

EANGUS Auxiliary – History Highlights – State Auxiliaries

January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016

Alabama

State Conference—The Alabama Enlisted Association and Auxiliary met April 22-24, 2016 at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery, Alabama. Auxiliary President Pam Adams spoke to the general session along with the Officer's Association Spouse President. The Enlisted Auxiliary met on Saturday and elected officers and conducted business. Officers elected were: Pam Adams, President; Judy Wood, Vice President; Debbie Ridgeway, Secretary and Treasurer; and Kay Donaldson, Chaplain. After the Auxiliary business session recessed the Auxiliary was invited to join the Enlisted meeting where again Pam Adams spoke to the group. Rather than the usual spouse luncheon, lunch was provided for all attendees. The evening ended after a wonderful meal and banquet where awards were presented to many deserving individuals.

Area III Caucus—The Georgia Enlisted Association and Auxiliary hosted the Area III Caucus held May 20-22, 2016 at the Best Western Riverpark Inn, Helen, Georgia. Members enjoyed the Caucus and business was conducted.

EANGUS Conference— Enlisted National Guard Association of Alabama (ENGAA) Auxiliary seated delegates at the 2016 EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Alabama Auxiliary Vice President Judy Wood completed her two-year tenure as EANGUS Auxiliary President and was recognized for her service. Alabama Auxiliary President Pam Adams served as EANGUS Auxiliary Credentials Committee chairman. Alabama Auxiliary members Jackye Hargrove and Judy Holland served as Sergeants at Arms.

Legislative—Several Alabama Association and Auxiliary members attended the Legislative Workshop in Washington, D.C. in February 2016.

Projects—Alabama Auxiliary donated five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the Flood Relief efforts in Louisiana. Auxiliary members Pam Adams, Judy Wood, and Kay Donaldson traveled to Shalimar, Florida in October 2016 to present a five hundred dollars (\$500.00) donation from the Alabama Auxiliary to the Air Force Enlisted Village. They also visited some of the residents and presented them with ENGAA pins and a scarf crocheted by Pam Adams. Larry and Pam Adams were Mr. & Mrs. Claus and rode in on a firetruck for the Annual Children's Christmas Party at the 117th Air Refueling Wing in Birmingham, Alabama.

Deceased Lifetime Member—Eula Jacqueline (Hayes) Threadgill, lifetime member number 274, died July 05, 2016.

Membership—The Alabama Auxiliary reported fourteen (14) annual members, seven (7) lifetime members, twenty-three (23) associate members, and one (1) EANGUS Auxiliary associate life member.

Alaska

State Conference—The Auxiliary was not active during the 2016 conference so there was no one from the Auxiliary in attendance.

Area VII—One of the Area VII Associations was profiled in each issue of the newsletter. To date, Oregon, Guam, and Hawaii have been highlighted. President Jenifer Burris reached out to each of the Associations in Area VII to determine how she might assist with the establishment and/or building of their Auxiliaries.

EANGUS Conference—No Auxiliary members attended the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference as the Alaska Auxiliary was not active in August 2016.

The Alaska National Guard Enlisted Association (ANGEA) Auxiliary began the process of reinvigorating the Auxiliary in late 2016.

Projects—Bylaws were written October 07, 2016 utilizing Mississippi Auxiliary's bylaws as a template.

Legislative—Made formal requests for articles for upcoming Auxiliary newsletters to each member in the Alaska House and Senate. Received email responses from the following legislators who stated they would contribute articles for the newsletter: Senator Mike Dunleavy; Senator Cathy Giessel; Representative Scott Kawasaki; Representative Ivy Spohnholz; Representative Paul Seaton; Representative Gabrielle LeDoux; Representative Dan Saddler; Representative Geran Tarr.

Newsletter—The first issue of the ANGEA Auxiliary newsletter was published and distributed in October 2016. Reformatted the newsletter for November 2016 due to the file size and distribution issues. The October and November 2016 issues were submitted to EANGUS for consideration in publications contest. Auxiliary President Burris is the editor-in-chief. The newsletter is published via MailChimp the last full week of every month. The distribution list includes ANGEA, Area VII, EANGUS Auxiliary, ANGEA Auxiliary membership, and any outside contributors. There was overwhelmingly positive feedback on national level for the newsletter.

Communication/Correspondence—In September, emails were sent to every contact listed in the EANGUS Auxiliary roster asking for two specific examples of what made each Auxiliary successful. Almost one hundred emails were sent and President Burris had responses from Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, and numerous EANGUS Auxiliary Officers. In October, communication was established via email with most of Area VII's Associations as a way to encourage Auxiliary participation overall. A Gmail account was established: angeaauxiliary@gmail.com. A Facebook account was established: Alaska National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary. A Twitter account was established: @ANGEAauxiliary.

Facebook Contest—The Auxiliary purchased items totaling over fifty dollars for a contest launched on Facebook to increase "likes" to the Auxiliary page. The goal was to get 100 "likes" for the page; had 66 "likes" as of 12/31/2016. Debra Campbell (Oklahoma), EANGUS Auxiliary Past President, was the randomly selected winner. Debra returned a photo of herself with all the

goodies. Posted to numerous pages, groups, and individual timelines. A future contest to garner more “likes” was being contemplated.

Membership—ANGEA Auxiliary reported seven (7) annual members, one (1) lifetime member, and eight (8) associate members.

Arkansas

State Conference—The 2016 Enlisted Association of the Arkansas National Guard (EAANG) Conference was held in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, April 24-25. At the Board Meeting prior to Conference the Board of Directors voted to submit MSG Jeffrey Frisby’s wife, Karlee Frisby, as the EAANG Auxiliary nominee for the EANGUS Auxiliary Spouse of the Year award. The Auxiliary joined EAANG membership of 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 updated everyone on the silent auction, exhibitor’s hall, and 50/50 drawing. Arkansas was honored to have Chief Brush at the 2016 Conference. There were twenty-nine attendees at the Auxiliary general session; guests who spoke were: Maj Gen Mark Berry, The Adjutant General (TAG); EAANG President Jeff Frisby; and EAANG President-Elect James Howard. The Auxiliary conducted a Legislative 101 Workshop for all in attendance highlighting the importance of the Auxiliary’s mission to support the Association in legislative efforts. The silent auction generated seven hundred ninety-three dollars (\$793.00) for the Auxiliary’s treasury. Elections were held for the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors Meetings—President Monica Williams conducted four EAANG Auxiliary Board Meetings which were all held at Camp Robinson, North Little Rock. President Williams also attended all four of the EAANG Board Meetings during the 2016 year.

Legislative—President Williams attended the 2016 EANGUS Legislative Workshop in Washington, D.C. and visited the Arkansas Senators and Congressmen—Senators Tom Cotton and John Boozman and Congressmen Bruce Westerman, French Hill, Rick Crawford, and Steve Womack. She spoke with each regarding the issues facing National Guard members and families. President Williams was also appointed by the TAG to serve on the Legislative Action Committee, which was formed to develop resolutions on a state and national level that would be pushed during the fiscal year.

Projects—The EAANG Auxiliary was solely responsible for the concession stand at one of the Arkansas Travelers Baseball games and participated with the EAANG in the other games the Association worked. The Auxiliary assisted with the Best Warrior Competition, serving dinner the first night to competitors and coaches. Auxiliary Treasurer Susan Rankin served as chairman for the event and Auxiliary Past President Leanna Veazey served as co-chairman. The Auxiliary also participated in “Wreaths across America” and placed wreaths at the state veteran’s cemetery. The Auxiliary donated one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) to that organization. EAANG established a booth at Medical Command (MEDCOM) Periodic Health Assessment (PHA) site and the Auxiliary had several members who participated in the project, manning the table and delivering the EAANG story, educating soldiers about the Association and what the Association does for the soldier.

Iowa

State Conference—The 2016 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Iowa (EANGI) Conference was held in Des Moines, Iowa at the Holiday Inn, April 15-17, 2016. 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 the 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.

EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Director Cathy Berry was a special guest at the Auxiliary meeting. The silent auction, bake sale, luncheon, and drawing generated two thousand nine hundred forty-five dollars twenty-five cents (\$2,945.25) for the Auxiliary treasury. The Auxiliary scholarship winner was Nathan Woolard, grandson of Junior and Sharon Reese. Auxiliary President Kennebeck presented the one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) scholarship check to the winner’s grandparents at the Banquet.

Area V Caucus—The Area V Caucus was held May 21, 2016 in Des Moines, Iowa. Cathy Berry, EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Director and Angela Kennebeck, EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Director conducted the business meeting.

EANGUS Conference—EANGI Auxiliary was represented by Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck, Sharon Henderson, and Jerry Greenfield at the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. IA/NM member Sara Hendricks served as EANGUS Auxiliary Parliamentarian at the Conference. Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck was nominated and elected as Vice President of the EANGUS Auxiliary. Sharon Henderson was elected as EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Director to replace Angela Kennebeck in that position.

Legislative—Although there was no representation from the Iowa delegation at the Legislative Workshop, Auxiliary President Kennebeck had an opportunity to speak with Representative King, Senator Ernst, and Senator Young from Iowa. While in their company Auxiliary President Kennebeck spoke with them regarding issues facing National Guard members and families. Iowa began a new push to meet with Iowa State Legislators to advocate for issues like tax exemption and National Guard Education Assistance Program (NGEAP).

Board of Directors Meetings—Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck conducted three Board Meetings in addition to the one at EANGI/Auxiliary Conference. The meetings were held on January 23, June 25, and October 29. She also attended several EANGI Board Meetings during 2016.

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 and a “Chili Cook-Off” membership drive to bring attention to the EANGI Auxiliary.

Membership—Membership recruitment was a focus for Auxiliary President Kennebeck and, in cooperation with EANGI, the Auxiliary was offered the time to discuss the mission of the Auxiliary and recruit new members when EANGI held recruiting events. These efforts resulted in new members for both the EANGI and the Auxiliary. Membership reported was twenty-seven (27) annual members and twenty (20) lifetime members.

Kansas

State Conference—Conference was held April 22-24, 2016 in Manhattan, Kansas. The Auxiliary had several new attendees at the annual meeting. Fundraising and membership were two of the main topics discussed. Officers elected for a two-year term were: President Karen Haynes and Secretary Delores Edwards. Treasurer Andrea Holt would complete her term in 2017. Judith Putman was excited to be able to move to Immediate Past President. The silent auction raised one thousand two hundred seventy-six dollars fifty cents (\$1,276.50); proceeds from the silent auction support the Auxiliary scholarships. Recipients of the Auxiliary scholarships were Katherine Sweeney and Shealee Crosby; each received a scholarship for seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).

Area IV Caucus—Two members, Delores Edwards and Judith Putman, represented the Kansas Auxiliary at the EANGUS/Auxiliary Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus Meeting held on January 16, 2016 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Bonnie Gilroy was also in attendance.

EANGUS Conference—Kansas Auxiliary seated six (6) delegates—Karen Haynes, Judith Putman, Delores Edwards, Bonnie Gilroy, Judy Smith, and Andrea Holt—at the 2016 EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Sandy Sadowski, associate member, was also in attendance at the Auxiliary meetings. Kansas Auxiliary received first place membership award certificates in the 26-75 membership category for largest increase and largest percentage increase in associate members.

Membership—The Kansas Auxiliary reported eleven (11) annual members, seventeen (17) lifetime members, and thirty-nine (39) associate members.

Kentucky

State Conference—

Area II Caucus—Sheila Bandy and Shelia Brookins attended the Area II Mid-Winter Caucus held in Washington, D.C. in February 2016.

EANGUS Legislative Workshop—Sheila Bandy and Shelia Brookins attended the 2016 EANGUS Legislative Workshop. They visited the two Kentucky Senators and some of the Kentucky Congressmen.

EANGUS Site Visit—Sheila Bandy, EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Arrangements Chairman, attended the Site Visit in May in New Orleans, Louisiana. She provided information for President Judy Wood to share through *The Signal*.

EANGUS Conference—Kentucky Auxiliary President Shelia Brookins served as EANGUS Auxiliary Chaplain and Sheila Bandy served as EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Arrangements Chairman. Kentucky Auxiliary seated delegates.

Projects—Jay and Sheila Bandy and Shelia Brookins attended the Active Heroes Ribbon Cutting for the first cabin available for veterans suffering from PTSD. Jay and Sheila Bandy attended Horses and Heroes event to support veterans.

Deceased Lifetime Members—Mary Ellen “Skeeter” Harbin-Glover, lifetime member #176, died September 11, 2005 (not previously reported) and Marian E. (Grady) Cooper, Charter Member lifetime member #050, died November 23, 2016.

Louisiana

State Conference—Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association (LANGEA)/Auxiliary did not hold a state conference in 2016 due to LANGEA and its Auxiliary hosting the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana August 20-24, 2016. LANGEA Auxiliary President Kim Clay was very active in pre-planning for Conference and implementation at Conference. She also served as EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director.

Area IV Caucus—LANGEA/Auxiliary hosted the EANGUS Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus January 15-17, 2016 at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, Louisiana.

EANGUS Conference—Despite the flooding in Louisiana the week before EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference, LANGEA/Auxiliary and Guard members and families from across the United States continued with the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference. EANGUS/Auxiliary members provided over eighty-two thousand dollars through EANGUS “*We Care for America*” Foundation to assist with Louisiana flood relief; more than one hundred EANGUS/Auxiliary members also sorted and boxed clothing and supplies and loaded trucks to go to the flood-affected areas around Baton Rouge. LANGEA Auxiliary seated four delegates at the EANGUS Auxiliary meeting and had two guests.

Board Meeting—A Board Meeting was held in October.

Newsletter—*LANGEA Auxiliary Connections* was published bi-annually. LANGEA Auxiliary Secretary Stephanie Stephens was the newsletter publisher.

Projects—Flood relief continued. Auxiliary joined LANGEA to support Veterans Homes throughout the state.

Membership—LANGEA Auxiliary reported one hundred eight (108) annual members, fourteen (14) lifetime members, and eighty-four (84) state associate members. LANGEA Auxiliary History Committee Chairman June O’Dowd worked to make contact with all lifetime members.

Minnesota

State Conference—The 2016 Minnesota National Guard Enlisted Association (MNGEA) Conference was held in St. Cloud, Minnesota at the Holiday Inn, April 22-23. The theme for the Conference was “Back to the 80s”. The Auxiliary joined the MNGEA for the opening ceremonies on Saturday and was present at the general session again to hear United States Representative (MN-1) Timothy Walz. There were twelve (12) attendees at the Auxiliary general session. The silent auction generated nine hundred six dollars (\$906.00). Blind poker made one thousand two hundred seventy-nine (\$1,279.00). A motion was made and passed that, as of 2017, if a member was a state lifetime member and not an EANGUS Auxiliary lifetime member, he/she would pay the EANGUS Auxiliary dues (currently seven dollars annually). Officers elected were Leslie Bucar, President; Lori Wortham, Vice President; Deb Hanson, Secretary; and Carol Benda, Treasurer.

Projects—Thirty (30) pounds of food and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) was raised and donated to the Catholic Charities Food Shelf of St. Cloud. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) was donated to the National Guard Kids Camp to support attendance for those who needed financial assistance.

Scholarships—Four (4) Minuteman Scholarships of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each were awarded. Recipients were: Jordan Schiltz, Sarah Anderson, Haylie Anderson, and Kyrie Kephart. One (1) one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) scholarship from USAA was awarded to Gannon Raguse. One (1) one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) scholarship donated to the Auxiliary from Bell State Bank and Trust was presented to Daniel Cocchiarella.

Mississippi

State Conference—The Mississippi National Guard Noncommissioned Officers Association (MS NG NCO Assn.)/Auxiliary Conference was held April 15-17 at the County Line Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi. There were nine Auxiliary Past Presidents at the Past Presidents Breakfast on Friday morning: Pat Bishop, Pat Burchfield, Paula Carrigan, Ruth Ann Crawford, Billie Davis, Ann Hart, Beverly Lee, Connie Myers, and Vivian Taylor. The majority of these Past Presidents are still very active in the leadership of the Auxiliary at the state, area, and national level. The Auxiliary Board met on Friday morning after the Past Presidents Breakfast. They approved policy letters and nominated individuals for the EANGUS Auxiliary awards: Distinguished Service Award, Elaine Jackson; Meritorious Service Award, Jerry Taylor; and Spouse of the Year Award, Billy McCleave. Fun activities—fishing, golfing, and bowling—were again featured on Friday morning and afternoon. The Auxiliary’s Silent Auction was set up as well and everyone got the bidding going early. On Friday evening everyone enjoyed fish, chicken, and all the fixin’s and catching up with old friends and meeting new folks.

The Association and the Auxiliary were delighted to have EANGUS President John Harris and EANGUS Auxiliary President Judy Wood and her husband, Don, attending the Conference. Both were given opportunities to speak to the Association and Auxiliary. President Connie Myers gave a challenging speech to the joint session on Saturday morning and presided at the Auxiliary General Membership Meeting. Officers elected were: President Connie Myers; Secretary Vivian Taylor; Treasurer Pat Burchfield; and Director at Large Pat Bishop. District Directors were elected: District I Junior, Judy James; District IV Junior, Elaine Jackson; District IV Senior, Angie Carnes; District V Junior, Jessica Mason; District V Senior, Kandice Netto; Gulfport Air Junior, Kristi Collins (later resigned); Meridian Air Junior, Daryl Gail Jensen; and Meridian Air Senior, Charity Jones. Kim Lampton agreed to serve as Chaplain; Billie Davis would serve as Parliamentarian; and Paula Carrigan would be the Sergeant at Arms.

The Auxiliary presented two (2) five hundred dollars (\$500.00) scholarships to Kaitlyn Dianne Collins and Jeffery Tyler Thomas. MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary reported over 700 legislative contacts were made by twenty-four members. The Auxiliary approved a budget of twelve thousand three hundred seventy-three dollars (\$12,373.00). During the weekend a total of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) was collected by the Auxiliary for the EANGUS “*We Care for America*” Foundation.

The Mississippi National Guard Noncommissioned Officers Association presented the Association’s Spouse of the Year Award to Vivian Taylor at the Saturday evening banquet.

Area IV Caucus—The EANGUS/Auxiliary Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus was held in New Orleans, Louisiana at Jackson Barracks, January 15-17, 2016. Six Mississippi Auxiliary members attended the Auxiliary Caucus: Pat Bishop, Pat Burchfield, Paula Carrigan, Connie Myers, Kellie Odom, and Vivian Taylor. Vivian Taylor was reelected as EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Secretary and Paula Carrigan was reelected as EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Treasurer. Linda Matthews and Teresa White were also present during the weekend’s other events.

EANGUS Conference—Mississippi was represented in New Orleans, Louisiana by eight delegates: Pat Bishop, Pat Burchfield, Angie Carnes, Billie Davis, Charity Jones, Mev Knight, Linda Matthews, and Kandice Netto. Connie Myers, EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President, was elected as EANGUS Auxiliary President. Vivian Taylor was reelected as EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary. Paula Carrigan was the Silent Auction Chairman and was assisted by ladies from Mississippi. Connie Myers and Vivian Taylor were both presented with the Recruiting Member of the Year Award (tie) and Pat Bishop and Pat Burchfield received certificates for their membership recruiting efforts. Kaitlyn Dianne Collins was awarded a one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) scholarship. Mississippi Auxiliary received the first place membership award for the largest increase and largest percentage increase in life members and also for life associate members in the 76 plus members category. Linda Matthews won the 50/50 raffle.

Newsletter—The first issue of *Building Bridges* was sent in early May 2016. The issue included a message from President Myers; minutes from the April General Membership Meeting; a list of Officers, District Directors, Appointees, and Committee Chairmen; legislative information; New Orleans Conference info; and much more. The second issue was sent in August 2016; July Board Meeting minutes, legislative information, list of Congressmen, TRICARE information, and last minute details on New Orleans Conference were provided. The September/October 2016 issue included the minutes from the EANGUS Auxiliary General

Sessions, lots of pics, legislative information, and information on the Mississippi State Fair and the Haunted Trail (Association Ways and Means projects), and October Auxiliary Board Meeting. The November/December issue was sent mid-November. The issue contained minutes from the October Board Meeting, information on the Military Museum at Camp Shelby, and EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship information.

Legislative—The Mississippi Auxiliary recorded five hundred eighty (580) legislative contacts which included 435 email/social media contacts and 145 responses from legislators. More than twenty-five individuals were consistently involved in the grassroots legislative process.

Projects—The Mississippi Auxiliary participated in two MS NG NCO Association Ways and Means Projects, the MS State Fair and the Haunted Trail. The Association presented two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to the Auxiliary at the 2016 Mississippi Conference for Auxiliary participation in the 2015 MS State Fair project in October of 2015. The Auxiliary made a donation of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the Mississippi Guard Family Foundation to assist with children and youth activities. Auxiliary members Paula Carrigan, Jim Hogg, Kim Hogg, Donna Manning, Connie Myers, Vivian Taylor, and Dona Wise as well as associate member Bob Sharp also worked at the 2016 Mississippi National Guard Summer Youth Camp, Kids AT (24th Camp). Paula Carrigan and Vivian Taylor were two of the original members of the MS NG Family Programs State Volunteer Council that conceived and started Kids AT. The MS Auxiliary continued to donate to EANGUS “*We Care for America*” Foundation in lieu of door prizes at every meeting.

Board Meetings—The first Board Meeting following Conference was held at 186 ARW in Meridian, Mississippi on July 9, 2016. Eight ladies were elected to serve as delegates at the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Connie Myers, EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President; Vivian Taylor, EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary; and Paula Carrigan, EANGUS Auxiliary Silent Auction Chairman would also attend the 2016 EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference. A training session was held for District Directors. The second Board Meeting was held at the Naval Construction Battalion in Gulfport, Mississippi on October 29, 2016; Mississippi Representative Greg Haney, District 118 was the special guest. Board Meeting for the third quarter was scheduled for February 25, 2017.

Deceased Lifetime Members—Shirley Aster (Due) Ritter, lifetime member number 429, died on January 02, 2016; lifetime member number 636 Cornelia Faye (Wilkinson) Luttrell died on January 20, 2016; John Paul Messer, lifetime member number 786, died on May 18, 2016.

Membership—The MS Auxiliary recorded five (5) new MS Auxiliary and EANGUS Auxiliary lifetime members during 2016: John Paul Messer; Odis Jean Messer; Elizabeth Stephens; Cheryl Ann (Ramon) Papania; Karen Lynette (Pace) Masterson. The December 30, 2016 report showed one hundred eleven (111) annual members, eighty-four (84) lifetime members, seventy-eight (78) annual associate members, seven (7) MS and EANGUS Auxiliary associate lifetime members, and four (4) MS Auxiliary only associate members.

Missouri

State Conference—Missouri National Guard Association (MoNGA) met April 15-17, 2016 at the Tan-Tar-A Family Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri. A golf tournament was held on April 14. The MoNGA assisted the MoNGA Auxiliary in publicizing the continental breakfast through the registration packets. The Association also assisted with meeting space and audio visual needs. EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director Monica Williams assisted President Kim Pierce in comparing the Auxiliary’s membership roll with those registered for the weekend to spot potential new members. There were eleven people in attendance at the Auxiliary meeting, some of whom admittedly came only for the continental breakfast. Director Williams was asked to speak and she shared the heart of the Auxiliary, the mission, and the purpose of the Auxiliary. Members made comments and asked questions on topics from social media to legislation to communication to EANGUS interaction. EANGUS Area IV Director Jeff Frisby spoke about what he called “the scope of effectiveness”. Mrs. Shirley Enke shared her heart and the history of the MoNGA Auxiliary and its heyday. Rather than talk of dissolving there was an excitement among the members about doing great things for the Missouri National Guard. Officers elected were: President Jill Blaylock; Vice President Kim Pierce; Secretary Cheri Champagne; and Treasurer Reggie Sullivan.

EANGUS Conference—Two MoNGA Auxiliary members participated in the EANGUS Auxiliary meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Auxiliary Facebook Page—Immediately following the meeting an Auxiliary Facebook page was set up to help keep current members in the loop on what was happening in the MoNGA Auxiliary. The social media outlet would also help potential members see what the Auxiliary was doing. The online membership form went live via Google Docs on April 22 so that individuals could go online and register to become a member in the Auxiliary. There was no online payment method at that time which left the Auxiliary with several people who signed up online but who do not pay after multiple nice reminders. The Facebook page is Missouri National Guard Association Auxiliary.

Communication—Monthly email reports were sent out after the monthly MoNGA Board calls. Reports contained information on what was happening in MoNGA, EANGUS, NGAUS, and the Auxiliaries associated with those organizations. EBlast! was sent to the entire MoNGA using the MoNGA’s membership database. Although that did not increase membership it did allow the Auxiliary to work more closely with MoNGA to develop a better partnership for future endeavors. A Twitter account was set up in May; handle is @MoNGAAuxiliary—General Grass even retweeted. During the summer the Auxiliary started a Pinterest account Search “Missouri National Guard Association Auxiliary” or “MO Nat’l Guard Assn. Auxiliary” Repin or follow the boards. Hoot Suite

was acquired by the Auxiliary for free since the Auxiliary will only have one user; that allows the Auxiliary to tweet and post to Facebook simultaneously.

Deceased Lifetime Member—Marie Maxine (Frendle) Sales, lifetime member number 074, died September 23, 2016 at age 97.

Membership—Dues were transmitted to EANGUS Auxiliary. Membership totals were: thirteen (13) annual members (three enlisted spouses); one active (1) lifetime member (Shirley Enke, #025); fourteen (14) EANGUS Auxiliary associate members. Individuals can sign up and pay online to be an Auxiliary member on the MoNGA website.

North Dakota

State Conference—North Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (NDNGEA) Auxiliary held an annual meeting on Friday, March 8, 2016 in West Fargo, North Dakota. Four members were present as well as EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Director Angela Kennebeck (IA) and EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Director Cathy Berry (WI). Report indicated that Jeri Christiansen, North Dakota contact person, had forwarded all electronic correspondence, the Area V and EANGUS Auxiliary newsletters, to 18 members who had listed email addresses.

The NDNGEA treasurer presented Auxiliary with one thousand nine hundred two dollars fifty-seven cents (\$1,902.57) for income from the 2015 state conference. Total donations of two thousand two hundred thirty dollars (\$2,230.00) were approved to these entities:

- North Dakota Veterans Home—for raised planting beds \$ 500.00
- TAPS \$ 250.00
- Emergency fund \$ 250.00
- Ronald McDonald House, Fargo, North Dakota \$ 100.00
- Ronald McDonald House, EANGUS Auxiliary \$ 25.00
- Fisher House, EANGUS Auxiliary \$ 25.00
- EANGUS Auxiliary silent auction \$ 30.00
- EANGUS Auxiliary Area V \$ 50.00
- NDNGEA scholarship fund \$ 1,000.00

The officers remained the same as previous years: Jeri Christiansen, contact person, communications chairman, and Veterans Home project chairman; Sandy Hiltner, secretary-treasurer and membership chairman; Jo Barke, sunshine chairman.

All Auxiliary business was completed on Friday. On Saturday, March 19, S. Berry drove the members to the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon (70 miles) to deliver the donation and tour the new facility. The trip continued with a drive to Arthur, North Dakota (another 70 miles) to visit life member Shelli Kasin at the Good Samaritan Home before going back to West Fargo (35 miles).

Membership—All 25 members of NDNGEA Auxiliary are life members. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) was donated to the EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship fund and the membership list was submitted to the EANGUS Auxiliary treasurer and membership chairman and EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Directors prior to the December 31 deadline. As required the State Chapter information sheet was sent following the state conference.

South Dakota

State Conference—The 2016 South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (SDNGEA) Conference was held in Rapid City, South Dakota at the Best Western, April 21-23, 2016. This Conference was held with the Officers Association. The Executive Council Meeting of the Auxiliary was held Thursday evening. President Kayleen Meyers attended and spoke at an afternoon session of the Enlisted Association. The Enlisted Association was updated on happenings in the auxiliary including membership, scholarships, and the silent auction among other things. Auxiliary members attended the opening ceremony of the Conference before conducting its business meeting.

At the Auxiliary's business meeting there were four new members as well as several additional attendees. The "Silent Auction Baskets" raised a total of four hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$469.00). Basket contents ranged from kitchen/baking items, a pot of gold, shop 'til you drop, and many more creative ideas.

The Auxiliary Scholarship winner was Amanda Farr. She was the recipient of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Marlene Kotab presented a certificate to Amanda's mother Dawn Farr during the Conference. The SDNGEA Auxiliary voted to offer two (2) one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) scholarships to eligible applicants for the next year.

The Auxiliary donated one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the Front Porch Coalition for suicide prevention. It was voted that the Auxiliary set aside five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be donated to other organizations to be chosen by email vote during the year.

EANGUS Conference—The SDNGEA Auxiliary was represented by Sherry Blackwell, Marlys List, and Edna Steinberg.

Board of Directors Meetings—The Auxiliary did not conduct any additional meetings during the year. President Kayleen Meyers along with Marlys List did attend the Enlisted Association Meeting in February and promoted memberships as well.

Deceased Lifetime Member—Gretchen M. (Sandven) Bowden, lifetime member number 377, died December 06, 2016.

Membership—Membership recruitment was a focus of the SDNGEA Auxiliary. President Kayleen Meyers spoke at the SDNGEA February Meeting to discuss the Auxiliary and its membership and also at the first business session of the SDNGEA Conference.

Tennessee

State Conference—The 2016 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Tennessee (EANGTN) Conference was held in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at the Embassy Hotel and Suites, April 22-24, 2016. Auxiliary President Jaclyn Parks conducted a Board of Directors Meeting Friday afternoon to address matters to go before the assembly on Saturday. The Auxiliary joined EANGTN for opening ceremonies on Saturday before conducting the Auxiliary business meeting which was a Mardi Gras-themed brunch in keeping with the EANGTN Conference theme. Auxiliary President Parks addressed the EANGTN business meeting later in the afternoon and stressed the importance and the mission of the Auxiliary and provided information on the activities of the Auxiliary. During the brunch, members voted to rename the Auxiliary's state scholarship in honor of longtime member and Treasurer Alice Tubbs's late daughter, Katrina Tubbs Grimes. Elections were held: President, Jaclyn Parks and Treasurer, Alice Tubbs. Throughout the day at the EANGTN business meeting and at the banquet in the evening, two Auxiliary members were honored for their contributions—Melinda Birchfield received an EANGTN Plaque of Appreciation for service above and beyond to the National Guard and Alice Tubbs received the prestigious Minuteman Award for her longtime commitment to the National Guard, the EANGTN, and the EANGTN Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary tried something new in 2016, partnering with the EANGTN to conduct a joint live and silent auction with the proceeds split between the two organizations. The effort netted a record auction profit for the Auxiliary with over two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00+) for the Auxiliary's general fund.

Area III Caucus—The Area III Caucus was held May 20-22, 2016 at the Best Western Hotel in Helen, Georgia. Tennessee was represented by Auxiliary President Jaclyn Parks, Billie Jean Mapes, and EANGTN Auxiliary Soldier and Airman Relief Fund (EASARF) President Betsy Redmond.

EANGUS Conference—EANGTN was represented by Immediate Past President Teresa Foss and members Billie Jean Mapes, Pam Brown, and Joan Goodrich at the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board of Directors Meetings—Auxiliary President Parks conducted three Board Meetings in addition to the Board Meeting at State Conference. The meetings were held on January 30, February 27, and July. She also attended several EANGTN Board Meetings during 2016.

Projects—The EANGTN Auxiliary continued to administer the EASARF to serve the military members of Tennessee who needed financial aid. The EASARF was accepted by Amazon in 2016 as its Amazon Smile Charity Program which meant that an Amazon customer could elect to have a small portion of Amazon's profit from their purchase donated to the EASARF.

Deceased Lifetime Member—Sara T. (Grimes) Hassell, lifetime member #356, died November 01, 2016.

Virginia

State Conference—The 42nd Annual Conference of the Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association (VAANGEA)/Auxiliary was held April 28-May 01, 2016 at the Newport News Marriott at Center City, Newport News, Virginia. Auxiliary President Margie V. Holcomb opened the meetings with these members present: Cynthia D. Motley, Vice President; Suzanne T. Emerson, Secretary; Kimberly White, acting Treasurer; Judy Wade; Janice Barnette; Barbara Webb; Donna Berryman; Charlotte Kuykendall; and new members Mary Pugh and Carrie Vaught. The Auxiliary joined the VAANGEA for opening ceremonies on Saturday prior to conducting Auxiliary business. The Auxiliary business session was opened by President Margie Holcomb with a prayer from Judy Wade. The minutes and Treasurer's report from the 2015 State Conference were approved as presented. Discussion included recruitment efforts, silent auctions for Virginia and EANGUS Auxiliary, scholarship, and philanthropic support. Elections were held: Margie V. Holcomb, President; Cynthia D. Motley, Vice President; Suzanne T. Emerson, Secretary; and Kimberly White, Treasurer. The Oath of Office was administered by Janice Barnette, Auxiliary member.

Area II Caucus—The Area II Caucus was held February 6-7, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Washington-Capital. The Auxiliary Caucus was conducted by EANGUS Auxiliary Area II Director Elaine Wright (MD). Virginia Auxiliary members present were: Suzanne Emerson (Secretary) and Judy Wade. Topics of discussion included membership recruiting efforts and silent auction planning. EANGUS Auxiliary President Judy Wood attended the EANGUS Auxiliary Area II Caucus and provided EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference updates and Auxiliary initiatives.

EANGUS Conference—Virginia Auxiliary President Margie Holcomb attended the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana; she also served as EANGUS Auxiliary Area II Director. Additional Virginia Auxiliary members in attendance were: Suzanne T. Emerson; Judy Wade; Charlotte Kuykendall; Janice Barnette. Charlotte Kuykendall (lifetime member number 445) served as EANGUS Auxiliary Credentials Committee Co-Chairman and was the recipient of the Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award for 2016. Mrs. Dorian Tracie Smith attended the EANGUS Auxiliary Meeting on August 23 as a guest.

Executive Council Meetings—Executive Council (EC) meetings were conducted July 23, 2016 and October 29, 2016 at Ft. Pickett (RTI), Blackstone, Virginia. An EC meeting was conducted via conference call with the VAANGEA on September 28, 2016.

Newsletter—*The Dogwood Blossom* newsletter was published two times during the 2016 year.

Communication—Disseminated *The Signal*; corresponded with Virginia Auxiliary Treasurer concerning transition, membership dues, bank account transfer, membership transmittal report; provided assistance to scholarship applicant by proofreading her application and writing a letter of recommendation; disseminated information to Auxiliary members concerning the death of lifetime member Ruby S. Connatser; sent email to Auxiliary members concerning the 2017 membership dues deadline; sent postcards (as suggested by lifetime member # 640 Judy Wade) to Virginia Auxiliary lifetime members advising of payment of membership dues and reporting requirements to EANGUS Auxiliary along with scholarship information updates (this yielded

positive responses); communicated with Jenifer Burris, Alaska Auxiliary President, to provide assistance with her efforts to revitalize Alaska Auxiliary; disseminated Virginia Auxiliary *The Dogwood Blossom* newsletter. Other business about which officers communicated included membership, silent auction fundraisers, attendance at state and national conferences, and mid-winter caucuses for 2016 and 2017.

Scholarship—The Auxiliary provides a five hundred dollars (\$500.00) scholarship during the VAANGEA Conference. Selections are made in conjunction with the VAANGEA. It was suggested that the VAANGEA Auxiliary scholarship guidelines align with those of the EANGUS Auxiliary. Alexandria “Alex” Compton was the recipient of the EANGUS Auxiliary three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) USAA scholarship.

Deceased Lifetime Members—Maude (Reed) Ganzert, lifetime member #113, died on January 21, 2016; Hilda (Washington) Robinson, lifetime member #175, died on October 04, 2016; and Ruby S. Connatser, lifetime member #549, died on November 12, 2016.

Projects—In 2016 the Virginia Auxiliary supported the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) in the Hampton Roads area with a monetary donation and toiletries; this is done annually to the RMH nearest to the VAANGEA Conference location. Virginia Auxiliary President Margie Holcomb and Vice President Cynthia Motley participated in the 11th Annual National Guard Youth Summer Camp held at SMR Camp Pendleton, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Margie served as a mentor to Purple Group (age 13) and provided support and feedback to Lead Child and Youth Coordinator, Virginia National Guard Family Programs. Cynthia served as a mentor and Adult Group Leader for campers and provided feedback to the Virginia National Guard Family Programs.

Membership—The Virginia Auxiliary reported seven (7) annual members, eleven (11) lifetime members, eleven (11) associate members, and three (3) associate lifetime members.

Wisconsin

State Conference—The 44th Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA) Conference/36th WNGEA Auxiliary Conference was held at the Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, April 22-23, 2016. It was a combined WNGEA and Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA) Conference.

The Auxiliary meeting was conducted on Saturday morning by President Catherine “Cathy” Berry. Shirley Spitz was recognized for her outstanding service to the WNGEA Auxiliary with 9 years and 3 terms as President and also for serving as Area V Director. The Auxiliary was honored to have EANGUS President John Harris as guest speaker. The Silent Auction at the Friday night icebreaker raised one thousand five hundred two dollars (\$1,502.00) and three hundred dollars (\$300.00) from Kohl’s Charities. Auxiliary President Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance for the Saturday evening banquet.

Area V Caucus—President Cathy Berry was the Wisconsin Auxiliary representative at the Area V Caucus held at the Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa on May 21, 2016. With Area V Director Angela Kennebeck hosting, Area V Director Berry conducted the Auxiliary Caucus. WNGEA Auxiliary President/Area V Director Berry also attended the Iowa and North Dakota Conferences as well as publishing two 2016 *Area V Is Alive!* newsletters.

EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference—The WNGEA Auxiliary had three delegates (Marie Traxler, Barbara Sedgwick, and Kathy Serrahn, leader of delegation) at the 45th EANGUS/43rd EANGUS Auxiliary Conference held August 21-24, 2016 in New Orleans, Louisiana. EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer Cora Sower and EANGUS Auxiliary Area V Director Cathy Berry were also present from Wisconsin. Cathy Berry received the 2015 EANGUS award for state newsletter (category 6) and the EANGUS Auxiliary Outstanding Area Director Award. EANGUS received attention from a local news channel, as well as Mr. & Mrs. Claus, with EANGUS members participating in the Veterans Build Program, building a Habitat for Humanity home for Gloria Poolaw.

Deceased Lifetime Member—Lifetime member #754 Randy Schmidt died on December 5, 2016.

Newsletter—One issue of the *Bucky’s Auxiliary News* was sent via postal mail to Auxiliary members before Conference in 2016. The *Bucky’s Auxiliary News* placed first in category 6 of the EANGUS publication contest for the 2015 year.

Scholarship—The WNGEA seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) scholarship was awarded to Laura Yenchesky, granddaughter of WNGEA lifetime member, Betty Yenchesky, and James H. Yenchesky, Command Sergeant Major retired from HHB 57th Field Artillery Brigade. Laura is in the class of 2016 studying mechanical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

WNGEA Auxiliary Membership—There were forty-eight (48) lifetime members EANGUS Auxiliary/WNGEA Auxiliary members; one (1) annual member; two (2) WNGEA Auxiliary only members; and eleven (11) state associate members.

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