; Chaplain, Kay Donaldson; Historian, Jackye Hargrove; Parliamentarian, Marjorie Monk; and Nominations Chairman, Judy Wood.

**EANGUS Conference**—The Alabama Auxiliary was represented by three delegates and three proxies at the 2014 EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President/Alabama Auxiliary Vice President Judy Wood completed her tenure as EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President and was elected EANGUS Auxiliary President for 2014-2016.

**Deceased Life Member**—JoAnn King, June 24, 2014.

**Area III**—Twenty-five Alabama Auxiliary members and associate members attended and hosted the Area III Caucus in Huntsville, Alabama at the Marriott Space and Rocket Hotel, June 13-15, 2014.

**Membership**—Alabama Auxiliary reported 12 annual members, 8 lifetime members, 19 associate members, and 1 lifetime associate member.

#### **Arkansas**

**State Conference**—The State Conference was held in Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 25-26, 2014. The Auxiliary made bylaws changes.

**EANGUS Conference**—Three delegates and two proxies represented the Arkansas Auxiliary at national conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Area IV**—One member attended the Area IV Caucus at Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Monica Williams was elected as EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director to serve two years. Three Auxiliary members attended the Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus in Kansas City, Kansas, January 24-26, 2014.

**Membership**—EANGA Auxiliary reported 17 annual members, 16 lifetime members, and 15 associate members on December 31, 2014.

**California**—The California Auxiliary notified EANGUS Auxiliary leadership November 15, 2014 that the California Auxiliary would be disbanded at the end of the year 2014.

#### **Kansas**

**State Conference**—The Joint Conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita, Kansas, March 21-23, 2014. A silent auction was held and opportunities were sold on a 32 inches flat screen TV to support the Auxiliary scholarship fund. Enlisted Association National Guard Kansas (EANGKS) retirees and Auxiliary hosted a hospitality room. National Guard Association of Kansas (NGAKS) retirees joined with the EANGKS retirees and Auxiliary in hosting the room. A scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) was awarded to Lindy Holt

who was attending Washburn University School of Nursing. Officers for 2014 were: Judith Putman, President; Jerri Wassenberg, Vice President; Judy Smith, Secretary; and Andrea Holt, Treasurer.

**EANGUS Conference**—Four delegates with two proxies represented EANGKS Auxiliary in Phoenix, Arizona. Judith Putman, EANGKS Auxiliary and EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director, received the Outstanding Area Director Award.

**Area IV**—Four EANGKS Auxiliary members attended the Area IV Caucus at Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Judith Putman completed a two-year term as EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director. Five EANGKS Auxiliary members attended/hosted the family-oriented Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus at the Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City, Kansas, January 24-26, 2014. Kansas Auxiliary provided goodie bags for the Auxiliary attendees.

### Louisiana

**State Conference**—The 2014 Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association (LANGEA)/Auxiliary Conference was held at Marksville, Louisiana, April 11-12, 2014. Hospitality Night had a Caribbean Island theme with a live band, X-box tournament, games, awards for the best-decorated cabin, and food and fellowship. EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director Judith Putman (Kansas) and Connie Myers and Kellie Odom from the Mississippi National Guard NCO Association (MSNG NCO Assn.) Auxiliary attended the LANGEA/Auxiliary Conference. The Auxiliary's silent auction fundraiser netted two thousand two hundred eighty-four dollars (\$2,284.00); Major Commands (MACOMs) provided items for the silent auction and MACOMs also competed in the bidding which increased the total for the silent auction. Amy Lee was presented the President's Award. LANGEA Auxiliary Officers are elected on odd years. Jennifer Chelette resigned as Treasurer and David Bourgeois assumed the Treasurer's job.

**Newsletter**—Secretary Amy Lee published a quarterly newsletter.

**Deceased Lifetime Member**—Kathryn Watkins, February 16, 2014.

**EANGUS Conference**—Two delegates represented LANGEA Auxiliary at EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in Phoenix, Arizona; LANGEA Auxiliary also had 4 proxies. LANGEA Auxiliary tied with MSNG NCO Assn. Auxiliary for Outstanding State Award in the 76plus members category. LANGEA Auxiliary President and EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director Kim Clay served as silent auction chairman.

**Area IV**—Four LANGEA Auxiliary members attended the Area IV Caucus at Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Kim Clay continued her service as EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director. Three LANGEA Auxiliary members attended the 2014 Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus in Kansas City, Kansas.

**Membership**—The LANGEA Auxiliary ended the year with 95 annual members and 16 lifetime members.

### Mississippi

**State Conference**—The 2014 Annual Conference was held at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, MS March 28-30. Activities on Friday included fishing, golfing, and bowling. Nine of the Auxiliary Past Presidents had a breakfast meeting together before the Auxiliary Board Meeting. The Board selected nominees for the EANGUS Auxiliary awards: Distinguished Service Award, Pat Bishop; Meritorious Service Award, Doug Simpson; and Spouse of the Year Award, Keith Ales. The dining facility at the 172<sup>nd</sup> was full on Friday night for the catered meal of Southern favorites from Momma Hamills. It was also a packed room when the Auxiliary joined the Association on Saturday morning for the opening ceremonies and many members were privileged to meet the "One Boy USO", Cody Jackson, who addressed the group. Auxiliary President Cathy Adams and Congressman Gregg Harper, Third District of Mississippi, were featured speakers.

The Auxiliary recognized eight first time attendees who attended the General Membership Meeting on Saturday: Claurice Buckley; Rhonda Inmon; Judith Nance; Charity Jones; Diana White; Susie Campbell; Susan Crosby; and Twila L. Windham. Members heard reports from Brigadier General Cris Crisler, commander of the MS Air National

Guard; BG Roy Robinson, Assistant to TAG, Army; MG Augustus Leon Collins, The Adjutant General (TAG); CSM George M. Miller, the state Command Sergeant Major; and CMSgt (Ret) John Harris, EANGUS Area IV Director. The officers, directors, and committee chairmen gave reports and the membership approved an associate lifetime membership for the Mississippi Auxiliary (with onetime payment of one hundred dollars). The Auxiliary adopted a budget of \$10,523.00.

Officers were elected: Cathy Adams, President; Christina Thomas, Vice President/President-Elect; Vivian Taylor, Secretary; Shirley Ritter, Treasurer; and Pat Bishop, Director at Large. Pat Burchfield continued to serve as Immediate Past President. District Directors elected were: Willa Ales, District I; Paulette McLeod, District II; and Elaine Jackson, District IV. Several prospects were discovered for future years. Secretary Taylor installed the officers and directors, gearing her remarks around the President's theme, "Family Ties".

MS Auxiliary members were pleased that Judith Putman and Kim Clay, EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Directors, were visiting; Judith and Kim made remarks to the members.

Several awards were presented during the General Membership Meeting: The Leola "Bugger" Coggin Supporter Award, Renee Miller; Board of Directors Award, Vivian Taylor; and (Special Award) Outstanding Supporter Award for 2013-2014, Pat Burchfield. More awards were presented at the All Units Dinner on Saturday evening: President's Award, Christina Thomas; Auxiliary's NCO of the Year Award (Side by Side We Stand With Pride), CMSgt (Ret) Ricky Myers; and the Association's NCO Spouse of the Year Award, Connie Myers.

The MS NG NCO Association donated \$2,500.00 to the MS Auxiliary from their State Fair Project proceeds; the Silent Auction netted \$1,718.00; and T-shirt sales totaled \$220.00. Members donated \$134.00 to the EANGUS "*We Care for America*" Foundation; Mississippi Auxiliary members had done this at meetings in lieu of door prizes for about 5 years. Several members renewed membership and new members signed up and paid dues; several associate members also showed support by paying dues and 3 individuals had paid EANGUS Auxiliary lifetime associate dues.

**Board of Directors Meetings**—The MS Auxiliary Board met quarterly and several Auxiliary members also attended the MS NG NCO Association's Board meetings. The President produced 3 newsletters and members shared information through emails and other electronic media.

**Deceased Lifetime Members**—Sarah E. (Ussery) Lollar, January 02, 2014; Louise (Hardy) Murphy, February 11, 2014; Bobbie (Walton) Maske, April 09, 2014; and Irene (Bostic) Garriga, October 25, 2014.

**EANGUS Conference**—MS Auxiliary once again seated eight delegates, based on membership. Those delegates and several members represented the MS Auxiliary at the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Vivian Taylor completed her term as Immediate Past President and served as Acting Secretary for the 2014 Conference. Connie Myers was elected EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President for 2014-2016 and Vivian Taylor was elected Secretary for 2014-2016.

Mississippi Auxiliary tied with Louisiana Auxiliary for the Outstanding State Award. All three of the MS Auxiliary nominees won EANGUS Auxiliary awards: Pat Bishop, Distinguished Service Award; Keith Ales, Spouse of the Year Award; Doug Simpson, Meritorious Service Award. Alyssa R. Smith from Mississippi was awarded the EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship in the amount of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00). The MS Auxiliary donated \$650.00 to the EANGUS Auxiliary philanthropic project, with total funds split between the Ronald McDonald House in Tucson, Arizona and the Fisher House in Salt Lake City, Utah. MS Auxiliary continued to be active in legislative grassroots efforts with 538 emails sent and 242 responses received.

**Area IV**—MS Auxiliary members continue to support EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV. Vivian Taylor is serving as Secretary and Paula Carrigan is serving as Treasurer. Nine MS Auxiliary members attended the EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Caucus in Phoenix, Arizona and 4 MS Auxiliary members attended the 2014 Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus in Kansas City, Kansas.

**Projects**—Auxiliary members worked at the Mississippi State Fair, selling tickets and helping with food for the Guard members and families who worked at the Fair. The Fair Project is the MS NG NCO Association's major Ways and Means Project.

Numerous Auxiliary members worked at the MS NG Summer Youth Camp, Kids AT, and served in leadership positions. The Auxiliary also donated \$500.00 to the MS Guard Family Foundation to assist with Guard children and youth programs. For 2015, EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President Connie Myers will be the Kids AT Camp Director. Several Auxiliary members are also involved with the Family Readiness Program and serve on the State Advisory Team and MS Guard Family Foundation, which provides an opportunity to share the Auxiliary story with other Guard families.

**Membership**—Membership recruitment was an on-going project with the Mississippi Auxiliary officers, directors, and members. The MS Auxiliary recruited another lifetime member and its 5<sup>th</sup> lifetime associate member during the year. The MS Auxiliary ended the year with 173 members (79 lifetime, 94 annual), 71 MS & EANGUS Auxiliary annual associates, 5 MS & EANGUS Auxiliary lifetime associates, 2 MS Auxiliary lifetime associates, and 10 MS Auxiliary only associates.

### Missouri

**State Conference**—Missouri National Guard Association (MoNGA) held its Annual Conference on April 11-12, 2014 at the Tan-Tar-A Family Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri. Shirley Enke, Katie Danner, Kim Pierce, and Reginald Sullivan were present at the Auxiliary Meeting. Awards for "Dedicated Service" were presented to Shirley Enke, Karen Newman, and Cathy Passani. Kim Pierce was assigned duties as Treasurer and Katie Danner was assigned duties as Secretary (she later gave up that position due to other commitments).

**EANGUS Conference**—Missouri Auxiliary was represented by two members in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Area IV**—One member attended the EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Caucus in Phoenix, Arizona; no one from Missouri attended the Auxiliary Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus in Kansas City, Kansas.

**Board Meetings**—Auxiliary President Reginald Sullivan attended ten of eleven MoNGA Board Meetings.

**Membership**—17 annual members, 2 lifetime members, and 2 associate members.

### New Mexico

**State Conference**—

**EANGUS Conference**—One delegate with five proxies represented New Mexico Auxiliary at EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. In the 26-75 members category, New Mexico Auxiliary earned EANGUS Auxiliary awards for second place for largest increase in overall members, first place for largest increase in annual members, and second place for largest percentage increase in annual members.

**Deceased Lifetime Member**—Catherine A. (Palmer) Guarriello, May 15, 2014.

**Membership**—New Mexico's Auxiliary reported 9 annual members and 11 lifetime members.

**Oklahoma**—The Oklahoma Auxiliary was dissolved in 2011.

### South Dakota

**State Conference**—The 2014 South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (SDNGEA) State Conference was held in Deadwood, South Dakota. Officers were elected and Appointees and Committee Chairmen were appointed: Gayle Funk, President; Marlene Kotab, Vice President; Jill Siedschlaw, Secretary; Diane Kafka,

Treasurer/Membership Chairman; Mary Williams, Officer at Large; Marlys List, Legislative Chairman; Jennifer Kranz, Historian; Sherry Blackwell, Chaplain/Public Relations; Edna Steinberg, Parliamentarian; Gene Deyo, Sergeant at Arms; JoAnn McElroy, Communications Officer; Margaret Greenfield, Past President. Linda House installed the officers. Jill Siedschlaw, Mary Williams, and Edna Steinberg took care of the silent auction; Marlene Kotab and Marlys List took care of the decorations and door prizes for the Conference. Nine baskets were donated for the silent auction; the baskets provided three hundred eighty-three dollars (\$383.00) for the SDNGEA Auxiliary scholarship program. The 2014 scholarship winners were Elizabeth Anderson, daughter of Bruce and Cathy Anderson, and Keisha Voges, daughter of Brian and Shannon Voges; each received a scholarship in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400.00). Elizabeth was a junior at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, pursuing a Dental Hygiene degree; Keisha was a senior at Roosevelt High School and planned to attend South Dakota State University to become a pharmacist. Members voted to change the scholarship program to award one scholarship in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) rather than two four hundred dollar scholarships beginning in 2015.

**Deceased Lifetime Members**—Rose M. (Schroeder) Schneider, June 3, 2014 and Myrtle Stotz.

**Executive Board Meeting**—The Executive Board Meeting was held at State Conference.

**EANGUS Conference**—Marlys List, Edna Steinberg, Sherry Blackwell, and Gayle Funk represented the SDNGEA Auxiliary at the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Keisha L. Voges and Nathan A. List, both from South Dakota, each received a scholarship in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) at the 2014 EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference. South Dakotan Marlys List received a legislative certificate for Area V. South Dakota received the Outstanding State Award in the 26-75 members category. Marlys List was one of seven women who were recognized for their presence at both the 1979 Conference held in Phoenix and the 2014 Conference in Phoenix.

**Area V**—Marlys List and Gayle Funk attended the Area V Regional Meeting which was held in Rochester, Minnesota.

**Newsletter**—JoAnn McElroy volunteered to develop and distribute *The Dakota Messenger* during the year.

**Projects**—Brunch collection which totaled one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$155.00) was donated to Coffin Craftsman, an organization that builds coffins for indigent veterans. The Auxiliary also donated fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the Ft. Meade VA Medical Center Palliative Hospice Program. Numerous members attended the Legislative Dining Out in Pierre, South Dakota and volunteered at the Veterans' Honor March in the Black Hills.

**Membership**—Membership was promoted at State Conference and through the newsletters. The year ended with 23 annual members, 40 lifetime members, and 25 associate members.

**Texas**—The Texas Auxiliary has been dormant for several years.

### **Wisconsin**

**State Conference**—The 42<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA)/34<sup>th</sup> WNGEA Auxiliary Conference was held at The Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, April 25-27, 2014. It was a combined WNGEA and Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA) Conference along with the Family Program. The Auxiliary re-elected: Shirley Spitz, President; Roxanna Barwick, Secretary; and Marie Traxler, Treasurer. Catherine “Cathy” Berry was elected Vice President. WNGEA Auxiliary life members Chris Sower (EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Director) and Cora Sower (EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer) attended the meeting and banquet. Two scholarships of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) were awarded in 2014 by the WNGEA Auxiliary. Recipients were Aaron Jacob Pelle and Terri Williams.

Cathy Berry is now the Auxiliary President (2014-2016). The Auxiliary expressed appreciation to Shirley Spitz for serving several years (2000-2002; 2005-2008; 2010-2014) as Auxiliary President.

**Deceased Lifetime Members**—Jeanine Kopecky, June 14, 2014 and Adele Cywinski, July 17, 2014.

**EANGUS Conference**—One delegate represented the Wisconsin Auxiliary at the 43<sup>rd</sup> EANGUS/41<sup>st</sup> EANGUS Auxiliary Conference at the Phoenix Convention Center, August 10-13, 2014. Wisconsin Auxiliary had five proxies. Delegate Roxie Barwick was one of seven women who had also attended the 1979 Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Area V**—The Area V Caucus was held on May 31, 2014 in Rochester, Minnesota. WNGEA Auxiliary members attending caucus were: Cathy Berry, Marie Traxler, Barbara Sedgwick, and Roxanna Barwick.

**Newsletter**—Four editions of *Bucky's Auxiliary News* were sent via postal mail to Auxiliary members.

**Projects**—Due to extenuating circumstances the Auxiliary decided not to have the annual silent auction at State Conference but to have a raffle in the hospitality room. Space became available so instead of the raffle, items were pooled with the Association and there was a quick silent auction after the Saturday banquet. Six hundred seventy dollars (\$670.00) was raised.

A donation of fifty dollars (\$50.00) from the Auxiliary was sent to Fisher House, Wisconsin in July 2014.

Donated clothing/items from Auxiliary members were taken by Susan and Dick Lieven to the Veterans Assistance Program at Union Grove, Wisconsin.

**Membership**—The EANGUS Auxiliary master membership spreadsheet showed 2 annual WNGEA Auxiliary members and 47 lifetime members reported in December 2014. Wisconsin Auxiliary also had some state only lifetime members and associates.