

EANGUS Auxiliary – History Highlights, State Auxiliaries January 1, 2015-December 31, 2015

Alabama

State Conference—The 41st annual Enlisted National Guard Association of Alabama (ENGAA) and 11th combined ENGAA/National Guard Association of Alabama (NGAAL) was held at The Hotel at Auburn University/Dixon Conference Center in Auburn, Alabama, April 24-26, 2015. Seven Auxiliary members and two guests were present. The Auxiliary raffled several gift baskets and other items that netted four hundred two dollars (\$402.00). A brunch was hosted by the Enlisted Auxiliary and enjoyed by members of the combined Auxiliaries. The Hotel at Auburn provided good food and service.

EANGUS Conference—The Alabama Auxiliary was represented by ten members and two guests at the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 9-12, 2015.

Area III—Alabama Auxiliary members were among the total of twenty-three Auxiliary members at the Area III Caucus in North Charleston, South Carolina May 29-31, 2015.

Membership—The 2015 year ended with seventeen members, seven lifetime members, and twenty-two associate members.

Alaska—The Alaska Auxiliary was dormant.

Arizona—No history was submitted.

Arkansas

State Conference—The 2015 Enlisted Association Arkansas National Guard (EAANG) Conference was held in Springdale, Arkansas at the Holiday Inn, April 24-25, 2015. The theme for the conference was masquerade. Tracye Young received the Spouse of the Year Award. The Auxiliary joined EAANG for the opening ceremonies on Saturday; Auxiliary President Monica Williams spoke at the joint session updating the membership on the importance and mission of the Auxiliary and provided information on the silent auction, exhibitor's hall, 50/50 raffle, blind five card stud game, and professional photography company services.

There were twenty-seven (27) attendees at the Auxiliary general session. The Auxiliary conducted a legislative 101 workshop for all in attendance. The silent auction generated one thousand ninety-six (\$1,096.00) for the Auxiliary's treasury. The 50/50 ticket sales generated two hundred seventeen dollars (\$217.00). The late Charlie Brown had donated a quilt made by late Auxiliary member Rita Brown and that proved to be a big draw for the silent auction. Elections were held. Newly elected Board members were Randi Thomann, Denise Bradley, Kathy Maness, Denise Arnold, Angie New, Kelly Burrus, Theresa Berry, and Jerry Carter. The membership voted to have a five dollars (\$5.00) annual membership fee.

Board of Directors Meetings—President Monica Williams conducted four Board Meetings: February 8, May 10, July 12, and November 22. All were held at Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas. She also attended all three EAANG Board Meetings during the 2015 year.

EANGUS Legislative Workshop—President Williams attended the Legislative Workshop in February; while there she visited six legislators' offices where she spoke with them regarding issues facing National Guard members and families. Offices visited were those of: Senator Tom Cotton, Representative Bruce Westerman, Representative French Hill, Representative Rick Crawford, Representative Steve Womack, and Senator John Boozman.

Legislative Action Committee—The Adjutant General of Arkansas appointed President Monica Williams to the Legislative Action Committee. The focus of the committee is to develop resolutions on a state and national level that would be pushing during the fiscal year. The committee consisted of enlisted and officers from the Army Guard, Air Guard, the Arkansas Military Department, NGAA, and EAANG.

Ways and Means—The Auxiliary was solely responsible for working the concession stand at one Arkansas Travelers baseball game and the Auxiliary helped at the concession stand at most of the other games.

EANGUS Conference—EAANG Auxiliary was represented by three delegates—President Monica Williams, Immediate Past President Leanna Veazey, and Vice President Tracye Young—at the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Tracye Young served as a committee member for the silent auction and Monica Williams served as EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director. Monica Williams was awarded the EANGUS Auxiliary award for Area IV.

Projects—The Auxiliary assisted with the Best Warrior Competition. Treasurer Sudan Rankin served as chairman for the event and Past President Veazey served as co-chairman. The Auxiliary served dinner to the competitors and coaches on the first night.

The Auxiliary participated in “Wreaths across America” and placed wreaths at the state veteran’s cemetery. The Auxiliary donated one hundred fifty dollars to the organization.

EAANG established a booth at the PHA site. Many Auxiliary members participated in the project, manning the table and delivering the EAANG story, educating soldiers on what the EAANG is and what the organization does for them.

California—The California Auxiliary was dormant.

Colorado—The Colorado Auxiliary was dormant.

Connecticut—The Connecticut Auxiliary was dormant.

Delaware—No history was submitted.

District of Columbia—The D.C. Auxiliary was dormant.

Florida—No history was submitted.

Georgia—No history was submitted.

Hawaii—The Hawaii Auxiliary was dormant.

Idaho—The Idaho Auxiliary was dormant.

Indiana

The Indiana Auxiliary hosted the Forty-second Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana August 9-12, 2015. Indiana Auxiliary member Laura Snyder played a key role in the myriad preparations for Conference and was helpful throughout the period.

Iowa

State Conference—The 2015 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Iowa (EANGI) Conference was held in Des Moines, Iowa at the Holiday Inn, March 27-29, 2015. Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck attended opening events on Friday afternoon and participated in committee break-outs with EANGI members. Auxiliary President Kennebeck also updated the membership on the importance and mission of the Auxiliary and provided information on the activities of the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary joined EANGI for opening ceremonies on Saturday before conducting the Auxiliary business meeting.

There were seventeen attendees, which included six first timers, at the Auxiliary general session. Auxiliary President Kennebeck introduced six new members during the Auxiliary business meeting; she had recruited the new members during the Ice Breaker opening night. The silent auction, bake sale, and raffle generated one thousand one hundred forty dollars fifty-two cents (\$1,140.52) for the Auxiliary treasury. The Auxiliary scholarship winner was Calyn Thompson. Auxiliary President Kennebeck presented the one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) check to the winner at the Banquet.

Board of Directors Meetings—Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck conducted three Board Meetings in addition to the State Conference. The meetings were held on January 29, July 18, and October 24. She also attended several EANGI Board meetings during 2015.

EANGUS Legislative Workshop—Auxiliary President Kennebeck attended the Legislative Workshop in February; while there she visited two legislators’ offices—Senator Charles Grassley and Representative Steven King—where she spoke about issues facing National Guard members and families.

EANGUS Conference—EANGI Auxiliary was represented by Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck, Vice President Marilyn Freking, Sharon Henderson, and Rosalie Hansen at the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. IA/NM member Sara Hendricks served as EANGUS Auxiliary Parliamentarian at the Conference in Indianapolis. Angela Kennebeck was nominated to serve as EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Director. Director Chris Sower did not seek reelection so that he could dedicate more time to the American Legion, an organization in which he continues to be very active.

Area V—The Area V Caucus was held on May 2, 2015 at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana. Iowa was represented at the Area V Caucus by Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck, Vice President Marilyn Freking, and Sharon Henderson.

Projects—The EANGI Auxiliary participated in the Family Services “Trunk or Treat” event to help raise awareness of the Auxiliary. Auxiliary President Kennebeck also assisted EANGI with several “Chili Feed” membership drives to bring attention to the EANGI Auxiliary.

EANGI Auxiliary President/EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Director Angela Kennebeck and EANGI President/EANGUS Area V Director Dean Kennebeck represented EANGI and Area V in the South Dakota Veteran’s March in Deadwood, South Dakota, September 19, 2015. Based on an article featured in the *New Patriot* magazine, there is a potential for additional Iowa teams to participate in future marches.

Membership—Membership recruitment was a focus for Auxiliary President Kennebeck and in cooperation with EANGI President Dean Kennebeck she was offered the time to discuss the mission of the Auxiliary and recruit new members when EANGI held recruiting events. These efforts resulted in many new members at the EANGI/Auxiliary Conference for the first time in several years. The membership year ended with 21 EANGI Auxiliary/EANGUS Auxiliary lifetime members and 23 annual members, which was a 10% increase over the total of 40 members for the previous year.

Kansas

State Conference—The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kansas (EANGKS) held its annual meeting on April 18, 2015 in Topeka, Kansas. Officers for the next year were: President, Judith Putman; Secretary, Judy Smith; and Treasurer, Andrea Holt. The Auxiliary welcomed Monica Williams, EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director, to the Conference. She attended all activities and offered her insights at the meeting. The Auxiliary again offered scholarships of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for one applicant or five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each for two applicants. At the time of the report there were two applicants. Those two applicants, Lyndi Holt, daughter of Lynn and Andrea Holt, and Kyle Kiefer, grandson of Greg and Bonnie Gilroy, were the scholarship winners for 2015. Membership was discussed and members had been in contact with possible new members. The silent auction was the most successful to date, with many wonderful donations from vendors and supporters. The Auxiliary again joined with the retirees to host a hospitality room. There was lots of good food and conversation in the room. President Putman forwarded information to the members. Legislative contacts were made and semi-annual reports were submitted to the EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Legislative Point of Contact, Mrs. Pat Bishop, with courtesy copies to EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Directors, Monica Williams and Kim Clay.

EANGUS Conference—Two EANGKS Auxiliary members, Delores Edwards and Judith Putman, attended the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference and served as delegates. Kansas guest Karen Haynes also attended all the meetings. At the Conference in Indianapolis, the EANGKS Auxiliary received the EANGUS Auxiliary Outstanding State Award for the 1-25 members category.

Board of Directors Meeting—Four members met on November 8, 2015 at the Ramada Inn Downtown. Items discussed included: the 2016 state conference, the silent auction, the hospitality room, a large-ticket item on which to sell chances, and minor changes to the scholarship form.

Area IV—Two members attended the Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus in Tulsa, Oklahoma in February 2015.

Membership—Treasurer Holt submitted the membership list and dues to EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer Cora Sower before the December 31, 2015 deadline. The Auxiliary showed an increase of five members and three associate members. President Putman also submitted the list to EANGUS Auxiliary President Judy Wood.

Kentucky

State Conference—Shelia Brookins held first Auxiliary meeting at the Conference held in conjunction with the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kentucky (EANGKY) in Louisville, Kentucky at the 123d Air National Guard Base. Shelia Brookins was elected President. She recruited a new Executive Board for Kentucky Auxiliary.

Board Meetings—EANGKY Auxiliary held Board Meetings monthly on the third Thursday of each month.

EANGUS Legislative Workshop—Sheila Bandy attended the EANGUS Legislative Workshop in 2015. She visited all eight Kentucky Representatives and both Senators during her time on Capitol Hill.

EANGUS Conference—EANGKY Auxiliary was represented by three delegates—Sheila Bandy, Shelia Brookins, and Wanda Chumley—at the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Shelia Brookins tied with Cathy Adams (MS) for the EANGUS Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award. Sheila Bandy received the EANGUS Auxiliary President's Award and the EANGUS Side by Side Award. Sheila Bandy worked as EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Arrangements Chairman.

Area II—Sheila Bandy attended the Area II Mid-Winter Caucus in Columbus, Ohio, February 1-3. Sheila Bandy continued as editor of the EANGUS Area II newsletter which she had done since 2012.

Projects—Set up booth and presented bat to fallen soldier's son during a Unit Family Day in June 2015. Recruited at WHFRTC Drill for August, 198th MP BN (600plus soldiers) and November, 149th IN (650plus soldiers). Presented Brief to 12 family members at 1163 MED Co Yellow Ribbon deployment event in November. Assisted and provided Brief at 223rd MP Co Family Day, December (200plus soldiers and families).

Presented Brief to the Veterans Community Alliance (VCAL), 36 members representing various community organizations to support veterans.

Jay and Sheila Bandy worked for the new retreat built in Kentucky by the Active Heroes Organization.

Membership—The Kentucky Auxiliary membership report was submitted to EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer Cora Sower by December 31. Sheila Bandy set up the Kentucky Auxiliary in the eangusauxiliary.org database.

Louisiana

State Conference—The Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association (LANGEA) Conference was held April 24-26, 2015 at the Paragon Casino in Marksville, Louisiana. LANGEA Auxiliary was excited to have several new members attend as well as five first timers. The main focus of discussions was to prepare for the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana August 21-24, 2016. The LANGEA Auxiliary donated one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)—half of its silent auction proceeds—to LANGEA.

Board of Directors Meetings—The LANGEA Auxiliary Board met quarterly.

EANGUS Conference—Three members attended the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. President Kim Clay also served as EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director. She received the EANGUS Auxiliary Outstanding Area Director Award along with Dianne Williams. LANGEA Auxiliary donated one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the EANGUS Auxiliary philanthropic project. President Clay also spent time with the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference team to help prepare for hosting the EANGUS Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2016.

Area IV—LANGEA President Kim Clay attended the Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 20-22, 2015.

Membership—LANGEA Auxiliary worked hard on membership during the year; the Auxiliary held several functions designed to increase the number of members. Those efforts had been rewarded with a significant increase in membership. On December 31, 2015 the LANGEA Auxiliary reported 240 LANGEA Auxiliary/EANGUS Auxiliary members for 2016. That was a 116% increase from the 111 members LANGEA Auxiliary reported for the previous year. The LANGEA Auxiliary also reported 65 state only associate members.

Maine—The Maine Auxiliary was dormant.

Maryland—No history was submitted.

Massachusetts—No history was submitted.

Minnesota

State Conference—The 2015 Minnesota National Guard Enlisted Association (MNGEA) Conference was held in Rochester, Minnesota at the Holiday Inn, April 24-25, 2015. The theme for the Conference was “Back to the 50’s”. The Auxiliary joined MNGEA for the opening ceremonies on Saturday.

There were eight (8) attendees at the Auxiliary general session and three (3) guests. The Silent Auction generated six hundred sixty-five dollars (\$665.00). Blind poker made one thousand three dollars ten cents (\$1,003.10). Thirty (30) pounds of food and one hundred eighty-six (\$186.00) was raised and donated for the Food Shelf in Rochester. Two (2) one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) scholarships were given. The scholarship recipients were Frank B. Bucar and Ally Dieych. Three hundred dollars (\$300.00) was given to the National Guard Kids Camp to support attendance for those that needed financial assistance.

The Auxiliary discussed the success of providing free childcare during Conference and planned to offer that service at future Conferences. Childcare was donated by Cindy Gagnon, New Horizon Academy, and Breanna Borth.

Officers elected were: Leslie Bucar, President; Karen Vicente, Vice President; Deb Hanson, Secretary; and Carol Benda, Treasurer.

EANGUS Conference—MNGEA Auxiliary was represented by two delegates, Vice President Karen Vicente and Treasurer Carol Benda, at the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Area V—Two members attended the Area V Caucus in Indianapolis.

Mississippi

State Conference—The 2015 State Conference was held in Jackson, MS at the Hilton Hotel, April 24-25, 2015. Nine of the Auxiliary’s Past Presidents and the sitting President met for Breakfast on Friday morning. Those present were: Cathy Adams, Pat Bishop, Pat Burchfield, Paula Carrigan, Ruth Ann Crawford, Billie Davis, Ann Hart, Connie Myers, Shirley Ritter, and Vivian Taylor. At the April 24 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors nominated individuals for the EANGUS Auxiliary Awards: Distinguished Service Award, Cathy Adams; Meritorious Service Award, Charlie Carrigan; and Spouse of the Year Award, Jib Crawford. The Friday night meal, prepared this year by the Hilton, was served by Auxiliary members who wore monogrammed aprons that proclaimed “We Also Serve”.

The Auxiliary joined the MS NG NCO Association for Opening Ceremonies on Saturday. Auxiliary President Adams spoke to those in the joint session and presented a four hundred dollars (\$400.00) scholarship in memory of Past President Paulette McLeod to Draven Barlow whose mother was a member of both the Mississippi National Guard NCO Association and the MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary. The MS NG NCO Association President Larry Odom presented a check for two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to the Auxiliary; this was a portion of the proceeds from the Association’s Ways and Means project, the State Fair, at which Auxiliary members also worked.

Five ladies were first time attendees in the Auxiliary general session: Susan Kitch, Kim Lampton, Daryl Gail Jensen, Vicki Simmons, and Julie Etheridge. The Adjutant General Major General Augustus L. Collins, Commander of the MS Air National Guard Major General Cris Crisler, State CSM/Senior Enlisted Adviser George M. Miller, and Command CMSgt Robbie Knight addressed the Auxiliary members. The Auxiliary membership adopted a budget of twelve thousand one hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$12,158.00) which included a donation of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to EANGUS Auxiliary for the Philanthropic project (split funds between Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis, IN and Fisher House in Hines, IL). President Cathy Adams presented these awards during the general session: Outstanding Supporter Award, Pat Bishop; Board of Directors Award, Pat Burchfield; and the Leola “Bugger” Coggin Supporter Award, Connie Myers. President Adams presented certificates and Spouse Medals to the officers, directors, and committee chairmen. The Auxiliary’s Ways and Means project, the Silent Auction, generated one thousand five hundred fifty-two dollars (\$1,552.00) for the Auxiliary’s treasury. The Auxiliary also sold Auxiliary t-shirts. President Cathy Adams completed her tenure. Vice President/President-Elect Christina Thomas was installed as President. Officers installed were: Vivian Taylor, Secretary; Pat Burchfield, Treasurer; and Pat Bishop, Director at Large. Cathy Adams moved to Immediate Past President. Willa Ales, Shirley Ritter, Elaine Jackson, Patte Martin, and Charity Jones were installed as District Directors. Past President Connie Myers installed the officers and directors using chocolate bars to highlight the duties of each person. Members

again made donations to the EANGUS “*We Care for America*” Foundation in lieu of door prizes; two hundred two dollars (\$202.00) was donated at this meeting.

At the Banquet on Saturday evening, at the request of Association President Larry Odom, President Adams made the presentation of the NCO Association’s Spouse of the Year Award which went to Renee Miller, wife of State CSM George M. Miller. President Adams presented the Auxiliary President’s Award to Vivian Taylor and the Auxiliary’s *Side by Side* Award to her husband, SFC Nick Adams. Felicity Broderick was the winner of a fifty dollars (\$50.00) gift card in the Auxiliary’s membership drawing which included names of all those who had renewed membership by 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2015.

Board of Directors Meetings—President Cathy Adams conducted two Board Meetings, one on January 31, 2015 at the Joint Forces Headquarters in Jackson, MS and one at the State Conference on April 24 at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, MS. President Christina Thomas presided at a Board Meeting at the Wayne County Baptist Association office on July 11, 2015. Several members also attended the MS NG NCO Association’s Board Meetings.

Deceased Lifetime Member—Charter Member Paulette (Sledge) McLeod, LTM #072, died on February 01, 2015.

EANGUS Conference—MS Auxiliary had eight delegates at the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana—President Christina Thomas, Immediate Past President Cathy Adams, Willa Ales, Pat Bishop, Pat Burchfield, Charity Jones, Mev Knight, and Karen Masterson; the Auxiliary also reported a member, first time Conference attendee Angie Carnes, and an associate member, Jody Ward. MS Auxiliary member Connie Myers was serving as EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President and Vivian Taylor was serving as EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary. MS Auxiliary member Paula Carrigan was the Chairman of the Silent Auction and Christina Thomas was Co-Chairman and together with help from other volunteers they ran the Silent Auction, the 50/50 Raffle, and the State Pins Shadowbox drawing.

The MS Auxiliary and its members were recognized for their work on behalf of the Auxiliary. Connie Myers was the Recruiting Member of the Year; she recruited more new members than any other EANGUS Auxiliary member. She also recruited numerous renewal members and associate members. Cathy Adams, Pat Bishop, Pat Burchfield, and Vivian Taylor were also recognized for their membership work; they each recruited at least five new members. They, too, recruited renewal members and associate members. Mississippi won first place in the 76plus members category for the largest increase and largest percentage increase in associate members and life associate members. MS Auxiliary Immediate Past President Cathy Adams tied with Shelia Brookins (KY) for the Distinguished Service Award and State Command CMSgt (Ret) Charlie Carrigan won the Meritorious Service Award. Pat Bishop was awarded the coveted EANGUS “Pen Is Mightier than the Musket Award” for her exemplary support to EANGUS, especially in legislative matters.

Area IV states Mississippi and Louisiana tied for the Outstanding State Award in the 76plus members category; this award is based on a points system. EANGUS Auxiliary President Judy Wood presented the Torch Award for outstanding achievement for the EANGUS Auxiliary to both Sara Hendricks (IA/NM) and Mississippi Auxiliary member Vivian Taylor.

Area IV—Six (6) Mississippi Auxiliary members attended the Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus in Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 20-22, 2015. Immediate Past President Pat Burchfield presented Mississippi Auxiliary’s report. Vivian Taylor was the EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Secretary and Paula Carrigan was the EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Treasurer. Twelve (12) Mississippi Auxiliary members attended the EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Caucus at EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Numerous MS Auxiliary members also attended the EANGUS Area IV Caucus during Conference.

Projects—The Auxiliary again assisted the MS NG NCO Association with its Ways and Means project, the State Fair, held October 7-18, 2015. The Association sells tickets at various gates and parks cars.

Connie Myers served as Camp Director for the MS NG Summer Youth Camp, Kids AT, held at Camp Shelby, MS June 28-July 3, 2015. Several other MS Auxiliary members served in leadership positions. The MS Auxiliary donated five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the MS Guard Family Foundation to assist with programs and events for Mississippi National Guard children and youth.

Several members promoted the MS NG NCO Association and Auxiliary at Retiree Days, Unit Family Days, Family Readiness events, and Yellow Ribbon events.

Membership—Working on a good-natured challenge issued by EANGUS President John Harris, the MS Auxiliary worked to increase all classes of membership by July 31, 2015. On that date the membership report showed that dues had been collected for 73 EANGUS Auxiliary and Mississippi Auxiliary annual members with a December 31, 2015 membership expiration date and 38

individuals had paid EANGUS Auxiliary and Mississippi Auxiliary dues and their membership would expire on December 31, 2016. The MS Auxiliary had on that date 81 active EANGUS Auxiliary and Mississippi Auxiliary lifetime members and 6 lifetime associate members for both the EANGUS & MS Auxiliary. There were 3 lifetime associate members for MS Auxiliary and annual EANGUS Auxiliary; 44 EANGUS & MS Auxiliary associate members had a December 31, 2015 membership expiration date; 1 EANGUS Auxiliary and Mississippi Auxiliary associate member had a March 31, 2016 expiration date; 2 EANGUS Auxiliary & MS Auxiliary associate members had a July 31, 2016 expiration date; 35 EANGUS Auxiliary and MS Auxiliary associate members had a December 31, 2016 membership expiration date; and 9 MS Auxiliary only associate members had a December 31, 2015 expiration date. That was almost three hundred members at that time, some with memberships expiring in 2015 and some with 2016 expiration dates. EANGUS President John Harris conceded and stated that the Mississippi Auxiliary was the best at the All States Banquet in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The year ended on December 31, 2015 with this report to EANGUS Auxiliary treasurer: 82 lifetime members; 103 annual members; 7 lifetime associate members, EANGUS Auxiliary and MS Auxiliary; 3 lifetime associate members, MS Auxiliary and annual EANGUS Auxiliary; 71 associate members EANGUS Auxiliary and Mississippi Auxiliary; and 5 associate members Mississippi Auxiliary only. This indicated a 6.4% increase in total membership and an 8.5% increase in annual members. Mississippi Auxiliary added 4 lifetime members and lost one lifetime member (Paulette McLeod) to death. The Mississippi Auxiliary also added 2 lifetime associate members during the 2015 year.

Missouri

Missouri National Guard Association (MONGA) Auxiliary—The MONGA Auxiliary leadership recognized that interest in the Auxiliary was very low; the leadership worked in 2015 to increase interest and membership. President Pierce submitted an article for the MONGA newsletter in which she explained the objectives of the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary bylaws were in need of revision. LANGEA Auxiliary had shared a copy of their bylaws.

EANGUS Conference—President Kim Pierce and Treasurer Reggie Sullivan attended the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Montana—No history was submitted.

Nebraska—The Nebraska Auxiliary was dormant.

Nevada—The Nevada Auxiliary was dormant.

New Hampshire—The New Hampshire Auxiliary was dormant.

New Jersey—The New Jersey Auxiliary was dormant.

New Mexico

State Conference—The 2015 New Mexico National Guard Enlisted Association/Spouses Auxiliary Conference was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the New Mexico Army National Guard Readiness Center on September 26, 2015.

EANGUS Conference—New Mexico Spouses Auxiliary President Richard A. Bryant attended the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana and represented New Mexico Auxiliary.

Membership—There were nine annual members and eleven lifetime members for a total of twenty members. The Spouses Auxiliary continued to work on membership.

New York—No history was submitted.

North Carolina—The North Carolina Auxiliary was dormant.

North Dakota

State Conference—North Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (NDNGEA) Auxiliary held an annual meeting on Saturday, March 21, 2015 in Bismarck, North Dakota with three members in attendance. It was reported that Jeri Christiansen, the North Dakota contact person, forwarded all electronic communication, the Area V Auxiliary newsletter, and EANGUS Auxiliary newsletter to all the NDNGEA Auxiliary members with email addresses (18). The officers were: Jeri Christiansen, Contact Person, communications chairman, and Veteran's Home project chairman; Sandy Hiltner, Secretary/Treasurer and membership chairman; and Jo Barke, Sunshine chairman. The State Chapter Information Sheet was sent as required following the State Conference. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) was donated to the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

Deceased Spouse—Roger Johnson, husband of NDNGEA Auxiliary Conference Chairman Pam Johnson, died on December 31, 2014. Six North Dakota members and spouses attended his funeral in January 2015 in Breckenridge, Minnesota. The NDNGEA Auxiliary sent flowers and a Burden Bear to the family and made a donation to the North Dakota Veterans Home in Roger's memory.

Projects—The State Veteran's Home in Lisbon, North Dakota moved into a new facility. The Home had fifty-one (51) skilled care unit residents and about one hundred (100) basic care unit residents. The three Conference attendees wrote out seventy-nine (79) birthday cards and added members names. One of the Auxiliary members delivered the cards to the North Dakota Veteran's Home to be presented to each resident on their birthday.

Contributions were given to the North Dakota Veteran's Home to be used at the discretion of the staff; to Ronald McDonald House in Bismarck, North Dakota; to Ronald McDonald House through EANGUS Auxiliary; to the EANGUS Auxiliary Silent Auction; to Area V; and to the NDNGEA Scholarship Fund.

Membership—NDNGEA Auxiliary had 25 members, all of whom are lifetime members. The membership list was submitted to the EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer, EANGUS Auxiliary membership chairman, and the Area V Directors prior to the December 31 deadline.

Ohio—No history was submitted.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Auxiliary was dormant. EANGUS Auxiliary Past President and Oklahoma Auxiliary Past President Debra Campbell attended the 2015 Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Oregon—The Oregon Auxiliary was dormant.

Pennsylvania—No history was submitted.

Rhode Island—The Rhode Island Auxiliary was dormant.

South Carolina

State Conference—The State Conference was held in March 2015 at the Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The Auxiliary silent auction was held on Friday afternoon and concluded that evening along with an ice breaker and meal. The Auxiliary met on Saturday morning with seventy in attendance. Annual reports were given, brunch was served, and entertainment was enjoyed. Medal of Honor recipient Marine Corps MG (Ret.) Livingston was the guest speaker at the formal banquet on Saturday evening.

Newsletter—The *Guard Companion* was published four times during the year.

Scholarships—Four one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) scholarships were presented at the Scholarship Luncheon in June 2015 at the Columbia Center in Columbia, South Carolina.

EANGUS Conference—Twelve ladies from South Carolina were present at the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana and five served as EANGUS Auxiliary delegates.

South Dakota

State Conference—The 2015 South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (SDNGEA) Conference was held in Watertown, South Dakota at the Watertown Readiness Center, April 17-18, 2015. The Executive Council (EC) Meeting of the Auxiliary was held on Thursday evening. President Gayle Funk attended and spoke at an afternoon session of the SDNGEA. The Enlisted Association was updated on happenings in the Auxiliary including membership and scholarships. Auxiliary members attended the opening ceremony before conducting the Auxiliary's regular business meeting.

At the Auxiliary's business meeting there was one new member as well as other attendees. The Auxiliary scholarship winner was Casey Grosso who was the recipient of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Marlene Kotab announced the winner at the EC Meeting and at the first business session.

The Auxiliary donated one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the Beacon Center, a women's shelter in Watertown.

Board of Directors Meetings—The Auxiliary did not conduct any additional meetings during the year.

EANGUS Conference—The SDNGEA Auxiliary was represented at the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana by Sherry Blackwell, Marlys List, and Edna Steinberg. Each of these members reported to the SDNGEA Auxiliary after returning from EANGUS Auxiliary Conference.

Membership—Membership recruitment was a focus of the SDNGEA Auxiliary. President Gayle Funk spoke at the first business session of the SDNGEA Conference to discuss the Auxiliary and its membership. The Auxiliary had forty lifetime members, twenty-three annual members, and twenty-five associate members.

Tennessee

State Conference—The 2015 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Tennessee (EANGTN) Conference was held in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at the Embassy Hotel and Suites, April 24-26, 2015. Auxiliary President Jaclyn Parks held a Board of Directors Meeting on Friday afternoon and opened the Auxiliary's Formal Gown Consignment Sale and, with the help of senior members, the Silent Auction. The Auxiliary joined EANGTN for opening ceremonies on Saturday before conducting the Auxiliary business meeting—a Great Gatsby-themed brunch in keeping with the EANGTN Conference theme. Another fundraiser before dinner provided hair services for those ladies wishing to receive them with a portion of the proceeds from that going to the Auxiliary's general fund. Elections were held: Vice President, Lolita Horton and Secretary, Ona Bivvins.

Board of Directors Meetings—Auxiliary President Jaclyn Parks conducted three Board Meetings in addition to the Board Meeting at State Conference. The meetings were held on January 29, July 18, and October 24. She also attended several EANGTN Board Meetings during 2015.

EANGUS Conference—EANGTN Auxiliary was represented by Immediate Past President Teresa Foss, Billie Jean Mapes, and Pam Brown at the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Projects—The EANGTN Auxiliary continued to administer the Soldier and Airman Relief Fund to serve the military members of Tennessee who had need of financial aid. The Auxiliary received a generous donation of over one hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$127,000.00) from Kangaroo Gas Stations to help fund the EANGTN Auxiliary Soldier Airmen Relief Fund (ASARF).

The Auxiliary took great pride in the actions of Auxiliary member Melinda Birchfield when she coordinated with her local Little Caesars and a local grocery store to procure ice, water, and pizza and delivered it to the investigators at the Chattanooga Recruitment Center to keep the investigators fed and hydrated while they worked in the wake of the terrible Chattanooga Recruitment Center shootings in July 2015.

Longtime member and current ASARF President Betsy Redmond helped create and then administer over the past 20 years the Tennessee Youth Development Camp. She was honored by the Tennessee Military Department on July 18, 2015 for those efforts.

Texas—The Texas Auxiliary was dormant.

Title 10—The Title 10 Auxiliary was dormant.

Utah—No history was submitted.

Vermont—The Vermont Auxiliary was dormant.

Virgin Islands—The Virgin Islands Auxiliary was dormant.

Virginia—No history was submitted.

Washington—The Washington Auxiliary was dormant.

West Virginia—No history was submitted.

Wisconsin

State Conference—The 43rd Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA) Conference/35th WNGEA Auxiliary Conference was held at the Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, April 23-24, 2015. It was a combined WNGEA and Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA) Conference along with the Family Program. The Auxiliary meetings were conducted by President Catherine “Cathy” Berry. WNGEA Auxiliary life members Chris Sower, Area V Director, and Cora Sower, EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer, attended the Friday night ice breaker. The Silent Auction after the Saturday night banquet raised one thousand two hundred sixty-five dollars (\$1,265.00).

Deceased State Lifetime Member—State Lifetime Member Winifred Broadway died on January 17, 2015.

Newsletter—One issue of the *Bucky’s Auxiliary News* was sent via postal mail to Auxiliary members.

Scholarships—The two WNGEA Auxiliary scholarship recipients selected for seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) completed the necessary criteria and received a check. Recipients were Aaron Jacob Pelle and Terri Williams.

EANGUS Conference—WNGEA Auxiliary had three delegates at the 44th EANGUS/42nd EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana—Cathy Berry, Kathy Serrahn, and Barbara Sedgwick; WNGEA Auxiliary also had three proxies. WNGEA President Catherine Berry was elected to serve as Area V Auxiliary Director.

Area V—The Area V Caucus was held on May 2, 2015 at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana. WNGEA Auxiliary President Cathy Berry attended the Caucus.

Projects

Susan and Dick Lieven continued to take items to the Veterans Assistance Program at Union Grove, Wisconsin.

Roxie Barwick distributed magazines to different out-patient waiting areas at the Zablocki VA Hospital.

The WNGEA Auxiliary made its annual donation of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the Fisher House, Wisconsin in July 2015.

Membership—National and State Lifetime members, 47; State Lifetime only members, 3; Annual members, 2; Associate members, 11. One annual member could not renew as her husband no longer belonged to the WNGEA. The second annual member became a Lifetime member. WNGEA did gain an annual member for fiscal year 2016. Three associate members did not renew.

Wyoming—No history was submitted.

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