

EANGUS AUXILIARY HISTORY

1973

On August 30, 1973, forty-four (44) ladies representing sixteen (16) states met in Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, to discuss the possibility of forming a national auxiliary to EANGUS. Following much discussion it was voted to form a national auxiliary. The temporary officers elected were President, Mary McKamey, LA; Vice President, Doris Williams, MS; Secretary, Dot Brown, MS. The following year was spent working on a constitution and bylaws.

The purpose of the EANGUS Auxiliary is to support EANGUS in all of its endeavors. Membership will be by membership in state auxiliaries. Only spouses of enlisted members of state enlisted associations belonging to EANGUS can become members of the EANGUS Auxiliary.

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1974

The first organization meeting of the EANGUS Auxiliary was held October 1, 1974 in the Gulf Room of the Biloxi-Sheraton Motor Inn in Biloxi, MS. Acting Temporary President, Doris Williams, MS, conducted the business sessions. Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, Doris Poulsen, MD, presented the constitution and bylaws, which were accepted.

At the third business session on October 3rd, the executive council was formed. Officers elected for the 1974-1976 terms were President, Doris Williams, MS; Vice President, June O'Dowd, LA; Secretary, Murlene Webb, AR; and Treasurer, Rita Dekowski, MD. Area Directors elected by their respective areas were:

Area II—Marie Higgins, KY, Air, one year; Betty Lockard, MD, Army, two years
Area IV—Dianne Sullivan, MS, Air, one year; Pat Franke, LA, Army, two years
Area V—Irene Spencer, SD, Air, two years; Susan Peterson, NE, Army, one year
Area VI—Glendoris Miller, CO, Army, two years; no one elected for Air
Areas I, III, and VII had no report.

There were 11 states with organized auxiliaries as follows: Arkansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Washington, Montana, Maryland, Nebraska and Louisiana.

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1975

The EANGUS Auxiliary held its Second Annual Conference August 25-28, 1975 at the Imperial House Motel, Canton, Ohio. President Doris Williams, Mississippi, conducted the business sessions.

Alabama, Arizona, Kansas, North Carolina and Ohio were added to the list of states with organized auxiliaries. Doris Williams presented certificates of charter with the EANGUS Auxiliary to Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Washington, and Ohio. The total membership was 540.

Pendants and necklaces with the EANGUS seal would be a continuing money making project.

Area Directors elected were Area II - Doris Poulsen, MD (Air) two years; Area IV - Carol Souteau, MO (Air) two years; Area V - Susan Peterson, NE (Army) two years; Area VI - Caryl Spears, AZ (Air) two years. Pat Torpie, LA, was made an honorary member of the EANGUS Auxiliary due to her enthusiasm and contributions on the state and national level.

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1976

The Third Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference was called to order by President Doris Williams, Mississippi, on September 27, 1976 at the Continental Inn, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Due to the resignation of Secretary Murlene Webb, Doris Poulsen, MD, was appointed to complete the term of office.

Thirteen chartered states answered roll call. Seven additional states were chartered since last year. They were Maine, Iowa, Washington DC, Georgia, North Carolina, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Membership was 901 as of June 30, 1976. Doris Parker was made an honorary member of the EANGUS Auxiliary.

The following officers were elected for the 1976-1978 term: President - June O'Dowd, LA; Vice President - Lois Goodson, OH; Secretary - Doris Poulsen, MD; Treasurer - Rita Dekowski, MD. Area Directors elected were: Area I - Carol Gillooly, MA (Army); Area II - Dot Leiby, PA (Army) 2 years; Area III - Helen Tucker, GA (Air) 2 years; Peggy Carden, GA (Army) 1 year; Area IV - Ann Purzner, MO (Army) 2 years; Area V - Delores Hegge, SD (Air) 2 years; Area VI - Janis Peterson, CO (Army) 2 years.

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The Regency Inn, Denver, Colorado, was the site for the Fourth Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary. President June O'Dowd, LA, conducted the business sessions from September 18-21, 1977, with 23 states chartered.

Wyoming, Massachusetts and Virginia received their charters. Membership was 1,248.

The membership voted to establish a scholarship fund, and a scholarship committee would set the requirements.

Area Directors elected were: Area I - Carol Gillooly, MA (Army) 1 year; Area II - Josephine Perks, PA (Army) 1 year; Joanie Foster, OH (Air) 2 years; Area IV - Mary Lee Higgins, LA (Air) 2 years; Area V - Lura Lee Campbell, IA (Army) 2 years; Area VI - Charlotte Guild, AZ (Air) 2 years.

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1978

On March 3, 1978, the Executive Board of EANGUS Auxiliary approved an emblem for the Auxiliary. It shows the minuteman and lady standing together with the name of our organization spelled out in a circle around the figures.

March 17, 1978, President June O'Dowd, Louisiana, resigned her office. The Vice President, Lois Goodson, Ohio, then assumed the office of the President. Sara Hendricks, Iowa, was appointed by the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term of Vice President.

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1978

President Lois Goodson, Ohio, called the Fifth Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference to order at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii, on September 26, 1978. With the addition of Tennessee, there were 24 states chartered with a total membership of 1,394 as of June 30, 1978. The Ways and Means project for the year was a cash raffle for \$300.00. Cindy Wise of Kokomo, Indiana was the winner. About \$1,000.00 was cleared on the project.

Eleven applications were received for the scholarship awards. The Scholarship Committee set the requirements that an applicant must be the son, daughter or spouse of an EANGUS Auxiliary member and must have a letter of endorsement from their State's Auxiliary President. Other qualifications were listed on the application forms. The winners of the \$300.00 scholarship were Francis Wyatt, Iowa; Kim Poulsen, Maryland; Paul Burgess, Iowa; Karrie Hendricks, Iowa; Judith McDonald, Pennsylvania. The membership voted to use \$1,500.00 again for the scholarships for the coming year.

The election of officers for the 1978-1980 term was held. Officers elected were: President-Lois Goodson, OH; Vice President-Sara Hendricks, IA; Secretary-Beverly Arn, OH; and Treasurer-Rita Dekowski, MD. Doris Williams, Past President, held an impressive installation service for the Officers and Area Directors. Area Directors elected by their respective areas were: Area I-Carol Gillooly, MA (Army) 1 year; Area II-Joan Lee, VA (Army) 2 years; Area III-Julia Dildine, TN (Army) 1 year; Helen Tucker, GA (Air) 2 years; Area IV-Delores Ford, MS (Army) 2 years; Area V-Delores Hegge, SD (Air) 2 years; Area VI-Dolfe Van Alyne, WY (Army) 2 years; Caryl Spears, AZ (Air) 1 year; Area VII-Barbara Sharp, WA (Army) 2 years; Arvena Trout, WA (Air) 1 year.

The membership voted to send a telegram to President Carter urging him to sign the Survivors Benefit Bill. John Ball, President of EANGUS; SGM Donald Ingram, Senior Enlisted Advisor, ARNG; CMSgt Lynn Alexander, Senior Enlisted Advisor, ANG; Mrs. Lynn (Shirley) Alexander; and MG Richard Miller, President of NGAUS were the guest speakers for the conference.

One hundred voting delegates and 11 Executive Board members constituted the voting power for the conference. A wonderful time was had by all present for this the first conference outside of the continental United States.

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1979

The Sixth Annual Conference was called to order at the Hyatt Regency in Phoenix, Arizona, on September 10, 1979 by President Lois Goodson, Ohio. Twenty-one states with charters were in attendance and five states without charters were represented. Wisconsin Auxiliary received its charter; it was charter state number 25.

The State of Mississippi presented the Auxiliary with an American flag and District Two of Iowa presented the Auxiliary with an Auxiliary flag, which was handmade by Marilyn Freking.

The membership had decreased and the total was 1,137.

Guest speakers for this conference were Bryce Hendricks, President of EANGUS; General McCadden, President of NGAUS and the Adjutant General of the State of Virginia; Major General James C. Clem, Adjutant General of the State of Ohio.

The President's award, which became known as the "AR" award was based upon the theme "Auxiliary Rush for '79". The criterion for this award was a point system for communication, reports, and membership increase. Ohio was the winner. The first runner-up was Iowa; second was Mississippi; Missouri was third; and Nebraska was the fourth. President Goodson presented a certificate of appreciation to Marilyn Freking for making the Auxiliary Flag.

Sara Hendricks, scholarship committee chairman announced the scholarship recipients: Risa Lewis, TN; Steven Placzek, NE; Roger Nordahl, MT; Karrie Hendricks, IA; and Kim Poulsen, MD. Ruth Zelnik, OH was the first runner-up.

President Goodson announced that there would be a membership award for an increase in membership. The squash blossom necklace and matching earrings were won by Sondra Monastra of Ohio; second place was a silver and turquoise bracelet won by Clyde Caselton of Iowa and a ring won by Evelyn A. Pedro, Massachusetts. Two thousand tickets were sold for this project and it was the biggest money making project the Auxiliary had had to date.

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1980

President Lois Goodson, Ohio, called the Seventh Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference to order at the Marc Plaza Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 15, 1980. The total membership stood at 1,395 as of June 30, 1980.

The ways and means project for the year was a grandmother clock. A profit of \$1,653.53 was made.

The winners of the scholarships were: Thomas Workentine, SD; Diane Leadbetter, OH; Sandra Mahoney, MT; Genel Lee, NC; and Kim Poulsen, MD. The scholarship committee recommended that a person be allowed to win only once. This recommendation was ratified. A special scholarship of \$150 was given by Dick and Phyllis O'Brien in memory of their son, John. Sharon Placzek, NE, was the recipient of this one-time scholarship.

The election of officers for the 1980-1982 term was held. Officers elected were: President-Sara Hendricks, IA; Vice President-Dolfe Van Alyne, WY; Secretary-Nancy McDowell, OH; Treasurer-Virginia Ericson, AZ. New Area Directors were installed for two year terms: Area I-Patricia Denner, ME (Air); Area II-Joan S. Lee, VA (Army); Area III-Helen Tucker, GA (Air); Area IV-Delores Ford, MS (Army); Area V-Irene Spencer, SD (Air); Area VI-Mary Hensell, AZ (Army); and Area VII-Phyllis Patterson, WA (Army).

Guest speakers for the Conference were General McCaddin, president of the National Guard Association of the United States; SMSgt Lynn Alexander, Senior Air Advisor NGB; Major General Mickey Walker, Director Army National Guard; Bryce Hendricks, president of EANGUS; and SGM Don Ingram, Army Advisor, NGB.

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1981

The Eighth Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference was called to order by President Sara Hendricks, Iowa, at the Howard Johnson Motel, Rapid City, South Dakota on September 22, 1981. There were 25 chartered states in attendance and four states not chartered. The total membership as of June 30, 1981 was 1,375.

The ways and means project was a week at Opryland or \$800.00 cash.

Lois Goodson, Scholarship Chairman, announced the scholarship winners: Janet Sessums, MS; Rachelle Dyess, MS; Vicki Lynn Welsh, MS; Rhonda Dyess, MS; and Martha Mae Nigohosian, MA.

South Dakota and Mississippi tied for the membership/trivia awards. The motto, "Side by Side We Stand With Pride", was won by Missouri. A special award was presented by Secretary Nancy McDowell to Elsie Featherson of Maine. She was named the Queen of the 1981 Conference and was presented with a charm bracelet.

Area Directors elected for 1981-1983 were: Area I-Elsie Featherson, ME (Army); Area II-Joanie Foster, OH (Air); Area III-Julia Dildine, TN (Army); Area IV-Phyllis Bowser, MO (Air); Area V-Marjorie Noble, NE (Army); Area VI-Juanita Warden, WY (Air); Area VII-Arvena Trout, WA (Air).

Guest speakers were General Duane Corning, Adjutant General, South Dakota; CSM James Garritson (KY) president of EANGUS; CMSgt Lynn Alexander; and Mrs. Shirley Alexander.

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1982

The Ninth Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference was called to order by President Sara Hendricks, Iowa, at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, on September 6, 1982. There were 23 chartered states in attendance and seven states present but not chartered. The total membership as of June 30, 1982 was 1,194.

The election of officers for the term of 1982-1984 was held. Officers elected were: President-Delores Ford, Vice President-Jo Delia, Secretary-Nancy McDowell, and Treasurer-Virginia Ericson.

President Hendricks acknowledged that Virgil and Doris Williams were not present at this conference, and on the last morning of the Conference the assembly was told that Virgil had died the evening before.

The five scholarship winners were all from the State of Mississippi. They were: John Michael Cravens, Kimberly Ann Murphy, Jimmie L. Roush, Leslie Carroll Crawford, and Clarence Eugene Hauk. The alternate was Richard Mark McClaim, Montana.

The State of Virginia donated \$100 to establish a scholarship fund in the memory of Virgil Williams. This was a one-time scholarship for 1983.

SGM Donald Ingram of the Army National Guard and CSM Jim Garritson, president of EANGUS, spoke to the assembly. The Auxiliary recessed and joined the EANGUS assembly to hear Marjorie S. Holt, Representative from Maryland, who served on the House Armed Services Committee.

Charlie Walker and Joe Edwards of the Grand Ole Opry entertained members at the Luncheon.

New Area Directors elected were: Area I-Pat Denner, ME (Air); Area II-Joan Lee, VA (Army); Area III-Fay Street, TN (Army) to fill one year unexpired term; Area III-Helen Tucker, GA (Air); Area IV-Ruth Ann Crawford, MS (Army); Area V-Peggy Foss, SD (Air); Area VI-Marge Fehrer, MT (Army); and Area VII-Barbara Sharp, WA (Army).
Charter #29 was presented to Kansas and Charter #30 was presented to North Dakota.
The Banner award was presented to the State of Virginia for their banner, "Love is Duty-Honor-Country."

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1983

President Delores Ford, Mississippi, called the Tenth Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference to order on August 29, 1983 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. There were 24 chartered states in attendance and seven states present but not chartered. The total membership as of June 30, 1983 was 1,628.

The scholarship winners were: Pamela Smith, MS; a tie for second place between William E. Dunn of MA and Pamela Ritter of MS; Donna Patterson, WA; and Robert Dunn of MA. The alternate was Dawn Wiebers, SD.

Guest speakers at the Conference were Lieutenant General Emmett H. Walker, Chief NGB; Major General Herbert Temple, Jr., Director of the Army National Guard; Major General John B. Conaway, Director of the Air National Guard; CSM Robert Goodson, OH, Conference chairman; Jim Garritson, president of EANGUS; Darnell "Dek" Dekowski, executive director of EANGUS; and Major General Francis Greenlief, executive director of NGAUS.

Eleven of the original forty-four ladies who met in Des Moines, Iowa, to form the Auxiliary were present at the luncheon and were presented with cotton boll corsages. The Luncheon was highlighted by a style show presented by Peck & Peck, a ladies store in the Mall at the Hyatt Regency, with the manager, Margene Hamner narrating and Charlotte Wallace assisting.

Sharon Johnston, Public Relations chairman, announced the winners of the contest with the award to the person with the most names who had attended more than one conference going to Shirley May (MS) with 192 names and to the person attending their first conference with the most names going to James L. Barker (MS).

New Area Directors elected were: Area I-Elsie Featherson, ME (Army); Area II-Joanie Foster, OH (Air); Area III-Faye Street, TN (Army); Area IV-Phyllis Bowser, MO (Air); Area V-Janice Steinberg, SD (Army); Area VI-Marie Boyle, CO (Air); and Area VII-Virginia Owen, OR (Air).

The EANGUS Auxiliary Lifetime Membership (LTM) program was begun in this year. Sara Hendricks was chairman of this new committee and she would serve until 2010.

Charter #31 was presented to California; #32 was presented to Alabama; and #33 went to New York.

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1984

The Eleventh Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order by President Delores Ford of Mississippi at the Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana on August 27, 1984. There were 32 states represented by 113 delegates and 50 proxies. Unchartered states of Indiana, Texas, and West Virginia were also present and Delaware had two guests present.

Guest speakers were Lieutenant General Emmett H. Walker, Chief NGB; Dorothy Ogilvy-Lee, Family Program Manager NGB; Major General John B. Conaway, Director of Air National Guard; Chief Master Sergeant Bernard E. Carbon; Major General Herbert R. Temple, Jr., Director of Army National Guard; and CSM James Garritson, president of EANGUS.

Ann Purzner, Scholarship Chairman, announced the five winners: Cindy Wallis, KS; Micah Roush, MS; Casandra Fischer, WI; Renee Martin, PA; and Lori Ford, ND. The alternate was Pamela Jayne Groeper, MO.

The following awards were presented:

- Executive Council Award—Linda Bailey, Kentucky, was awarded for distinguished service in her state
- Area Director Award—Ruth Ann Crawford, Mississippi, Area IV
- President's Traveling Trophy Award—Mississippi, accepted by Paulette McLeod. This award was based upon a point system for communication, letters written to legislators, ways and means project, new members, and trivia answers.

Officers elected for the 1984-1986 term were: President-Nancy McDowell, OH; Vice President-Elsie Featherson, ME; Secretary-Caryl Spears, AZ; and Treasurer-Virginia Ericson, AZ.

Newly elected Area Directors were: Area I-Pat Denner, ME (Air); Area II-Rosemary Clements, PA (Army); Area III-Helen Tucker, GA (Air); Area IV-Treva Schuler, OK (Army); Area V-Jo Barke, ND (Air); Area VI-Marge Fehrer, MT (Army); Area VII-Barbara Sharp, WA (Army) and Dee Joyce Price, CA (Air) was elected to fill out the term of Virginia Owen who was going to resign.

President Ford presented Charter #34 to the State of Rhode Island and Charter #35 to the State of West Virginia.

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1985

President Nancy McDowell of Ohio, at the Red Lion in Portland, Oregon, called the Twelfth Annual Conference to order on August 26, 1985.

Guest speakers for the Conference were Lieutenant General Emmett H. Walker, Chief NGB; Dorothy Ogilvy-Lee, Family Program Manager, NGB; Major General John B. Conaway, Director of the Air National Guard; Major General Herbert R. Temple, Jr., Director of the Army National Guard; MSG Tony Nathe, Vice-President of EANGUS; and CSM Nate Monastra, president of EANGUS.

The total Auxiliary membership was 1,617. There were 33 states present with all officers, twelve Area Directors, and all committee chairmen present. The delegate and proxy count for Conference was 164. Unchartered states, Texas, Indiana, and Minnesota had guests present. There were two newly chartered states in 1985. They were: #36 - New Jersey (no one in attendance) and #37 - Utah, Sue Barnes accepting.

Awards were presented:

- Executive Council Award— Paulette McLeod, Mississippi, for distinguished service
- Area Director Award— Marge Fehrer, Montana
- President's Traveling Trophy Award—the State of Mississippi for the second consecutive year
- Montana—largest increase in membership in numbers
- Rhode Island—percentage increase in membership

Scholarship winners were: Diana Sartori, WI; Talatha Ann Sumrall, MS; Philip Ruark, OH; Jana Rene Stewart, MT; and Roxanna Lynn Harris, MO. The alternate was Mary Allison Lowery, MS.

Area Directors elected for the 1985-1987 term were: Area I-Carol Gillooly, Massachusetts (Army); Area II-Peggy Leadbetter, Ohio (Air); Area III-Faye Street, Tennessee (Army); Area IV-Phyllis Bowser, Missouri (Air); Area V-Sara Hendricks, Iowa (Army); and Area VII-Howard Galberth, Oregon (Air).

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1986

The Thirteenth Annual Auxiliary Conference was held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, August 7-9, 1986 with President Nancy McDowell presiding. There were 32 chartered states in attendance and three states present but not chartered. The total membership as of June 30, 1986, was 1,574 annual members and 133 life members for a grand total of 1,707. This was an increase of 82 members over the previous year.

EANGUS President Nate Monastra announced a new award to be presented to Auxiliary members. It was "The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award". The criteria for this award is based upon a member's outstanding activity in regard to legislative matters pertaining to the National Guard and Reserves. This would include letters written to Congress and a member's leadership at state level in organizing letter-writing campaigns. The first recipient of this award was Doris Williams of Mississippi.

Annis Davis, Legislative Chairman, reported that the Auxiliary had written letters in support of the commemorative stamp for the National Guard, the Civil Service Pension Reform Legislation, and the increase in the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance Program benefits. The Auxiliary was currently writing letters in support of the passage of the Commissary Bill. A Mail Gram Program would be started soon.

Scholarship winners were: Amy Reuter, WI; Krisy Easton, SD; Debra Leadbetter, OH; Phyllis Groeper, MO; and Amy Harden Bunch, MS.

CSM Oakley Lollar, Chairman of the Virgil S. Williams Scholarship, announced the winners as Stephanie Ann Stauber, WI and Kelly E. King, MS.

Other awards presented were:

- Board of Directors Award—Agnes Tupman, Mississippi
- Area Director Award—Rosemary Clemens, Pennsylvania, Area II
- President's Award—Mississippi
- Iowa—largest numbers increase in membership
- West Virginia—largest percentage increase in membership

Officers elected for the 1986-1988 term: President-Nancy McDowell (re-elected), OH; Vice President-Virginia Ericson, AZ; Secretary-Marlys List, SD; and Treasurer-Phyllis Bowser, MO. New Area Directors were: Area I-Pat Denner, ME (Air); Area II-Rosemary Clemens, PA (Army); Area III-Ruth Jordon, GA (Air); Area IV-Dot Pee, MS (Army); Area V-Jo Barke, ND (Air); Area VI-Rena Wallin, UT (Army); and Betty Segura, NM (Air) one year; Area VII-Doris Parker, CA (Army).

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1987

The Fourteenth Annual Conference was called to order by President Nancy McDowell of Ohio, in the Cochran

Room of the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky on September 21, 1987. There were 37 chartered states in attendance and the states of Alaska, South Carolina, Connecticut and Texas were present but not chartered. The total membership as of June 30, 1987, was 1,576 annual members and 152 life members for a grand total of 1,728. This was an increase of 21 members from the previous year.

Lois Goodson of Ohio received the second annual "The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award" presented by EANGUS.

Barbara Sheppard, Legislative Chairman, reported that in the past year the Auxiliary had written letters in support of the Commissary Bill, OMB 1988 Budget Proposal, the New GI Bill, tax withholding, overseas training of the National Guard, Amendment of Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and Amendment of US Code to require advancement of Army and Air Force Reserve enlisted personnel to highest grade satisfactorily held after 30 years of service.

The winners of the five scholarships were: Kathleen Ann Collins, OH; Jeffrey Sherman Dials, OH; Darren Ray Hartman, SD; Angela Michelle McDaniel, TN; and Carla Annette Robinson, AR.

Sue Morgan, Nominations Committee Chairman, presented the new Area Directors: Area I-Carol Gillolly, MA (Army); Area II-Barbara Sheppard, WV (Air); Area III-Bill Buckley, GA (Air) 1 year and Joan King, AL (Army); Area IV-Mildred Geary, MS (Air); Area V-Sara Hendricks, IA (Army); Area VI-Betty Segura, NM (Air); and Area VII-Phyllis Patterson, WA (Army) 1 year; and Howard Galberth, OR (Air).

Charters were presented to the following states: #38 to Minnesota; #39 to New Hampshire; and #40 to Alaska.

President McDowell presented the following awards:

- Board of Directors Award—Mary Hensell, Arizona
- Area Director Award—Mildred Geary, Mississippi, Area IV
- President's Traveling Trophy—Mississippi (Paulette McLeod accepting)
- Missouri—largest numbers increase in membership (Ann Purzner accepting)
- New York—largest percentage increase in membership (Lorraine Somelofske accepting)

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1988

President Nancy McDowell of Ohio, in the Maremac Room at the Clarion Hotel, called the Fifteenth Annual Conference to order in St. Louis, Missouri on August 22, 1988. There were 39 chartered states in attendance and the states of South Carolina and Texas were present but not chartered. The total membership as of June 30, 1988, was 1,613 annual members and 174 life members, making a grand total of 1,787 with a gain of 59 members from the previous year.

The five \$500 scholarship winners were: Marla Hood, AR; Kevin Kunz, SD; Angie Millice, IA; Marley Rivers, MS; and Sandra Simon, WI.

Joyce Salyers, Legislative Chairman, reported that Mississippi had sent in 1,099 letters in support of various items of legislation.

President McDowell presented the following awards:

- Board of Directors Award—Brooks Marr, Mississippi
- Area Director Award—Mildred Geary, Mississippi
- President's Traveling Trophy
1-25 members, Pennsylvania (Audrey Kunkle accepting)
26-75 members, Oregon (Sharon Pritchard accepting)
76 + members, Mississippi (Paula Carrigan accepting)
- Membership—largest numbers increase California (Rosalie Denham accepting)
- Membership—largest percentage increase New Hampshire (Joanne Balcom accepting)

Charter #41 was presented to the State of Florida.

Elections were held with the following being elected:

President—Mary Galberth, OR Vice President—Jane Rohloff, WI
Secretary—Joyce Salyers, KY Treasurer—Mildred Geary, MS

Area Directors: Area II-Annis Davis, VA (Army); Area II-Joanie Foster, OH (Air); Area III-Mary Sue Kessler, GA (Air); Area IV-Carolyn Moses, OK (Army); Area V-Rita Stewart, SD (Air); Area VI-Susan Hoem, CO (Army); Area VII-Kathy Dooley, OR (Army). Karen Isaack, NJ, was filling the position of Area I Air Director and Paula Carrigan, MS, was filling Area IV.

EANGUS President Nate Monastra presented "The Pen Is Mightier than the Musket" Award to Sara Hendricks during the All States Banquet.

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1989

President Mary Galberth of Oregon called the Sixteenth Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference to order on August

28, 1989, at the Bally's Hotel, Reno, Nevada.

There were 33 chartered states in attendance. The total membership as of June 30, 1989, was 1,790 annual members and 191 life members, making a total of 1,981 members with a gain of 194 from last year.

Five \$500 scholarships were awarded by the Auxiliary to the following: David Beard, MS; Kandy Kay Ferguson, OK; Jamie Hicks, FL; Donna Quam, ND; and Tina Wranek, SD.

Brooks Marr, MS, was presented with "The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award" by EANGUS President Tony Nathe.

Awards presented by the Auxiliary were:

President's Traveling Trophy	1-25 members, Alaska	26-75 members, Oregon
	76 + members, Mississippi (Brooks Marr accepting)	
Area Director Award	Susan Hoem, Colorado, Area VI	
Membership Award—Increase & Percentage	New York	

Elections were held with the following being elected: Secretary: Mary Lou Kessler, GA. Area Directors: Area I-Carol Gillooly, MA (Army); Area II-Joanie Foster, OH (Air); Area III-Joan King, AL (Army) and Ruth Cannon (Air); Area IV-Ann Purzner, MO (Army) and Paula Carrigan, MS (Air); Area V-Jayne Mayday, MN (Army); Area VI-Betty Segura, NM (Air); Area VII-Euline Obermiller, CA (Air).

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1990

The Seventeenth Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference was called to order on August 22, 1990, in the Loring Ballroom, Holiday Inn, Minneapolis, Minnesota. There were 28 chartered states in attendance. The total membership as of June 30, 1990 was 1,709 annual members and 254 life members making a total of 1,963 members. This was a decrease of 20 members from the previous year.

Legislative chairman, Brooks Marr of Mississippi, reported that Arkansas had written 275 legislative letters during the year. A letter concerning the "Gray Area" would be presented before the end of the conference.

President Galberth presented the following awards: **Board of Directors Award**—Jo Barke, ND; **Area Director Award**—Jo Ann King, AL, Area III. **The President's Award** was presented to the following: 1-25 members, Arizona-Virginia Ericson accepting; 25-75 members, Oregon-Joyce Hinkle accepting; 76 + members, Arkansas-Phyllis Arnold accepting. **Membership Award**, Arkansas-Phyllis Arnold accepting; Arkansas had an increase of 132 members.

Chief Master Sergeant Larry Rhea, Senior Enlisted Advisor, Office of the Asst. Secretary of Defense, presented "The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award" to Phyllis Arnold, AR, at the We Care for America Awards luncheon.

Four \$500 scholarships were given to the following: Laura Davenport, GA; Leonard Frederick, Jr., MS; Erica Kragerud, MN; and Pamela Simon, WI.

South Carolina was presented with charter #42.

Life Membership Chairman, Sara Hendricks, reported the Auxiliary had 283 life members.

Results of the election of officers for 1990-92 were:

President—Jane Rohloff, WI	Vice President—William Buckley, GA
Treasurer—Mildred Geary, MS	Secretary—Lorraine Miller, NM

Area Directors: Area II, Army-Nancy McDowell, OH; Area III, Air-Ruth Cannon, GA; Area IV, Army-Brooks Marr, MS; Area V, Air-Rita Stewart, SD; Area VI, Army-Virginia Ericson, AZ; Area VII, Army-Doris Parker, CA.

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1991

The Eighteenth Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference was called to order by President Jane Rohloff in the Scott Room of the Ramada Inn, Billings, Montana, on September 8, 1991. Thirty-one chartered states were in attendance with all officers, area directors and committee chairpersons present.

The Virgin Islands was presented with Charter #43.

Billie Davis, Scholarship Chairman, announced the five winners: Pauline Ann Gross, SD; Rebecca Brahm, WI; Nicole Young, MS; David Harbinson, MS; and Heather Laporte, MN.

Speakers for the three-day session were: EANGUS President Bobby Dempsey; Durward M. Rushforth spoke concerning the Family Support Program; and EANGUS Executive Director Mike Cline.

Delores Ford, Nominating Committee Chairman, gave the results of the Area Directors election. They were: Area I Army-Elsie Featherson, ME; Area II Air-Karen Smith, KY; Area III Army-Jo Ann King, AL; Area IV Air-Ann Hart, MS; Area V Army-Roberta Rude, WI; Area VI Air (Vacant); and Area VII Army-Sophia Kelley, WA.

Hazel Holt reported that \$1,508.50 had been raised by the silent auction.

from dormant states who are in attendance at an Auxiliary conference shall caucus on the first day of the conference to select a chairman. The group of unaffiliated life members shall be entitled to one at-large vote which will be cast by the selected chairman"; Article V, Section B, change to "monthly" newsletter; Article VI, Section A, add "be authorized one vote on items of business coming before the membership representing the Area by which elected"; Article VII, Section B, add "8. be entitled to cast only one vote, that of the office held. They may not serve as a state delegation chairman or be a delegate from any state"; Article X, Section F, delete the words "National Guard Heritage Museum at the National Guard Building in Washington, DC" and insert the words "EANGUS Building Fund"; Article XIV, add "Ballot shall mean a written vote."

President Rohloff made these awards at the luncheon:

- Board of Directors Award—Vivian Taylor, Mississippi
- Area Director's Award—Nancy McDowell, Ohio
- President's Award—States 1-25 members, Arkansas (Nancy Terry accepting)
States 26-75 members, Kentucky (Sheila Bandy accepting)
States 76+ members, Mississippi (Doris Hoxie accepting)
- Membership Awards—Percentage Increase, Massachusetts; Numbers Increase, Florida

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1994

The Twenty-First Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order by President Jane Rohloff of Wisconsin in the Columbia River Ballroom of the Red Lion Inn, Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon on August 29, 1994. There were 109 delegates and 33 proxies representing 28 states.

Guest speakers for the conference were Chris Gable from the Doernbecher Children's Hospital; MSgt Bobby Dempsey, President of EANGUS; and Mike Cline, Executive Director of EANGUS.

The five \$500 scholarships were awarded as follows: Katherine Lynn Kranz, Wyoming; Tamara A. Feist, North Dakota; Jesse Roy Stowe, Karen Michelle St. Clair and Jileen Marie Coy, all of Ohio.

Sgt Paul Linell, Vice Chairman of the EANGUS Publications Committee announced the newsletter awards. State newsletter winners were: Oregon, Montana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Iowa. Area newsletter winners were: Area II, Area VI, Area V and Area III.

The following individuals were elected for the next term:

President - Brooks Marr, Mississippi	Vice President - Mary Cichos, North Dakota
Secretary - Lois Wesley, Ohio	Treasurer - Mildred Geary, Mississippi

The Area Directors who were elected are: Area I-Vacant; Area II-Nancy McDowell (OH), Army (2 yrs); Area III-Diane Williams (GA), Air (2 yrs); Area IV-Doris Hoxie (MS), Army (2 yrs); Area IV-Betty Hagerman (AR), Air (1 yr); Area V-Mick Scholten (SD), Air (2 yrs); Area VI-Piedad Garcia (NM), Army (2 yrs); Area VII-Dorothy Inglese (CA), Air (2 yrs).

Nancy McDowell, Ohio, received EANGUS "The Pen is Mightier than the Musket" award.

President Rohloff presented the following awards at the luncheon:

- Board of Directors Award—Sara Hendricks, Iowa
- Area Director's Award—Dorothy Inglese, California
- President's Award—1-25 members, North Carolina 26-75 members, Kentucky
76 + members, Mississippi
- Membership—Largest *percentage* increase, New Jersey; Largest *numbers* increase, Mississippi
- Appreciation Award was presented to Mary Galberth, Oregon, Auxiliary President and Conference Chairman.
- Certificates of Appreciation were given to all officers, area directors, committee chairs and conference appointees.

Delores Ford, Mississippi, conducted the installation of the officers at the luncheon.

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1995

The Twenty-Second Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order by President Brooks Marr, Mississippi, in Ballroom A of the Clarion Hotel, Orlando, Florida on August 21, 1995. There were 107 delegates and 35 proxies representing 28 states.

Guest speakers for the conference were Blaine Ross, President of EANGUS, Dorothy Ogilvy-Lee, Director-NGB Family Support, Betty Hildebrand of the National Guard Bureau, Kathy Anderson from South Dakota, and Mike Cline, Executive Director of EANGUS.

The five \$500 scholarships were awarded as follows: Brigitte Burnell, OH; Emily Coker, MS; Lee Ann Harper, MS; Becky Lynn Schilling, ND; and Jennifer Baumiller, SD; with the alternate being Ashley Riley, MS.

A change in the scholarship program was proposed and passed that states that, in order for a person to be eligible to receive a scholarship, the state of origin of the applicant must have contributed to the national scholarship fund for the prior year and the current year.

Sgt. Paul Linnell, Vice Chairman-Army, EANGUS Publications Committee presented awards for newsletters. For state newsletters, the winners were: 1st place-Oregon, 2nd place-Mississippi, 3rd-Iowa, 4th-North Carolina and Ohio, 5th-South Dakota, 6th-Tennessee and Wisconsin. Area winners were: 1st place-Area III, 2nd-Area II, 3rd-Area VII, 4th-Area V, and 5th-Area IV. The "perpetual award" that is given to the state newsletter with the most points will be changed next year to the "Joseph L. Kelly Memorial Award", in honor of Sophie Kelly's husband.

Area Directors were elected as follows: Area I-no one; Area II-Jane Semones, KY; Area III-Barbara Rains, FL; Area IV-Linda Bishop, MS; Area V-Betty Ford, ND; Area VI-Lorraine Miller, NM; and Area VII-Mary Galberth, OR.

Lois Wesley of Ohio was awarded the "Pen is Mightier than the Musket" award by Blaine Ross, President of EANGUS.

The following change to the Constitution was passed unanimously:

ARTICLE III. SECTION C. DUES change to read:

Annual prescribed dues as set forth by the Auxiliary are to be paid to the Treasurer by the treasurers of the member states, accompanied by a complete name and address for each member whose dues are being paid, postmarked by December 31 of each year.

1. Any state, which has not paid dues, will be notified of "dues in arrears" by the Auxiliary Treasurer. Notice will be sent to the state president, state treasurer, and area directors for the state involved. The state will then have 30 days after notification to pay dues and provide membership lists or voting privileges will be lost at the Auxiliary conference held in that year.

The dues were raised to \$7 per year by a majority vote of the delegates.

President Marr presented the following awards:

- Board of Directors Award—Ann Hart, Mississippi
- Area Director's Award—Dorothy Inglese (CA), Area VII and Dianne Williams (GA), Area III
- President's Award States 1-25 members-Washington States 26-75 members - Oregon & California States 76 + members - Mississippi
- Membership Largest *percentage* increase in members – West Virginia Largest *numbers* increase in members – Kansas

President Marr thanked all who had helped her and gave "Guardian Angel" pins to her officers, past presidents, area directors, committee chairs and appointees. Delores Ford, Parliamentarian and Past President, installed the new area directors.

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The Twenty-Third Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order by President Brooks Marr, Mississippi, in Dakota Rooms A & D of the Howard Johnson Hotel in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on August 26, 1996. There were 109 delegates and 29 proxies representing 28 states.

Guest speakers throughout the conference were: Major General James Garner, Adjutant General of Mississippi; Generals Feinstein and McGlothlin, both Assistant Adjutant Generals of Mississippi; Blaine Ross, President of EANGUS; General Baca of the National Guard Bureau; Dick Young from the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widow and Dependents Home Foundation, Inc.; Cathy Anderson, the South Dakota Conference Chair; James , the Arkansas Conference Chair; and Michael Cline, Executive Director of EANGUS.

The five \$500 scholarships were awarded as follows: Andrew Jon Gillen (SD), Michael David Tungesvik (IA), Holly Ann Olson (OH), Rachele Ann Padavich (IA), Dana Michelle Wise (MS), and Mary Ellen Gilliam (OH) as alternate. A change in the scholarship program was proposed and passed that auxiliary members be eligible for scholarships. Doris Williams announced that the winners of the Virgil Williams scholarships were: Corrie Mays (AL) and Jamie Hunt (ND).

Charles Carrigan, EANGUS Publications Co-Chair, announced that the winners of the newsletter awards were: for State Newsletters - 1) Oregon, 2) Mississippi, 3) South Dakota; for Area Newsletters - 1) tie between Area IV and VII, 2) Area III, 3) Area II.

The following were elected for the next term:

President—Brooks Marr, Mississippi Vice President—Dorothy Inglese, California
Treasurer—Mildred Geary, Mississippi Secretary—Lois Wesley, Ohio

Area Directors were elected as follows: Area I-Carol Lorgan, NY; Area II-Nancy McDowell, OH; Area III-Dianne Williams, GA; Area IV-Cherry Moseley, OK; Area V-Rita Stewart, SD; Area VI-Lorraine Miller, NM; Area VI-Piedad Garcia, NM; Area VII-Marie Thompson, WA.

President Marr presented the following awards:

- Board of Directors Award—Shirley Enke, Missouri
- Area Director's Award—Dorothy Inglese (CA), Area VII and Barbara Rains (FL), Area III
- President's Award—1-25 members Washington 26-75 members Iowa
76 + members Mississippi
- Torch Award—Doris Hoxie, Mississippi
The Torch Award was a new award begun by President Marr and it was presented for the first time in 1996.
- Membership—Largest *percentage* increase and largest *numbers* increase in members, Louisiana
- Special plaque to Shirley Scholten for her work as Auxiliary Conference Chair
- Gift to Mary Cichos for her work as Vice President
- Eagle pins to all officers, committee chairs, and conference appointees

Vivian Taylor, Mississippi and Doris Hoxie, Mississippi conducted a memorial service for those members who had passed away since the last conference.

Approximately \$4,500.00 was earned through the silent auction.

Sara Hendricks, Iowa, installed the new officers and area directors at the end of the last meeting.

The luncheon was held on Tuesday, with entertainment afterwards by Betty Spang who played lovely musical selections on hand bells. The North Dakota Army Band flute ensemble provided music during the lunch. Shelly Hamish of Ronald McDonald House was presented with a check for \$102, the result of our collection of pop tabs. Shirley Scholten presented President Marr with a Black Hills gold pen as a remembrance of this conference. The winners of the South Dakota Auxiliary raffle were: quilt - Debbie Williams (OH), and afghan - Dena Courtlever (SD). Angels decorated the tables and were given away at the end of the luncheon.

Vivian Taylor, Mississippi, was presented with "The Pen is Mightier than the Musket" award at the banquet on Wednesday night by Blaine Ross.

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1997

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order by President Brooks Marr in Salon B of the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas on August 25, 1997. There were 104 delegates and 20 proxies representing twenty-six (26) states.

Guest speakers throughout the conference were: MSgt Blaine Ross, President of EANGUS; LTG Baca, Chief of the National Guard Bureau; and Libby Little, Auxiliary Conference Chair for the 1998 conference in Savannah. The following guests attended our meetings: Connie Hennes and Linda Morrow, both wives of Adjutant Generals.

The five \$500 scholarships were awarded as follows: Wendy Marie Simon (WI), Kevin Louis O'Brien (ND), Jeanette Gail Burford (OK), Susan Marie Traxler (WI), and Julie Ann Hutter (OH). The alternate was: Tyler James Gillen (SD).

The newsletter awards for State Newsletters went to: 1. Oregon, 2. Mississippi, 3. South Dakota, 4. Louisiana, 5. Tennessee, 6. Montana, 7. Wisconsin, 8. tie between Arkansas and New York. The Area Newsletter awards went to: 1. Area III, 2. Area IV, 3. Area V, 4. Area II, and 5. Area I.

Area Directors were elected: Area I-vacant, Area II-Connie Kline (PA), Area III-Barbara Rains (FL), Area IV-Mary Schuermann (MO), Area V-Eileen Ross, Area VI-Lorraine Miller (NM), and Area VII-Mary Galberth (OR).

Proposed constitutional changes to add associate members and to eliminate proxy voting were defeated.

President Marr gave American Flag pins to all of her committee chairs, conference appointees, area directors and officers. She also presented the following awards:

- Board of Directors Award—Betty Hagerman, Arkansas
- President's Award—1-25 members New York 26-75 members Louisiana
76 + members Mississippi
- Torch Award—Debra Campbell, Oklahoma
- Membership—Largest *percentage* increase in members New Jersey & New York
Largest *numbers* increase in members Oklahoma

Doris Hoxie, Mississippi and Vivian Taylor, Mississippi, conducted a memorial service in honor of those members who had died in the past year.

Three (3) resolutions were passed: 1 - expressing gratitude and appreciation to the Excelsior Hotel, 2- expressing gratitude and appreciation to the Arkansas National Guard Enlisted Association, and 3 - expressing thanks and appreciation to Blaine Ross for his support of the EANGUS Auxiliary.

Because of General Baca's comments about the orphanage that he and his wife had visited, a collection of more than \$1400 was taken up. A check was presented to Mrs. Baca at the banquet on Wednesday evening.

Doris Hoxie installed the new Area Directors using a "candle of light" ceremony.

The luncheon was held at the Excelsior Hotel. The meal consisted of salad, quiche and lemon pie. Marie Hicks was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Mary Lou Wortman was the speaker and entertained us with a speech on the "Sense of Humor".

The "Pen is Mightier than the Musket" Award was presented to Doris Hoxie, Mississippi, at the banquet on Wednesday evening.

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1998

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order by President Brooks Marr, Mississippi, in Savannah A of the Marriott Hotel in Savannah, Georgia on August 17, 1998. There were 109 delegates and 16 proxies, representing 28 states.

Guest speakers throughout the conference were: MG Schultz, Director-Army National Guard; CMSgt Broadbent, SEA-Air National Guard; MSgt Blaine Ross, President of EANGUS; and Larry Ice, Chairman of the 2003 Conference in Toledo, Ohio. The following guests attended the meetings: Lucy Jones, Mrs. Linda Morrow, Mrs. Rosie Caldwell, Mrs. Jean Garner, Mrs. Dot Spears, Mrs. Delores Landineau, and Mrs. Bobbie Lawson.

The five \$500 scholarships were awarded to: Kelly R. Kafka (SD), Erin L. Long (SD), Benjamin R. Hume (SD), Joni N. Simmons (OH), and Tanya N. Burnell (OH). The alternate was Cynthia D. Dennis (MS).

The EANGUS Publications Chair presented state newsletter awards to 1. Mississippi, 2. Tennessee, and 3. New York. The area newsletter awards went to: 1. Area III, 2. Area II, and 3. Area VI.

The following officers were elected:

President—Dorothy Inglese, CA	Vice President—Debra Campbell, OK
Treasurer—Paula Carrigan, MS	Secretary—Carolyn Freeman, GA

Two (2) proposed constitutional changes failed. One would have mandated that proxies be submitted to Rules and Credentials prior to the opening of conference. The other would have mandated that Rules and Credentials validate the roll call each day.

Two (2) proposed constitutional changes were approved.

The first was:

DELETE: ARTICLE III., Section B. 4. ASSOCIATE, which reads:

"State auxiliaries may have associate members, but the associates are not entitled to the privileges of membership in the Auxiliary."

ADD: ARTICLE III., Section B. 4. ASSOCIATE to read:

"National associate memberships may be issued to individuals who support the objectives of the Auxiliary, but are not otherwise qualified for annual or lifetime membership in the EANGUS Auxiliary. An associate member must be an associate member of their state auxiliary if that state is chartered. An associate member shall not be a voting delegate or hold office in the Auxiliary."

The second change was:

ADD: ARTICLE VIII, Section A and C:

"9. Membership Committee

- a. The Membership Committee shall consist of a chairperson appointed by the President, plus one member to cover Areas I and II, one to cover Area III, one to cover Areas IV and VI, and one to cover Areas V and VII.
- b. The Committee shall:
 1. correspond with President and Area Directors in the respective states of responsibility, to obtain names of new Auxiliary members and to write letters of welcome to each new member.
 2. promote communication across the states, offer encouragement and assistance where needed."

President Marr presented the following awards:

- President's Award—1-25 members New York 26-75 members California
76 + members Mississippi
- Torch Award—Lou Cook, Alabama
- Board of Directors Award—Marilyn Freking, Iowa
- Area Director's Award—tie between Barbara Rains (FL), Area III and Rita Stewart (SD), Area V
- Special Award—David Hart, Mississippi
- Special Award—Hazel Holt, North Carolina
- Membership—Largest *percentage* increase in members, Utah

Largest *numbers* increase in members, Louisiana

President Marr also presented special gifts to her officers and pins to all appointees and conference chairs.

Vivian Taylor, Mississippi and President Brooks Marr conducted the memorial service in honor of those members who had died in the past year.

Three (3) resolutions were passed: 1 - expressing gratitude to the Marriott Hotel for their hospitality; 2 - expressing gratitude to the Georgia Enlisted Association and Auxiliary for their work in hosting this conference; and 3 - expressing appreciation to Brooks Marr for her 4 years as President.

President Marr installed the new officers and area directors using a flower ceremony.

The luncheon was held in the atrium of the Marriott Hotel. Its theme was "Cotton Pickin' Luncheon", and the guest speaker was Sonny Dixon.

At the banquet on Wednesday evening, "The Pen is Mightier than the Musket" award was presented to Jerry Greenfield (IA).

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1999

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order by President Dorothy Inglese in Salons D & E of the Iowa Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa on August 23, 1999. Present were 28 chartered states, represented by 111 members, 27 proxies, 42 members and 19 guests. Guest speakers throughout the conference were: MG James Garner, the AG from Mississippi and his Assistant, BG Cross; Mrs. Barbara Schultz, wife of MG Roger Schultz (Director of Army National Guard); CMSgt Broadbent; MG Steven Courtwright, the AG from Oklahoma; CMSgt (Ret) Ed Brown of USAA; CSM Courtney from California; Delano Kerby, President of EANGUS; Betty Ford and Ruth Quam, with information on next year's conference in North Dakota; Larry Ice, Conference Chair for 2003 in Ohio; Mike Cline, Executive Director of EANGUS; and Angie Inglese, daughter of President Dorothy Inglese.

Doris Williams, Scholarship Chair, announced the recipients of this year's scholarships: Stacey J. Henderson (IA), Daniel J. Tungesvik (IA), Cynthia D. Dennis (MS), and Tracy L. Cameron (SC). Only four scholarships were awarded because 3 of the 7 applications were ineligible.

The body approved two changes to the Constitution. The first dealt with life memberships and changed the language regarding the payment of the flat fee (which was \$10.00). The new language is:

ARTICLE III, Section B. QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP: 2. LIFE: "An annual member may become a life member by payment of an amount approved by the membership, in addition to the annual dues which apply until the applicant reaches the age of 60. This is a non-refundable payment. After age 60, no dues are required. Application must be accompanied by verification of eligibility by the treasurer of the state of which the applicant is an annual member."

The second change dealt with changing the language regarding representation at conferences. The constitution previously authorized each state to have 6 delegates or proxies for voting purposes at conference. The new language reads:

ARTICLE IX, Section D. REPRESENTATION: 1. Representation at a General or Special Conference of the Auxiliary shall be by chartered state. The number of state delegates apportioned to and accredited annually by each chartered state shall be as follows: a. chartered states with 1 (one) - 5 (five) members shall have a number of delegates equal to their membership number; b. chartered states with 6 (six) - 50 (fifty) members shall have six (6) delegates, plus 1 (one) additional delegate for each additional 50 (fifty) members. 2. Each chartered state shall be entitled to one alternate per authorized delegate. Alternate(s) may be seated as delegate(s) in case(s) of personal and/or professional emergencies that prevent regular delegate(s) from being present at one or more sessions of the conference. 3. In the event that a state does not have alternates attending the conference affected, that state shall be authorized to vote by proxy. To exercise the privilege of voting by proxy, a state must have a minimum of 1 (one) delegate in attendance at the conference affected. Proxies: a. may replace delegates who cannot attend the conference in the case of a personal and/or professional emergency; b. may replace delegates in attendance at the conference who must leave the conference in the case of a personal and/or professional emergency; c. shall be validated by the Credentials and Rules Committee prior to the opening of each session of the conference affected; d. shall be cast by the chairperson of the state delegation. 4. Delegates, alternates, and proxies: a. must be members in good standing as of 31 December of the year preceding the conference affected; b. must be annual or life members of the state they represent; c. must be submitted in writing by the chairperson of the state delegation to the Credentials and Rules Committee prior to the opening session of the conference affected; d. shall be validated by the Credentials and Rules Committee prior to the opening of each session of the conference affected. (In addition, existing subsections 3, 4, 5, 6 were renumbered to 5, 6, 7, 8).

As of the last business day of conference, the silent auction had earned \$4,625.00.

Elections were held, with the results as follows: Secretary (one year)-Lois Wesley; Area I-Carol Lorgan, NY; Area II-Patricia Adkins, OH; Area III-Barbara Rains, FL; Area IV-Karla Dickens, MS; Area V-Jerry Greenfield, IA; Area VI-Lorraine Miller, NM; Area VII-Vacant.

EANGUS Publications Awards went to: State Newsletters: 1st place-Mississippi; 2nd place-Florida; 3rd place-Tennessee; 4th place-New Mexico; 5th place-Wisconsin. Awards for Area Newsletters went to: 1st place-Area III; 2nd place-Area VI; 3rd place-Area V; 4th place-Area II. Certificates for a job well done went to Mississippi, Wisconsin, Tennessee, and Areas II, III, V, and VI.

President Inglese presented the following awards:

- Board of Directors Award—Doris Hoxie, Mississippi
- Area Director's Award—Barbara Rains, Florida, Area III
- President's Award—1-25 members New Mexico 26-75 members California
76+ members Mississippi
- Torch Award—Sara Hendricks, Iowa
- Membership Award—Largest *percentage* increase and largest *numbers* increase in members, Florida

President Inglese made a special presentation - the 1st annual Ann Hart Smile Award to Ann Hart. She also presented gifts to Vivian Taylor (MS), Sara Hendricks (IA/NM), Jerry Greenfield (IA), and Debra Campbell (OK), and a special gift to Mildred Geary (MS) for her 11 years as Treasurer to the Auxiliary. She presented a special plaque to her daughter Angie. Small pins were given to committee chairs and conference appointees.

Shirley Ritter, Mississippi and Jean Fitzpatrick, Wisconsin, Chaplains, conducted a memorial service by lighting candles, reading a guardian angel story, and saying prayers.

Brooks Marr, Mississippi, Past President, conducted a candlelight installation ceremony for the new Secretary and Area Directors.

The luncheon was held at the Marriott Hotel. It had a garden theme and the invitations and placemats were decorated with artwork designed by Joanie Foster. Centerpieces of potted flowers were given away as door prizes at the end of the luncheon. The entertainment was wonderful - the Red Sneaker Jazz Band.

At the banquet on Wednesday evening, "The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award" was presented to Marlys List, South Dakota.

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2000

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order by President Dorothy Inglese, California, in Prairie Rose Rooms 103-105 of the Bismarck Civic Center in Bismarck, North Dakota on August 21, 2000. Present were 31 chartered states represented by 99 delegates, 21 proxies, 36 members and 28 guests.

Guest speakers throughout the conference were: Barbara Schultz, wife of MG Roger Schultz, Director of the Army National Guard; Linda Broadbent, wife of CMSgt Gary Broadbent, Air National Guard; MG Roger Schultz, Director of the Army National Guard; Delano Kerby, President of EANGUS; MG Paul Weaver, Director of the Air National Guard; Larry Ice, Chair of the 2003 Conference; CSM Collin Younger, SEA to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs; Ed Brown and Mike Kurvic of USAA; Bart Inglese and Andy Strauss, with information on their bid for the 2006 Conference; CMSgt Gary Broadbent, Command Chief, Air National Guard; and Shirley Davis, wife of Lt. Gen. Russell Davis, Chief of NGB.

Doris Williams, Scholarship Chair, announced the recipients of this year's scholarship awards: the \$1,000 USAA Scholarship went to Christine Morrison, MS. The five \$500 scholarships went to: Gavin Ales, MS; Christian Kotab, SD; Kenneth Kirkwood, MS; Jeremy Barrett, OK; and Sarah Benda, MN. The alternate was Jami Spitz, WI.

One change was approved to the Constitution by the body. It changed the makeup of the Credentials and Rules Committee. The new language reads: "ARTICLE VII, D., 1. CREDENTIALS AND RULES COMMITTEE, a. The Committee shall consist of a chairperson and one member from each Area appointed by the President to serve during any Conference of the Auxiliary or until discharged by Conference."

The Constitution Committee also recommended and the body approved a correction to the minutes of August 19, 1998 where a constitution change was incorrectly reported. The constitution and the history were also approved to be changed to reflect the correct language: "ARTICLE III, B. 4. Associate - National associate membership may be issued to individuals who support the objectives of the Auxiliary, but are not otherwise qualified for annual or lifetime membership in the EANGUS or the EANGUS Auxiliary. An associate member must be an associate member of a state that is chartered. An associate member shall not be a voting delegate or hold office in the Auxiliary."

The luncheon was held in the courtyard of the Heritage Center. Lt. Governor Rosemarie Myrdal spoke before the luncheon and the entertainment was provided by the ND 188th Army Jazz Band and Quartet.

President Inglese presented the following awards:

- Board of Directors Award—Mildred Geary, Mississippi
- Area Director's Award—Barbara Rains, Florida, Area III Director
- State awards—1-25 members Massachusetts 26-75 members California

76 + members Mississippi

- Torch Award—Vivian Taylor, Mississippi
- Smile Award—Mick Scholten, South Dakota
- Membership Award— Largest *numbers* (16 members) increase and largest *percentage* (44%) increase in members, Utah; Largest increase in associate members, North Dakota

Elections were held, with the following results: President-Dorothy Inglese (CA); Vice President-Debra Campbell (OK), Treasurer-Paula Carrigan (MS); Secretary-Lois Wesley (OH); Area I Director-vacant; Area II Director-Sheila Bandy (KY), Area III Director-Dianne Williams (GA); Area IV Director-Debbie Freeman (MO); Area V Director-Jean FitzPatrick (WI); Area VI Director-Pat Persson; and Area VII Director-Virginia Embrey (CA).

President Inglese announced that she would be awarding a special plaque to Staples, Inc. for their donation of the printing of *The Signal*. She also presented gifts to the executive board members, the past presidents, the area directors, the committee chairs and conference appointees, and the conference chairs.

Shirley Ritter, Mississippi and Jean FitzPatrick, Wisconsin conducted a memorial service by lighting candles and reading hymns, prayers, and a Bible passage.

Delores Ford, Mississippi, Installation Officer, conducted the installation ceremony with the help of Brooks Marr, Mississippi, Past President. It consisted of building a symbolic hearth fire with logs - to symbolize the building blocks and the warmth of the auxiliary.

As of the last day of business, the silent auction had earned \$4,119.00.

“The Pen is Mightier than the Musket” Award was presented to Debra Campbell (OK) at the banquet.

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2001

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order by President Dorothy Inglese, California, in Alabama Ballrooms II & III of the Adams’ Mark Hotel in Mobile, Alabama on August 20, 2001. Present were 25 chartered states represented by 99 delegates, 29 proxies, 50 members and 18 guests. Also present was one at-large delegation represented by 1 delegate and 5 members from 4 states.

Guest speakers throughout the conference were: Mrs. Fran Kraus, National Volunteer Coordinator, NGB Family Program Office; Delano Kerby, President of EANGUS; CMSgt (Ret) Gary Broadbent, USAA; CSM Frank Lever, ARNG; Michael Cline, Executive Director of EANGUS; Dian Cline; MSgt Deborah Ward (MS); Mrs. Shirley Davis, wife of Lt.Gen. Russell Davis, Chief-NGB; Bryan Hertzell, Executive Director of the Mobile, Alabama Ronald McDonald House; Claude Imagna, Conference Chair for 2002 Conference in Niagara Falls, NY; SMA Jack Tilley, Sgt. Major of the Army; and Lt. Gen. Russell Davis, Chief-NGB.

Doris Williams, Scholarship Chair, announced the recipients of this year’s scholarships: the \$1,000 USAA Scholarship to Erin Dimick (SD) and the five \$500 scholarships to Amanda J. Hume (SD), Leslie R. Cooley (MS), Lisa J. Thornton (TN), Amelia L. Dettor (MS), and Emile J. Dennis III (MS). The alternate was William P. Boyle V (MS).

One change was approved to the Constitution regarding the time when the scholarship applications would be available. The new language reads: “ARTICLE VIII, Section C.5.b. The Committee shall: 1. provide applications and insure that information on the scholarship program is distributed to all chartered state auxiliaries prior to October 31 of each year.” A second proposed change regarding the wording relating to whom the SIGNAL is to be sent was not approved. The Constitution Committee will be working this coming year to clarify other issues and intends to include this revision in that work.

As of the last day of business, the silent auction had earned \$4,429; the quilt raffle had earned \$860 and the boutique had earned \$242.00 for a total of \$5,531.00. Secretary Lois Wesley won the quilt.

Area caucuses were held to select new Area Directors. Delores Ford conducted an installation ceremony for these: Area II-Nancy McDowell (OH), Area III-Ann Story (TN), Area IV-Pearleen Pearce (MS), Area V-Carol Benda (MN).

President Inglese presented the following awards:

- Board of Directors Award—Sharon Henderson, Iowa
- Area Director’s Award—Barbara Rains, Florida, Area III
- State awards—1-25 members New Mexico 26-75 members Oklahoma
76+ members Mississippi
- Torch Award—Dianne Williams, Georgia, Webmaster
- Smile Award—Rita Stewart, South Dakota
- Membership Award—Largest numbers increase in members, Mississippi; Largest percentage increase in Members, Arizona; Largest increase in associate members, Kansas; Largest percentage increase in associate members, Kansas

President Inglese also gave special gifts to the executive board, the past presidents, and the committee chairs and appointees.

Area III presented a special gift to Barbara Rains, Florida and Area V presented a special gift to Rita Stewart, South Dakota; both had served as Area Directors for many years.

The EANGUS Publicity Committee presented awards for publications. The awards for State newsletters went to: 1. North Dakota, 2. South Dakota, and 3. Wisconsin. The awards for area newsletters went to: 1. Area III, 2. Area IV, and 3. Area V.

A Joint Memorial Service was conducted by the Association and the Auxiliary at the Convention Center on Wednesday, August 22, 2001.

On Monday afternoon, a Membership Forum was conducted and on Tuesday afternoon, a Leadership Workshop was conducted.

The luncheon was held in the Convention Center with a Mardi Gras theme. CMSgt Valerie Benton, Senior Enlisted Advisor, Air National Guard spoke at the luncheon.

There were 1,121 members for 2001 and 171 associate members.

“The Pen is Mightier than the Musket” Award was presented to Barbara Rains, Florida, at Wednesday night’s banquet.

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2002

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order by President Dorothy Inglese, California, in the Rainbow Ballroom of the Holiday Inn Select in Niagara Falls, New York on August 19, 2002. Present were 32 chartered states represented by 115 delegates, 28 proxies, 51 members, and 26 guests. Also present was one at-large delegation represented by 1 delegate and 3 members. There was a total of 1,138 annual and active life members and 237 associate members for 2002. Guest speakers throughout the conference were: Gary Broadbent of USAA; Staff Sgt. Stacy Doughty, Junior Enlisted Chair for EANGUS; Ed Brown who was running for VP-EANGUS; Mike Cline, Executive Director of EANGUS and his wife, Dian; CSM Frank Lever of the Army National Guard; Dorothy Lee of the Family Readiness Program; Terry Dell, Vice-President of EANGUS; Jim Rains, FL, who was running for President of EANGUS; Ron Emerson, VA, who is running for VP-EANGUS; Fran Krause, National Volunteer Coordinator for the National Family Program; Delano Kerby, President of EANGUS; Bob Denton, EANGUS Conference Coordinator; Larry Ice, Chair of the 2003 Conference; MG Thomas Maguire, the AG of New York; Mrs. Shirley Davis, wife of General Russell Davis; Sally Vincent, Executive Director of the Buffalo Ronald McDonald House; and General Russell Davis, former head of the National Guard Bureau.

The recipients of this year’s scholarships were: the \$1,000 USAA scholarship went to Kimberly Ann Steiner (SD) and the five \$500 scholarships went to Krista Lee Lainhart (KY), Mary Marie Graversen (GA), Amy Gwen Dimick (SD), Erik Randy Long (SD), and Aaron Thomas Clayton (SD).

Four changes to the Constitution were approved. The first related to the changes in the Index and Articles I through VII for consistency and format. These did not change policy and procedure in any way. They are detailed in a memo prepared by the Constitution Committee and that memo is a part of the official minutes of August 20, 2002. The second change was made to Article 1 and replaced the word “hereafter” with “hereinafter.” Article 1 now reads: “The name of this organization is “ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY,” hereinafter known as the “AUXILIARY.” The third change revised Article III 3.2(d) to read: “National Associate membership may be issued to individuals who support the objectives of the AUXILIARY, but are not otherwise qualified for annual or life membership in the ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES or the AUXILIARY. A national associate member shall not be: a voting delegate, eligible for scholarships; or qualified to hold office in the AUXILIARY.” The fourth change revised Article III 3.2 (c) to read: “The Executive Council may, by majority vote, confer honorary membership on a person who has rendered outstanding service to the United States, any political subdivision thereof, or the AUXILIARY. Honorary members shall not be: a voting delegate; eligible for scholarships; or qualified to hold office in the AUXILIARY.”

The Luncheon was held in the Holiday Inn Select with entertainment provided by a group of talented young performers “The Niagara Experience”. Following the luncheon, a “Meet Your Officers” workshop was held.

President Inglese presented the following awards:

- Board of Directors Award—Billie Davis, Mississippi
- Area Director’s Award—Dianne Williams (GA), Area III and Sheila Bandy (KY), Area II
- President’s Award—Cherry Moseley, Oklahoma, Constitution Chair
- State Awards—1-25 members Kansas 26-75 members Oklahoma

76 + members Mississippi

- Torch Award—Sheila Bandy, Kentucky, Conference Coordinator
- Smile Award—Paula Carrigan, Mississippi
- Membership Awards—Largest numbers increase in members, Virginia; Largest percentage increase in members, Minnesota; Largest numbers increase in associate members, Oklahoma; Largest percentage increase in associate members, Alabama.

Elections were held and the following were elected: President-Debra Campbell (OK); Vice President-Sheila Bandy (KY); Treasurer-Sandy Hiltner (ND); Secretary-Peggy Campbell (OK); Area I Director-Mary Ann Topp (RI); Area II Director-Peggy Leadbetter (OH); Area III Director-Dianne Williams (GA); Area IV Director-Cherry Moseley (OK); Area V Director-Jean Fitzpatrick (WI); Area VI Director-Pat Persson (WY); Area VII Director-Joanie Keller (CA).

The EANGUS Publications Committee presented the following awards:

Area Newsletters: 1st place to Dianne Williams, Georgia, Area III

State Newsletters: 1st place to Oklahoma, 2nd place to Mississippi, 3rd place to North Dakota

Vi Stenger, Ohio, Shirley Ritter, Mississippi, and Jean Fitzpatrick, Wisconsin conducted a memorial service on Wednesday, August 21, 2002.

As of the last day of business, the silent auction had earned \$3,797.00; the boutique had earned \$252.00; and the fundraisers had earned \$542.00 for a grand total of \$4,591.00.

The “Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award” was presented to Sheila Bandy (KY) at the banquet.

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2003

The Thirtieth Anniversary Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was held in Toledo, Ohio at the Wyndham Hotel August 17-20, 2003. The Auxiliary was included in the EANGUS Opening Ceremony on Sunday; Jane Semones of Kentucky sang “What the World Needs Now is Love Sweet Love” a cappella while Auxiliary members quietly walked around the assembly hall passing out Hershey’s Chocolate Kisses and Hugs.

The 2003 membership stood at 1,130; there were also 261 associate members.

President Debra Campbell, Oklahoma, called the conference to order in Salons A and B of the Wyndham Hotel on Tuesday, August 19, 2003. Present were 28 chartered states represented by 98 delegates, 35 proxies, 20 members, one member at large, and 16 guests. There were seventeen (17) “First Timers” in attendance at the First Timers Social on Sunday, August 17, 2003.

The recipients of the 2003-04 scholarships were: \$1,000 (USAA), Shannon Elizabeth Jeffries, VA; \$500, Maranda Kay Webb, VA; \$500, Matthew William Small, MN; \$500, Sarah Jo Olin, ND; \$500, Torri Travanti Martin, GA; \$500, Jami Lee Spitz, WI.

The Auxiliary Luncheon and Awards Program was conducted on Tuesday afternoon, August 19th and was a huge success with 173 present. Luncheon decorations of birdhouses and watercolor paintings were created by Joanie Foster and were centered on the Auxiliary’s 30th Anniversary.

The following is a summary of the awards and acknowledgements presented during the luncheon:

Outstanding State Auxiliary Awards—1-25 members - New Mexico

26-75 members - North Dakota 76+ members - Mississippi

Distinguished Service Award—Vivian Taylor, Mississippi and Katherine Jackson, Tennessee

Outstanding Area Director Award—Dianne Williams, Georgia, Area III

Meritorious Service Award—Dianne and Bob Metcalf, Minnesota and Mike Cline, EANGUS Executive Director

Spouse of the Year Award—**The first recipient of the EANGUS Auxiliary

Spouse of the Year Award Bart Inglese, CA spouse of Dorothy Inglese, EANGUS Auxiliary Immediate Past President

Nominee Certificates Chuck Benda, MN spouse of Carol Benda, Auxiliary Area V Director
Ken Hiltner, ND spouse of Sandy Hiltner, Auxiliary Treasurer

Ann Hart Smile Award—Dorothy Inglese, CA, EANGUS Auxiliary Immediate Past President

Legislative— Barbara Rains (FL), Area III Vivian and Jerry Taylor (MS), Area IV
Rita Stewart (SD), Area V Lorriane Miller (NM), Area VI
Julia Solomon, Area VII

Membership

Largest increase in membership:

1-25 members – Kansas, 26-75 members – Florida, 76+ members – Mississippi

Largest percentage increase in membership:

1-25 members – Kansas, 26-75 members – Florida, 76+ members – Mississippi

Largest increase in associate membership:

1-25 members – Kentucky, 26-75 members – Florida, 76+ members – Oklahoma

Largest percentage increase in associate membership:

1-25 members – Kentucky, 26-75 members – Florida, 76+ members – Oklahoma

Certificate of Special Recognition to Marie Brabham, Florida, for Most Outstanding EANGUS Auxiliary Member Recruiting Efforts; Certificate of Special Recognition to Barbara Rains, Florida, for Outstanding EANGUS Auxiliary Member Recruiting Efforts.

Certificates of Appreciation for Member Recruiting Efforts were presented to:

Vivian Taylor, Mississippi Marsha Stark, California
Marie Traxler, Wisconsin State of Oklahoma

Certificate of Recognition presented to the State of Utah for the Reorganization and Reinstatement of Charter into the EANGUS Auxiliary.

President's Award Sandy Morse, President of the Utah State Auxiliary

Life Membership Award** Sara Hendricks, Iowa/New Mexico

**The name of this award would change in 2004 to the "Sara Hendricks Life Membership Award"

Torch Award Brooks Marr, MS, EANGUS Auxiliary Past President and creator
of the "Torch Award"

30 Year Conference Attendance Certificate Sara Hendricks, Iowa/New Mexico

Conference Book Cover Certificate Joanie Foster, Ohio

Host State Conference Coordinator Recognition Lois Wesley, Ohio

EANGUS Publication Awards were presented Wednesday morning:

Auxiliary Area newsletter category

1st Place Area III Newsletter *The Southern Drawl* Dianne Williams and Ann Story,
Area III Directors

2nd Place Area V Newsletter *Area Five is Alive!* Carol Benda and Jean FitzPatrick,
Area V Directors

3rd Place *The Signal* Sheila Bandy Editor and Sandy Hiltner Publisher

Auxiliary State newsletter category

1st place North Dakota *Prairie Rose* Jeri Christiansen, president and Sandy Hiltner, editor

2nd place Georgia *The Georgia Town Cryer* Dianne Williams, president and editor

3rd place Oklahoma *The Link* Lucretia Barbee, president and Cherry Moseley, editor

Philanthropic – Auxiliary members collect pop tabs all year long on behalf of Ronald McDonald Houses around the country. OmniSource in Toledo, Ohio was very helpful and worked with the Auxiliary to recycle the pop tabs. The pop tabs collected weighed out at 578 pounds at an exchange rate of 41 cents per pound. Ms. Linda Ackerman, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House of Toledo, Ohio was presented with a credit from OmniSource for a total of \$236.98. We also collected toiletry items, which were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House. We so appreciate all that Ronald McDonald Houses do for our communities.

Burden Bear recipients: Shirley Enke, MO; Paulette McLeod, MS; Willa Ales, MS.

Constitution—Five changes to the Constitution were approved.

Resolutions, expressing appreciation, were read for:

1. The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association and its Auxiliary
2. Terry Campbell of Kinko's in Oklahoma
3. Christa Thompson of Kinko's in Oklahoma
4. Roy W. Speakes II, CPA of Oklahoma
5. Hazel Holt, Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee of North Carolina
6. Delano Kerby, EANGUS Past President of Alabama
7. Ruth Quam, Chairperson of Burden Bears and her committee of North Dakota
8. Joanie Foster of Ohio

Ways and Means:

Silent Auction/Boutique 03 Proceeds \$3,889.50 Auxiliary Kisses and Hugs 03 Proceeds \$621.00

Strobe Patriotic Star and Flag Pins 03 Proceeds \$1,050.05

Auxiliary Donations:

Terry Dell, EANGUS President donated \$100 towards the Auxiliary Scholarship fund.

Area Director Elections:

Area II, Nancy McDowell, OH; Area III, Barbara Rains, FL; Area IV, Carrie Matirne, LA;

Area V, Carol Benda, MN; Area VI, Patricia Vogan, UT

EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board for 2003-04:

President Debra Campbell, OK Vice President Shelia Bandy, KY

Secretary Peggy Campbell, OK Treasurer Sandy Hiltner, ND
 Immediate Past President Dorothy Inglese, CA
 Area I Director—Mary Ann Topp, RI
 Area II Directors—Peggy Leadbetter, OH; Nancy McDowell, OH
 Area III Directors—Dianne Williams, GA; Barbara Rains, FL
 Area IV Directors—Cherry Moseley, OK; Carrie Matirne, LA
 Area V Directors—Jean FitzPatrick, WI/IL; Carol Benda, MN
 Area VI Directors—Pat Persson, WY; Patricia Vogan, UT
 Area VII Directors—Virginia Embrey, CA; Joani Keller, CA

Deceased EANGUS Auxiliary members & Associate members were remembered Wednesday during a memorial service presented by the Auxiliary Chaplain, Vivian Taylor, Mississippi:

Richitta (Rusty) Evans, South Dakota	Wilma Cooley, South Dakota
Wanda Hermanson, South Dakota	Ginger Lamkin, Louisiana
Joyce MacFarlane, Arkansas	Mildred Skatzes, Ohio
Phyllis Barranco, Mississippi	Patty Warner, Kansas
Hester Parker, California	Betty Ford, North Dakota
Jean Spang, South Dakota	

During the All States Banquet on Wednesday evening, “The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award”, recognizing an Auxiliary member for outstanding contributions to EANGUS was presented to Auxiliary Immediate Past President, Dorothy Inglese, California.

2004

The Thirty-first Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was held in Louisville, Kentucky at The Galt House Hotel’s West Tower August 22-25, 2004. EANGUS and EANGUS Auxiliary members and their families joined together for Chapel Services on Sunday morning. The 2004 EANGUS Auxiliary membership was 1,078 and 253 associate members.

There was a total of 4 “First Timers” in attendance at the First Timers’ Social, which immediately followed the Chapel Services Sunday morning.

The Auxiliary joined EANGUS on Sunday afternoon in the Grand Ball Room of the East Tower of The Galt House for Opening Ceremony festivities. President Debra Campbell addressed the joint assembly regarding the Auxiliary and membership. EANGUS President, Terry Dell assisted President Debra Campbell in an inspiring demonstration of “The Mayonnaise Jar”.

The Kentucky Association and Auxiliary hosted a “Welcome Night” at Belvedere Park Sunday evening. The highlight of the evening was the “Dunk Tank”. President Debra Campbell and EANGUS President Terry Dell took turns while conference attendees took their best shots at tripping the dunk lever. The purpose of the dunk tank was to raise funds for the Auxiliary. It was a success as the two Presidents brought in a clear profit of \$690.00.

On Monday morning the Auxiliary joined EANGUS in the Grand Ballroom of The Galt House East Tower to experience a family-oriented message presented by Motivational Speaker/Humorist Dr. Henry Dale.

State Auxiliary Officers, National Auxiliary Executive Board and National Auxiliary Nominations Chair joined together for a “Combined” informational meeting in President Debra Campbell’s suite in The Galt House East Tower immediately following the Motivational Speaker on Monday.

Auxiliary Committee meetings to include an Auxiliary Executive Board meeting were conducted in various locations in the East/West Towers of The Galt House Monday afternoon.

President Debra Campbell, Oklahoma, called the 2004 EANGUS Auxiliary Annual Conference to order in the Archibald Ballroom of The Galt House West Tower on Tuesday morning, at 9:15 a.m., August 24, 2004. Present were five (5) officers, nine (9) area directors and twenty (20) committee chairs. There were twenty-six (26) chartered states represented by one hundred-fourteen (114) delegates, thirty-five (35) proxies, thirty (30) members, one (1) member at large and twenty-two (22) guests. Those present constituted a quorum.

President Debra Campbell presented the National Guard Association of Connecticut Auxiliary the official Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary “Charter Member” Certificate to Connecticut Auxiliary Representative, Denise Aparo.

Auxiliary Luncheon and Awards’ Program: The Luncheon and Awards’ Program was conducted on Tuesday afternoon in the Cochran Ballroom of The Galt House West Tower and was a huge success with 201 present. Luncheon decorations of grapevine wreaths adorned in white ribbons with purple candles were created by the Kentucky Auxiliary and were centered on the Family and Deployed Guard Members Table.

The following is a summary of the awards and acknowledgements presented during the luncheon:

<u>Outstanding State Auxiliary Awards</u>	1-25 members - New Mexico
	26-75 members - Georgia
	76+ members - South Dakota

Outstanding Area Director Award

1st Place - Dianne Williams, Area III, Georgia

2nd Place – Barbara Rains, Area III, Florida

Distinguished Service Award

Doris Williams, Mississippi

Meritorious Service Award

Deborah Ward (MS), EANGUS Area IV Chair

Spouse of the Year Tribute

Jack Davis (deceased) spouse of Billie Davis, MS –
Vivian Taylor accepted certificate

Spouse of the Year Award

Mike Freking spouse of Marilyn Feking, Iowa

Ann Hart Smile Award

Betty Galloway, Alabama

President's Award

Laurie Casey, President of the Connecticut State Auxiliary

Life Membership Award

Jo Barke, North Dakota

Torch Award

Jody Ward**, MS, Mother of Deborah Ward, EANGUS
Area IV Chair

**First Associate Member to receive award

Legislative—Barbara Rains (FL), Area III

Agnes & Money Tupman (MS), Area IV

Marie O'Brien, Area V

Dorothy & Bart Inglese (CA), Area VII

Membership

Largest increase/percentage increase in *annual members*

1-25 members – Utah 26-75 members – Kentucky

Largest increase/percentage increase in *life members*

1-25 members – Virginia 26-75 members – Kentucky & Missouri

76+ members – Mississippi

Note: Largest percentage increase in life members during the membership years of 2003 and 2004 was also presented to Mississippi.

Largest increase/percentage increase in *associate members*

1-25 members – Missouri 26-75 members – Iowa

PLAQUE in Recognition of **recruiting the most members** during the 2004 Membership year was presented to Nancy McDowell, **Ohio**; CERTIFICATE of Recognition and Auxiliary Polo Shirt for **recruiting the second highest number of members** during the 2004 Membership year was presented to Betty Hagerman, **Arkansas**. Certificates of Appreciation for Member Recruiting Efforts during the 2004 Membership year were presented to: Suzie Stewart, MS; Jenny Lainhart, KY; Marie Brabham, FL; Sandy Reid, FL; State of Oklahoma – LaDawn Cope

Certificates of Re-Charter: Nebraska (2004) and Utah (2003).

EANGUS Guests addressed the Auxiliary Wednesday morning: **Doug Simpson, EANGUS Area VII Director** was honored for his dedication and generous donation of \$500.00 to the Auxiliary. **Joe Spencer, EANGUS Area VI Chair and candidate for EANGUS Vice President** expressed personal appreciation of the Auxiliary, emphasized “Side by Side” motto, and discussed Association’s commitment to the Auxiliary. **Ed Brown, EANGUS Vice President and candidate for EANGUS President** discussed the name of “EANGUS” – “Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States”, emphasized commitment and support of Auxiliary in regards to membership as well as financially. **Deborah Ward, EANGUS Area IV Chair**—President Debra Campbell presented Chairman Ward with the 2004 EANGUS Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award (note: unable to accept during Awards’ Luncheon). President Ward also pledged her continued support of the Auxiliary and announced Area IV would be donating \$1,000 to the Auxiliary.

Philanthropic – Pop tabs collected and turned in prior to conference to local recyclers – 423 lbs., at conference – 460 lbs. totaling 883 lbs. Patrick Padgett of the Ronald McDonald House of Louisville, Kentucky was presented with a check for \$200.00 on Wednesday morning. Auxiliary members appreciate all that Ronald McDonald Houses do for local communities. The Auxiliary also collected toiletry items which were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House.

Recognized for their efforts in collecting pop tabs were the following states:

1st place—Arizona 294 pounds

2nd place—Kentucky 163 pounds

3rd place—Arkansas 116 pounds

4th place—Montana 78 pounds

Recognized for their efforts in collecting pop tabs were the following individuals:

1st place—Daphne Robinette, AZ, 252 pounds

2nd place—Goldie Powell, AR, 85 lbs.

3rd place—Mary Hensell, AZ, 42 lbs.

Florida agreed to donate one free registration for the 2005 Conference to the winning state.

EANGUS Publications Awards presented by Bill Thomas and Debbie Newton:

Overall winner of EANGUS Auxiliary Newsletter Publications

The Southern Drawl—Area III Newsletter Editors/Publishers Area III Directors Dianne Williams,
Barbara Rains

Auxiliary Area newsletter category

1st Place Area III Newsletter *The Southern Drawl* Area III Directors Dianne Williams,

Barbara Rains

2nd Place Area V Newsletter *Area Five is Alive!* Area V Directors Carol Benda, Jean FitzPatrick

Auxiliary State newsletter category

1st place North Dakota *Prairie Rose* Jeri Christiansen, president and Sandy Hiltner, editor

2nd place Georgia *The Georgia Town Cryer* Dianne Williams, president and editor

3rd place Oklahoma *The Link* Kathy Pelley, president and Lucretia Barbee, editor

4th place Mississippi *Rainbow Connection* Christina Ammons, president

Scholarship recipients for 2004-05:

\$1,000 (USAA) Kristina Dawn Ard, MS; \$500, Britney Renee Green, VA; \$500, Brandon Carl Frock, SD; \$500, Sarah Jo Olin, ND; \$500, Courtney Quinn Gipe, KY

Burden Bear recipients:

Hazel Holt, NC	Billie Davis, MS	Janie Panzica, LA	Bonnie Gilroy, KS
Leila Skorczewski, WI	Sandy Reid, FL	Ann Story, TN	

Resolutions 2004-1 through 2004-7:

1. Debra Campbell - recognition of leadership as the EANGUS Auxiliary president.
2. State of Oklahoma businesses and people - recognition of generous donations for the printing and binding of the 2004 Conference books.
3. Kentucky National Guard Enlisted Association and the Auxiliary - recognition for their hard work and service to the EANGUS and the EANGUS Auxiliary.
4. Sandy Hiltner - recognition of her work as publisher of *The Signal*.
5. Sheila Bandy - recognition of her work as the editor of *The Signal*.
6. Hazel Holt - recognition for time and effort to the EANGUS Auxiliary Silent Auction.
7. Terry Dell & Debra Campbell - recognition for fundraising efforts in the Dunk Tank.

Ways and Means

Silent Auction—\$3,655.00

Boutique—\$130.00

Quilt Raffle—\$416.00

EANGUS Silent Auction—\$352.00

Dunk Tank—\$690.00

Membership Jail House Bonds—\$349.00 (67 Associate members and 2 annual members)

Ribbon Magnets—\$660.00

Patriotic Angel Pins—\$417.00 (the purchase of the pins was a donation by Ed Brown, EANGUS Vice President)

Silver Specialty Patriotic Charm Pins—\$260.00

Auxiliary Donations

Vivian Taylor, MS—\$150.00 in honor of Doris Williams, EANGUS Auxiliary's First President

Janet Grimminger, DE—\$100.00 Randy Lombardo, NY—\$100.00

Doug Simpson, EANGUS Area VII Director—\$500.00

Peggy Campbell, EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary—collected \$530.00 for 2004 Conference Book.

Memorial Donations for: Rex Holt, Jan Barchiski, Jack Davis, and Nancy Terry.

Scholarship Donations

Mike Cline, EANGUS Executive Director

Terry Dell, EANGUS President

Delano Kerby, EANGUS Past President

Jan DeRego, EANGUS Secretary

Elections:

President—Sheila Bandy, KY; Vice President—Carol Benda, MN; Secretary—Vivian Taylor, MS;

Treasurer—Sandy Hiltner, ND; Area I—Mary Ann Topp, RI; Area II—Debbie Ice, OH; Area III—Dianne

Williams, GA; Area IV—Hope Troy, AR; Area V—Shirley Spitz, WI; Area V—Marilyn Freking, IA; Area VI—

Lorraine Miller, NM/AZ; Area VII—Dorothy Inglese, CA

EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board for 2004-05:

President Sheila Bandy, KY Vice President Carol Benda, MN

Secretary Vivian Taylor, MS Treasurer Sandy Hiltner, ND

Immediate Past President Debra Campbell, OK

Area I Director—Mary Ann Topp, RI

Area II Directors—Nancy McDowell, OH; Debbie Ice, OH

Area III Directors—Barbara Rains, FL; Dianne Williams, GA

Area IV Directors—Carrie Matirne, LA; Hope Troy, AR

Area V Directors—Shirley Spitz, WI; Marilyn Freking, IA

Area VI Directors—Patricia Vogan, UT; Lorraine Miller, NM/AZ

Area VII Director—Dorothy Inglese, CA

Memorial Service: Deceased EANGUS Auxiliary members & Associate members were remembered Wednesday during a memorial service presented by the Auxiliary Chaplain, Vivian Taylor, Mississippi:

Ada Rioux, SD Nancy Terry, AR Alice Inez Castellanos, FL

Virginia French, MO Beulah Fletcher, NC Helen Baker, VA

Deborah Klug, WI

Final Adjournment: President Debra Campbell adjourned the 31st Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary at 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25, 2004.

During the All States Banquet on Wednesday evening, “The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award”, recognizing an Auxiliary member for outstanding contributions to EANGUS, was presented to Auxiliary Area V Director, Jean Fitzpatrick, Wisconsin/Illinois.

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2005

Members “returned to the magic” for the Thirty-second Annual Conference of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Auxiliary held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando, Florida, August 21-24, 2005. A combined informational meeting of state Auxiliary officers, EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board, committee chairs, and past presidents was held Saturday evening in Salon 14. There were 44 in attendance.

EANGUS and EANGUS Auxiliary members worshipped together at the Sunday morning chapel service led by EANGUS Chaplain James Tucker. Auxiliary “First Timers” were welcomed at 9:00 a.m. There were thirty First Timers at Conference. The past presidents and officers enjoyed the Past Presidents Social at 11:00 a.m. in the President’s Suite.

The Auxiliary was included in the Opening Ceremony on Sunday afternoon in the Junior Ballroom. President Sheila Bandy addressed the assembly. The first Auxiliary President, Mrs. Doris Williams, and Julie Lyon, a young lady from Wyoming who had been attending Conference with her mom for several years, presented the new Auxiliary flag, purchased entirely by the generous donations from individuals and associations.

“Welcome Night” festivities were hosted at poolside and inside by the Florida Association and Auxiliary. Vice President Benda (Minnesota) and Secretary Taylor (Mississippi) gave attendees the opportunity to purchase tickets on the jar of pins raffle, Auxiliary coins, and Auxiliary polo shirts.

On Monday morning the Auxiliary again joined EANGUS in the Ballroom for the motivational/time management session presented by Don Spradling. Auxiliary committee meetings and the EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board meeting were conducted in various locations in the Rosen Centre on Monday afternoon.

President Sheila Bandy, Kentucky, called to order the 2005 EANGUS Auxiliary Annual Conference on Tuesday morning at 8:36 a.m. in Ballroom D.

There were five (5) officers, eleven (11) area directors, and twenty-three (23) appointees/committee chairs present. One hundred eighteen (118) delegates, forty-two (42) proxies, forty-four (44) members, one (1) member at large, and eighteen (18) guests represented twenty-seven (27) chartered states. Those present constituted a quorum.

President Sheila Bandy presented an EANGUS Auxiliary charter to Nevada and re-chartered Alaska and Idaho.

Two hundred eleven (211) individuals attended the annual luncheon and awards program when it was conducted on Tuesday afternoon in the Ballroom of the Rosen Centre. Decorations were red, white, and blue sequined wands and at each place there was a gift of patriotic jewelry for the attendees. The Sweet Adeline group *Snap Shot Quartet* provided the entertainment. There were numerous special guests present including the guest speaker, CSM Lawrence Holland.

The following is a list of the awards and acknowledgements presented during the luncheon:

Certificate for Outstanding Dedication and Support Marie Brabham, FL and Deana Hewett, FL

Outstanding State Auxiliary Awards 1-25 members—Missouri

26-75 members—California and North Dakota 76 plus members—Mississippi

Torch Award Dianne Williams, Area III, Georgia

Distinguished Service Award Shirley Ritter, Mississippi

Outstanding Area Director Award Dianne Williams, Georgia, Area III Director

President’s Award Shirley Spitz, Wisconsin

Life Membership Award Myrtle Hollman, South Dakota

Ann Hart Smile Award (presented by Ann Hart) Lorraine Miller, New Mexico

Legislative Awards

States Recognized – North Carolina, Area II Florida, Area III
Mississippi, Area IV South Dakota, Area V
New Mexico, Area VI California, Area VII

Individuals Recognized – Vivian Taylor, MS, 1st place Pat and Jim Bishop, MS, 2nd place
Marlys List, SD, 3rd place

Membership Awards

Largest increase in annual members

States with 1-25 members, a 2-way tie –Alabama and Utah

States with 26-75 members – Arkansas

States with 76 plus members – Mississippi

Largest percentage increase in annual members

- States with 1-25 members – Utah
- States with 26-75 members – Arkansas
- States with 76 plus members – Mississippi

Largest increase in life members

- States with 1-25 members, a 4-way tie – Kentucky, Montana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma
- States with 76 plus members – Mississippi

Largest percentage increase in life members

- States with 1-25 members – Oklahoma
- States with 76 plus members – Mississippi

Largest increase in associate members

- States with 1-25 members – Virginia
- States with 26-75 members – Arkansas

Largest percentage increase in associate members

- States with 1-25 members – Virginia
- States with 26-75 members – Arkansas

Member Recruiting Awards (for new members recruited)

Recruiting Member of the Year – Marie Brabham, FL **Runner up** – Barbara Rains, FL

Certificates to Members who recruited five (5) or more new members (other than

Member of the year numbers):

Starr Boatwright, AL	Dorothy Inglese, CA	Marsha Stark, CA
Barbara Rains, FL	Helen Tucker, GA	Jenny Lainhart, KY
Sheila Bandy, KY	Christina Dettor, MS	Suzie Stewart, MS
Sandy Hiltner, ND	Petey Garcia, NM	

Those EANGUS guests who addressed the Auxiliary were EANGUS Area IV Chair, Deborah Ward and EANGUS President, Ed Brown.

Peggy Leadbetter, Philanthropic Chairman, reported on the pop tabs project: 541 pounds collected prior to conference; 331 pounds brought to conference; 872 total pounds. Josh Hendrix of the Orlando, Florida Ronald McDonald House was presented a check for two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) on Wednesday morning. Many toiletry items collected were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House; others were shipped to troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. California collected 140 pounds of toiletry items and delivered them to Ronald McDonald Houses in California. Those states recognized for their efforts in collecting pop tabs were:

- 1st place, Arkansas with 255 pounds
- 2nd place, Arizona with 166 pounds
- 3rd place, Kentucky with 129 pounds
- 4th place, California with 111 pounds
- 5th place, Minnesota with 67 pounds

The Mississippi Auxiliary donated a registration to the 2006 EANGUS Conference in Biloxi to the state of Arkansas, the state that collected the most pop tabs. The following individuals were recognized for their efforts in collecting pop tabs: 1st place, Daphne Robinette, Arizona – 166 pounds; 2nd place, Hope Troy, Arkansas – 130 pounds; 3rd place, Betty Hagerman, Arkansas – 97 pounds. The Mississippi Auxiliary gave a magnolia candle to Daphne Robinette, the individual who collected the most pop tabs.

SFC Debbi Newton presented the EANGUS publications awards to:

Overall winner of the EANGUS Auxiliary newsletter publications

The Southern Drawl – Area III newsletter, edited/published by Area III Directors Dianne Williams, Barbara Rains

Auxiliary state newsletter category 1st place—*The Link* – Oklahoma
2nd place—*The Georgia Town Cryer* – Georgia 3rd place—*The Prairie Rose* – North Dakota

Auxiliary area newsletter category 1st place—*The Southern Drawl* – Area III
2nd place—*The Signal* – EANGUS Auxiliary 3rd place—*Area V Is Alive!* – Area V

Those who received **scholarships for 2005-2006** were: \$1,000 (USAA), **James Daniel Kennedy**, Minnesota; \$500, **Leilana F. Torres**, New Mexico; \$500, **Gloria Ann Hopp**, North Dakota; \$500, **Kimberly Lynne Nichols**, Louisiana; \$500, **Cody Marlin Pace**, Mississippi; \$500, **Jordan Olsen**, South Dakota.

Delores Edwards presented **Burden Bears** to these individuals: **Patricia Reed**, Georgia; **Mary Hayes**, Arkansas; **Doris Hoxie**, Mississippi; **Miriam Gomez**, Florida; **Ed and Marilyn Gabbard**, Iowa; **Howard Harper**, Iowa; **Kay Hill**, Kentucky.

These eight resolutions expressing appreciation were adopted for 2005:

1. Florida National Guard Enlisted Association and its Auxiliary –

- recognition of Orlando hospitality.
2. Sheila Bandy – recognition of her work as the Editor of *The Signal*.
 3. Chantel Campbell – recognition of her donation of printing and binding of Conference books.
 4. Hazel Holt – recognition of her time and effort to the EANGUS Auxiliary through Charing the Ways and Means Committee.
 5. Dianne Williams – recognition of her generous donation of time and services to edit, mail, print, and e-mail *The Signal*.
 6. ISG Bob Rawlinson – recognition of his years of dedication, hard work, and long hours as Treasurer of EANGUS.
 7. Jan DeRego – recognition of her many years of dedicated service as EANGUS Secretary.
 8. Jay Owen, Design Extensions – recognition of his efforts in providing the Conference book cover.

Summary of Ways and Means projects:

Silent Auction—\$3,591.00 **Boutique** (includes donations)—\$ **226.00**
Auxiliary polo shirts (44 @ \$20.00 each)—\$ **880.00**
Jar of trading pins fundraiser—\$ 711.00
Auxiliary coins (129 @ \$5.00 each)—\$ **645.00** EANGUS Silent Auction—\$ **627.00**

Auxiliary flag donations :

EANGUS President Ed Brown	George Vaught <i>In honor of Freda, VA</i>
EANGUS Executive Director Mike Cline and Dian	EANGUS Area IV Auxiliary
EANGUS Vice-President Joe Spencer	Betty Hagerman, Arkansas
EANGUS Area Director Doug Simpson	Michelle Leyes, Arkansas
EANGUS Area Director Rip Preston	Bea Shahan, Arkansas
EANGUS Area Director Leah Caldwell	Enlisted Association of Alaska
EANGUS Area Director Chris Sower	DC NG Enlisted Association
Chief Chandler and Sue, West Virginia	Enlisted Association of Delaware
EANGUS Auxiliary President Sheila Bandy and Jay	Enlisted Association of Hawaii
EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary Vivian Taylor and Jerry	Enlisted Association of Idaho
EANGUS Auxiliary Area Director Barbara Rains	Enlisted Association of Kentucky
EANGUS Auxiliary Area Director Lucretia Barbee	Enlisted Association of Ohio
EANGUS Auxiliary Area Director Hope Troy	Enlisted Association of Virginia

Other donations Florida Auxiliary; Doug Simpson

Constitutional changes were adopted:

- Proposal to add sub-paragraph, **Ballots** to **Article V**; **Section: 5.3 Election**
 - (a) Ballots shall be distributed and collected by Tellers appointed by the AUXILIARY President. The tellers shall:
 1. Compile a report of the ballots tallied.
 2. Verify that the total number of votes cast agree with the numbers certified for the General Conference by the Credentials and Rules Committee.
 3. Submit the report to the President.
 4. The President will announce the results without disclosure of the number of votes cast for each candidate when voting for individuals applies.
 5. The President shall then call for a motion to destroy the ballots.
- **Article IX; Section 9.6 (b) Area Caucuses**
Change to read
 - (b) Each Area Caucus shall be presided over by the Area Directors who shall share equally in all responsibilities where feasible or other chairperson appointed by the AUXILIARY President in the absence of the Area Directors.
- **Article XIV – Definitions**
Change to read

Area II: Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and NGB Title 10.

Auxiliary Executive Board for 2005-2006:

President	Sheila Bandy, KY	Vice President	Carol Benda, MN
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Secretary	Vivian Taylor, MS	Treasurer	Sandy Hiltner, ND
Past President	Debra Campbell, OK		
Area I—Vacant			
Area II—Peggy Leadbetter, OH; Jenny Lainhart, KY			
Area III—Dianne Williams, GA; Marie Brabham, FL			
Area IV—Hope Troy, AR; Debbie Mordecai, OK			
Area V—Marilyn Freking, IA; Shirley Spitz, WI			
Area VI—Lorraine Miller, NM; Pat Vogan, UT			
Area VII—Dorothy Inglese, CA; Doris O’Connell, CA			

Chaplain Kathy Jackson, TN, conducted the memorial service on Wednesday. These members were memorialized: Jane Fields, North Carolina; Nancy Sledge, Alabama; Edna R. Stager, Oregon; Helen Prentice, Mississippi.

Membership for 2005 was 1,071 with 343 associate members.

President Sheila Bandy adjourned the 32nd Annual Conference sine die at 10:50 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2005.

These awards were presented at the All States Banquet: **“The Pen is Mightier Than the Musket Award”** – Jenny Lainhart, Kentucky; **The Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award** – 1SG (Ret) Bryce Hendricks, Iowa/New Mexico; **The Auxiliary Spouse of the Year Award** – SFC (Ret) Jerry W. Taylor, Mississippi.

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2006

Mountains and Magnolias was the theme for the Thirty-third Annual Conference of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary. The Conference was held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 20-23, 2006. The theme incorporated magnolias in recognition of the state of Mississippi, which was set to hold the 2006 EANGUS Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. All those plans were washed into the Gulf of Mexico when Hurricane Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005. The state of Utah stepped to the plate and, in less than a year, readied everything to greet members and guests in fine fashion in the lovely mountain-ringed Salt Lake City.

An informational, welcome meeting of state Auxiliary officers, EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board members, committee chairs, and past presidents was held Saturday afternoon, August 19, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Following the meeting EANGUS and Auxiliary members and guests attended *A Salute to the Armed Forces* presented by the world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square and Feed the Children with special guest Sandi Patty, Crook and Chase, and the Band of the Air Force Reserve. The evening’s concert was a special program in honor of servicemen and servicewomen and their families. The concert was recorded for several uses. The Armed Forces Radio and Television Service was to air a 60-minute radio version of the concert as their annual Christmas special. The program was to be broadcast to military troops at home and overseas on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Feed the Children was to air 30-minute and 60-minute television versions of the program during the holiday season from Thanksgiving until Christmas.

EANGUS Chaplain James Tucker led EANGUS and Auxiliary members in worship on Sunday morning at the chapel service. Auxiliary “First Timers” were welcomed at a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. The Auxiliary past presidents and officers gathered for the Past Presidents Social at 11:00 a.m. in the Hilton Hotel Suite 1607.

The Auxiliary President Sheila Bandy, Kentucky, addressed the EANGUS and Auxiliary members and guests at the Opening Ceremony on Sunday afternoon in the Salt Palace Convention Center. Auxiliary members distributed Auxiliary logo stickers to EANGUS members. The Union Pacific Depot was the site for the Sunday Welcome Night activities.

On Monday morning the Auxiliary joined EANGUS to hear motivational speaker, Steve Gilliland, share *Enjoy the Ride*. On Monday afternoon, Auxiliary committee meetings were held in the Salt Palace Convention Center and the EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board meeting was held in Salon 1 in the Hilton Hotel and continued with the Chairman of the Finance Committee in the Suite 1607 in the Hilton Hotel.

President Sheila Bandy, Kentucky, called to order the 2006 EANGUS Auxiliary Annual Conference at 9:04 a.m. in the Ballroom of the Salt Palace Convention Center. The roll call showed there were five (5) officers, twelve (12) area directors, and twenty-one (21) appointees/committee chairs present. One hundred four delegates (104) represented thirty-one (31) chartered states/entities. There were forty (40) proxies, twenty-eight (28) members, one (1) member at large, and eighteen (18) guests. Those present constituted a quorum. Membership for 2006 was 1,108 with 341 associate members.

President Sheila Bandy presented an EANGUS Auxiliary charter to Hawaii and Texas and re-chartered Massachusetts, New York, and West Virginia.

There was a full house when about two hundred (200) individuals attended the annual luncheon and awards program on Tuesday afternoon in room 255 of the Salt Palace Convention Center. Special guests included: CSM Dell K. Smith, Utah State Command Sergeant Major; CCMSgt Robert A. Hill, Utah State Command Chief Master Sergeant, and Debbie; CSM John D. Gipe, Command Sergeant Major, Army National Guard; CSM David Hudson and Denise; CCMSgt (Ret) Ed Brown,

President of EANGUS, and Ann; EANGUS Treasurer MSG (Ret) Ronnie Emerson; EANGUS Conference Coordinator CMSgt Dee Riggle; EANGUS Past President MSG (Ret) Terry Dell; EANGUS Executive Director MSG (Ret) Mike Cline and Dian; Tammy Collins, Salt Lake Visitors Center; Whitney Woolley; Shauna Rohbok; Valerie Fleming; and Kim Ricketts. Whitney Woolley provided entertainment; she sang *Elvis in Me*, *God Bless America*, and *Mississippi Girl*. She was joined by her friend in singing *Heroes at Home* and *We Want to Thank You*. CSM David Hudson spoke to members and gave his coin to the Utah committee members and to Hazel Holt, Sheila Bandy, and Dianne Williams. Olympic gold medalist Shauna Rohbok also shared recollections of her Olympic journey. The following is a list of awards and acknowledgements presented during the luncheon:

Appreciation—CMSgt (Ret) Ed Brown, President, EANGUS

President's Award—Rita Brown, Arkansas **Torch Award**—Dianne Williams, Georgia, Area III Dir.

Distinguished Service Award—Ruth Ann Crawford, Mississippi and Virginia Embrey, California

Ann Hart Smile Award (presented by Ann Hart)—Jody Ward, Mississippi

Outstanding Membership Award—Vivian Taylor, Mississippi

Life Member Award (presented by Sara Hendricks)—Shirley Enke, Missouri (received by Area IV Director Hope Troy)

Outstanding Area Director Award (points system)—Dianne Williams, Area III

Outstanding State Auxiliary Awards—1-25 members – Georgia 26-75 members – North Dakota
76+ members – Mississippi

Utah Auxiliary Team Certificates—Pat Vogan; Sandy Morse; Ellen Campbell

Legislative Awards (presented by Peggy Leadbetter)

States Recognized –

Arkansas, Area IV Kentucky, Area II

California, Area VII South Dakota, Area V

Florida, Area III New Mexico, Area VI

Individuals Recognized –

Betty Hagerman, Arkansas

Jenny Lainhart, Kentucky

Dorothy Inglese, California

Virginia Embrey, California

Doris O'Connell, California

Vivian and Jerry Taylor, Mississippi

Pat and Jim Bishop, Mississippi

Connie and Ricky Myers, Mississippi

The Tuesday evening All Areas Hospitality Night and Pin-Trading event was held at the Gallivan Center. Whitney Woolley presented the entertainment.

On Wednesday morning, SFC Debbi Newton, EANGUS Publications Chair presented these awards to Auxiliary publications:

Area Winners (Category 7) 1. *The Southern Drawl* – Area III 2. *Area V Is Alive!* – Area V

State Winners (Category 6) 1. *The Prairie Rose* – North Dakota 2. *The Georgia Town Cryer* – Georgia

3. *Angels Take Flight for the Red, White, and Blue* – Mississippi 4. *Bucky's Auxiliary News* – Wisconsin

Overall Winner *The Prairie Rose* – North Dakota

Peggy Leadbetter, Philanthropic Chairman, reported on the pop tabs project: 312 pounds collected prior to Conference; 290 pounds at Conference; 602 total pounds. Lisa Burbridge of the Salt Lake City Ronald McDonald House was presented a check for three hundred dollars (\$300.00) on Wednesday morning. One hundred twenty-four (124) pounds of toiletry items were delivered to Ronald McDonald House; thirty (30) pounds of toiletries were donated to a Ronald McDonald House in California. Those states recognized for their efforts in collecting pop tabs were: 1st place, Arizona with 211 pounds; 2nd place, Minnesota with 129 pounds; 3rd place, Arkansas with 94 pounds; 4th place, California with 86 pounds. The Oklahoma Auxiliary donated a registration to the 2007 EANGUS Conference in Oklahoma City to the state of Arizona, the state that collected the most pop tabs. The following individuals were recognized for their efforts in collecting pop tabs: 1st place, Daphne Robinette, Arizona – 163 pounds; 2nd place, Hope Troy, Arkansas – 70 pounds; 3rd place, Marsha Stark, California – 67 pounds; 4th place, Mary Hensell, Arizona – 46 pounds.

Ways and Mean Chair Hazel Holt reported on the Silent Auction and encouraged members to have items in on Sunday by 4:00 p.m. to provide maximum time for bidding on items. Numerous items were not picked up so they were packed and would be in the Silent Auction in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 2007.

Silent Auction—\$2,609.00 Boutique—\$ 156.00 EANGUS Silent Auction—\$ 570.00

President Sheila Bandy noted that the EANGUS Auxiliary afghan was available for purchase.

Chair Ruth Quam presented **Burden Bears** to: **President Sheila Bandy**, Kentucky; **Senior Airman Katie McGuire**, South Dakota; **Mildred Geary**, Mississippi; **Lloyd Enke**, Missouri; **Vicki Kirby**, Louisiana; **Lucy Jones**, Tennessee; **Shirley Ritter**, Mississippi.

Two **scholarships** were given for 2006-2007—**Keiran K. Speirs**, Rapid City, South Dakota, \$1,000 USAA scholarship and **Robin E. Breland**, Vicksburg, Mississippi, \$500 scholarship.

Members/states gave at Conference a total donation of three hundred eighty dollars (\$380.00) for the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Membership Awards were given:

States with 1-25 members

Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Annual Members

1. Nebraska
2. Kentucky

Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Life Members

1. Georgia and Minnesota tied for first
2. California

Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Associate Members

1. Alabama
2. Kentucky

States with 26-75 members

Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Annual Members

1. Florida
2. North Dakota

Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Life Members

1. Wisconsin
2. South Dakota

Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Associate Members

1. Arkansas

States with 76+ members

Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Annual Members

1. Mississippi

Largest Increase and Largest Percentage Increase in Life Members

1. Mississippi

Individuals Outstanding Membership Award, Vivian Taylor, Mississippi
Marie Brabham, Florida Deana Hewitt, Florida Suzie Stewart, Mississippi
Betty Johnson, Virginia Gloria Cooley, Mississippi

Six (6) resolutions were adopted for 2006.

1. Utah National Guard Enlisted Association and its Auxiliary – recognition of superior dedication, hard work, service, and the willingness to step up and conduct the 2006 Conference. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to expand Resolution 2006-1 to include the Mississippi National Guard NCO Association and its Auxiliary in recognition of their work on the 2006 Conference.
2. Sheila Bandy – recognition of her work as the Editor of *The Signal*.
3. Dianne C. Williams – recognition of her generous donation of time and services to edit, mail, print, and e-mail *The Signal*.
4. Hazel Holt – recognition of her time and effort to the EANGUS Auxiliary through chairing the Ways and Means Committee.
5. The Retention Center – recognition of time and resources donated to print, free of charge, 300 copies of the Auxiliary Conference book.
6. Sheila Bandy – recognition of leadership on completion of first term as EANGUS Auxiliary President.

Elections were held. Officers elected were: Sheila Bandy, Kentucky, President; Vivian Taylor, Mississippi, Vice President; Sandra Morse, Utah, Secretary; and Sandy Hiltner, North Dakota, Treasurer.

Auxiliary Executive Board for 2006-2007:

President	Sheila Bandy, KY	Vice President	Vivian Taylor, MS
Secretary	Sandra Morse, UT	Treasurer	Sandy Hiltner, ND
Past President	Debra Campbell, OK		

Area I

Area II—Jenny Lainhart, KY; Peggy Leadbetter, OH

Area III—Marie Brabham, FL; Dianne Williams, GA

Area IV—Debbie Mordecai, OK; Hope Troy, AR

Area V—Marilyn Freking, IA; Shirley Spitz, WI

Area VI—Pat Vogan, UT; Virginia Ericson, AZ

Area VII—Doris O'Connell, CA; Marsha Stark, CA

Chaplain Kathye Jackson conducted the memorial service on Wednesday. These were memorialized:

Betty Long, Missouri; Henry Ganzert (Maude's husband), Virginia; Eileen Guthmiller, North Dakota; Betty L. Robbins, Iowa; Alice M. Wright, Iowa; Doris Hoxie, Mississippi; Mary Holtzclaw, Missouri; William Caldwell, Ohio; Betty Spang, South Dakota; Joyce MacFarlane, Arkansas; Eleanor Johnson, Maine.

The All States Banquet on Wednesday evening, August 23, 2006 was held in the Salt Palace Convention Center Ballroom. The evening included the posting of colors; memorial service and tribute to fallen comrades; President Ed Brown's remarks; dinner; parade of flags; "We Care for America" presentations; incoming President Frank Lever's remarks; benediction; and retiring of colors. These awards were given during the "We Care for America" presentations: **"The Pen is Mightier Than the Musket Award"** – Lucretia Barbee, Oklahoma; **The Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award** – SGM (Ret) Albert Blackwell, Mississippi; and **The Auxiliary Spouse of the Year Award** – CMSgt (Ret) Charles J. Carrigan, Mississippi.

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2007

The general session opened on August 14, 2007 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the Sheraton Hotel. President Sheila Bandy called the Thirty-fourth Annual Conference to order.

Kathy Jackson, Chaplain, gave the invocation. Ron Cole, the brother-in-law of Past President Debra Campbell, sang the national anthem.

Publication Awards were presented to:

Area Winners	<i>The Southern Drawl</i> – Area III	<i>Area V Is Alive!</i> – Area V
State Winners	<i>The Prairie Rose</i> – North Dakota	<i>Dixieland Express</i> – Mississippi
Overall Winner	<i>The Southern Drawl</i> – Area III	

President Bandy recognized special guests in attendance: Laurie Clark, wife of CSM William Clark, Jr. (Senior Enlisted Advisor), California; CSM Michael Lucas and Kim Wade, state of Indiana; Mrs. Toni Gipe, wife of CSM John Gipe (National Guard Bureau); Nicole Helbert, youngest member of the Auxiliary from the state of Massachusetts; Connie Smith, wife of CSM Dell Smith, Utah; Meg Wright, wife of Adjutant General of Wyoming; Deb Russell and Cindy Breedlove, whose husbands were state CSMs.

President Bandy made a special announcement of the loss of the very first Auxiliary President Doris Williams, MS who had recently passed away unexpectedly. Her years of expertise, knowledge, and love for the Auxiliary would be greatly missed. President Bandy also stated that Area II Director Peggy Leadbetter and Area IV Director Hope Troy had resigned due to illness and asked that members keep all these families in their prayers.

Sandy Morse, Secretary, called the roll. In attendance were 4 officers, 8 area directors, 15 committee chairmen, and 124 delegates represented 35 states. There were 36 proxies, 36 members, and 19 guests. A quorum was present. Membership had increased to 1,150 members and 409 associate members.

An honorary membership for Bryan Birch was voted on and approved by the majority. It was presented to Bryan at the Auxiliary Luncheon by Sara Hendricks.

President Bandy presented **charter certificates** to the following states: Idaho, Denise Elliott; Indiana, CSM Mike Lucas and Kim Wade; Washington, D.C., CSM Cuffee; Delaware, Beverly Breeding; Title 10, Laura Mowry; Alabama, Starr Boatwright (original charter had been lost).

President Bandy reported that Sandy Hiltner had resigned as Treasurer and the Executive Council had voted to appoint Patricia Vogan as the incoming Treasurer to complete her term.

Silent Auction – Chairman Hazel Holt reported the Silent Auction income was \$4,176.00; Boutique, \$15.00; EANGUS Silent Auction, \$420. This included 29 items not picked up from previous year.

State Pins Shadow Box – Dorothy Inglesse was the point of contact for this new project idea and the income from the project was \$1,100.00. Cindy Chance won the Shadow Box.

Ann Hart reported that Brooks Marr, Past President, had fallen during the Conference and had to return home for surgery. Brooks had put out 350 copies of *The Senior Signal* 3 times per year.

Thomas McKennie (GA) was appointed finance chair by President Bandy. Recommendations were made and approved for mandatory \$2.00 scholarship donation for each member in order to be eligible for a scholarship. All other recommendations were voted on and passed with majority vote by the Conference body.

History copies were given to all first timers. Electronic copies were available to any member upon request.

Sara Hendricks stated the Auxiliary had **609 life members**.

Scholarship Winners – 2007 – Maren M. Vik, Nebraska – \$1,250.00; **Amber A. Bekaert**, South Dakota – \$1,000.00; **Heather N. Gilmore**, Arkansas – \$1,000.00.

Ronald McDonald House Project – Sharon Frame from Oklahoma accepted donations: \$577.00 from 954 pounds of pop tabs and an additional \$631.00 from members in attendance. Arizona collected 252.1 pounds and California collected 174.6 pounds.

Burden Bears – Ruth Quam distributed Burden Bears to the following: **Elwanda Garritson**, Kentucky (Rita Brown to deliver to her in Arkansas); **Mick Scholten**, South Dakota; **Ed Gabbard**, Iowa; **Gloria Cooley**, Mississippi; **Terry Irons**, Utah; **Marlene Williams**, Wisconsin; **Marilyn Freking**, Iowa.

Outstanding State Awards – States with 1-25 members, Kansas and New Mexico; **States with 26-75 members**, Wisconsin; **States with 76 + members**, Mississippi. **Member Recruiting Award**: Connie Myers, MS. **Member recruiting**

efforts recognized at the Auxiliary Luncheon were: Connie Myers, MS; Ute Vance, WV; Pat Bishop, MS; Dorothy Inglese, CA; Shirley Ritter, MS; Jenny Lainhart, KY; Vivian Taylor, MS.

President's Award	Roger Hagan, MT	Lifetime Membership Award	Piedad Garcia, NM
Torch Award	Sara Hendricks, IA	Smile Award	Brooks Marr, MS
Distinguished Service Award	Hazel Holt, NC	and Connie Myers, MS	
Area Director Award	Dianne Williams, GA		

Connie Myers gave the legislative report. Discussed flag etiquette.

Nominations for Area Directors: Area II – Jenny Lainhart Area III – Marie Brabham
Area IV – Cathy Morris Area V – Cora Sower Area VI – Suzie Stewart
Area VI – Margaret Roberts Area VII – Doris O'Connell
Area Directors Elected: Area II – Jenny Lainhart (KY/T-10) Area III – Marie Brabham (FL)
Area IV – Cathy Morris (LA) Area V – Cora Sower (WI) Area V – Pam Whisenhunt (NE)
Area VI – Suzie Stewart (MT) Area VII – Doris O'Connell (CA)

Three resolutions of appreciation were adopted:

1. Oklahoma National Guard and its Auxiliary for hosting the Conference.
2. Dianne Williams for her work on *The Signal* and as Conference coordinator.
3. Sheila Bandy for her work on *The Signal* and as EANGUS Auxiliary president.

Auxiliary Trademark—President Bandy stated that the Auxiliary Trademark was registered July 31, 2007.

Lucretia Barbee announced that there were 1,757 people registered for the Conference.

Elizabeth Aultebaumer was recognized for signing *The Star Spangled Banner* in her Native American costume.

Kathy Jackson gave the benediction and followed that with the memorial service, where these members were memorialized: LTM #363, Mary Alice Hayes (AR); LTM #218, Shirley J. Coburn (AR); LTM #408 Madeline Louise (Hamann) Hagge (IA); LTM #001, Doris K. (Glenn) Williams, Charter Member (MS); LTM #423, Marva J. (Rumelhart) Ball (SD); LTM #060 Ada B. (England) Rioux (SD).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Awards presented at the Banquet: **Meritorious Service Award** – Chuck Geary, Mississippi; **Spouse of the Year Award** – George Vaught, Virginia; and **“The Pen Is Mightier than the Musket” Award** – Pam Whisenhunt, Nebraska.

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2008

The Thirty-fifth EANGUS Auxiliary conference opened on August 19, 2008 in Savannah, Georgia at the Savannah International and Trade Convention Center. President Sheila Bandy called the session to order and Vice President Vivian Taylor gave the invocation. Vice President Taylor led in the pledge to the flag and the 16th Army Band of the National Guard of Georgia played the national anthem.

Publications Awards were presented to: **Area Winner** *The Southern Drawl* – Area III
State Winner *The Georgia Town Cryer* – Georgia

President Bandy recognized special guests in attendance: Leslie Wade, wife of Adjutant General William Wade, CA; Vaneta Courtney, wife of Harry Courtney, president of CAL EANGUS; Jeanie Jesse, wife of T. Jay Jesse, Vice-President of CAL EANGUS; Emily Sieback, DE; Meg Wright, wife of Adjutant General, WY; Deb Russell, wife of state CSM, WY.

President Bandy noted that Area III Director Marie Brabham was not present due to illness and Area VI Director Virginia Ericson had resigned due to illness. Both ladies were missed and were remembered in prayer.

Roll Call – Secretary Sandy Morse called the roll, which indicated there were 3 officers, 9 area directors, and 17 committee chairmen present. One hundred eleven delegates, 47 proxies, 45 members, and 8 guests represented twenty-nine states. A quorum was present. No membership totals were available for 2008.

President Bandy reported that Kathye Jackson had resigned due to personal reasons. Brooks Marr, due to illness, had published only one issue of *The Senior Signal*. Brooks had resigned due to her illness and loss of all the mailing information during a computer crash.

Silent Auction – Hazel Holt was the chairman. Income was \$3,446.00.

State Pins Shadow Box – Dorothy Inglese was the chairman. Income was \$780.00 plus \$15 donation. The winner of the Shadow Box was Regina Powell.

History of the Auxiliary was given to all first timers. Electronic copies were available to any member upon request.

2008 Scholarship Winners: **Ashley E. Klein**, WI, \$1,250.00; **Patrick N. May**, MS, \$1,000.00 (from USAA); **Cassie E. White**, VA, \$1,000.00; **Molly Thompson**, SD, \$1,000.00.

Ronald McDonald House Project – Nicole Layton from Georgia accepted the donation from the Auxiliary: \$249.50 from the sale of 708 pounds of pop tabs and an additional \$1,459.00 from members in attendance. One hundred thirty pounds of toiletries were donated, as well. Pop tabs—Arizona collected 276 pounds; Daphne Robinette, who had suffered a stroke, still sent 220 pounds. California—83.4 pounds; Minnesota—75 pounds; Arkansas—57 pounds; Kentucky—46 pounds. President Bandy thanked everyone for their donations and gave special thanks to Jane Semones for

taking on this project due to the illness of Peggy Leadbetter. Dianne Williams announced that Doug Simpson donated \$120 to the Ronald McDonald House.

Family Affairs Chairman – Connie Smith discussed the 72-hour emergency evacuation kit that every family should have in their home.

President Bandy spoke to the finance group in regards to the absence of the finance chair during their finance committee meeting prior to the beginning of the Conference. The finance committee agreed and voted that the chair be removed. President Bandy removed Thomas McKennie from his appointment and replaced him with Co-Chairmen Dorothy Inglese and Marsha Stark. The finance committee began late but was able to conduct the necessary business of the Auxiliary. The finance committee made recommendations that all 2008 vouchers that were not paid to the area directors and Vice-President would be paid immediately. President Bandy would also be paid \$200 plus which were expenses incurred due to a stop payment placed on a check by Treasurer Pat Vogan.

Nominations for Office:

President – Vivian Taylor (MS)

Vice President – Jenny Lainhart (KY/T-10)

Secretary – Pat Reed (GA)

Treasurer – Pat Vogan (UT)

Treasurer – Cora Sower (WI)

Nomination from the floor for Vice-President – Ann Story, TN

Area Directors: **Area II**–Ute Vance (WV); **Area III**–Dianne Williams (GA); **Area IV**–Connie Myers (MS); **Area V**–Shelli Kasin; **Area V** – Cora Sower (WI) [Edna Steinberg would be the Area V Director if Cora was elected Treasurer]; **Area VI**–Connie Smith (UT); **Area VII** – Marsha Stark (CA)

Elections were held. Those elected were: President – Vivian Taylor (MS); Vice President – Jenny Lainhart (KY); Secretary – Pat Reed (GA); Treasurer – Cora Sower (WI).

All area directors listed above were elected in their caucus and Edna replaced Cora as Cora was elected Treasurer.

Connie Myers, legislative chairman, spoke to the group and reported that there were 13,408 legislative contacts made during the year. **Frank Yoakum**, from EANGUS, gave statistics on effects of legislative contacts with the Hill. He stressed how important it was to continue efforts.

Burden Bears – Delores Edwards announced the recipients: Nicole Douse (GA), upcoming kidney surgery for malignant tumor; Minnie Sosa (NM), had to leave Conference due to illness of mother; Virginia Ericson (AZ), death of her son and family commitment; Patty Kaul, death of daughter from cancer; Arlene Poteet (TN), open heart surgery, triple bypass; Elaine St. Clair (VA), death of her brother and multiple medical conditions; Kay Hill (KY), death of her father.

Director Lainhart presented President Bandy (KY) and Jane Semones (KY) the first Area II coins for their hard work and dedication to the Auxiliary.

Chairman Shirley Bogdan reported 6 resolutions:

- 1) President Sheila Bandy for unselfish dedication, for attendance at Area Meetings, Legislative Workshops, and to show that the Auxiliary stands “Side by Side”.
- 2) Dianne Williams for donating time and effort in support of the Auxiliary.
- 3) Hazel Holt for giving her time and effort in support of the Auxiliary.
- 4) President Sheila Bandy for hard work, endless and thankless hours of proofreading as editor of *The Signal*.
- 5) Georgia National Guard and Auxiliary for superior dedication, hard work, service, and willingness to conduct the 2008 national conference.
- 6) Brooks Marr for long and dedicated services to the EANGUS Auxiliary and for the many interesting articles in *The Senior Signal*.

Outstanding State Award—States with 1-25 members—Minnesota, 140 points; **States with 26-75 members**—Georgia, 190 points and North Dakota, 190 points; **States with 76 plus members**—Ohio, 120 points.

Member recruiting efforts recognized: Marsha Stark – California

Brooks Marr recognized **USAA scholarship winners:** Ashley Gaither – TN; Bryan Frazier – VA

Lifetime Membership Award—Mary Hensell, Arizona

Torch Award—Lorraine Miller, New Mexico

Smile Award*—Pat Bishop, MS and Sara Hendricks, Iowa. *Last year for the Ann Hart Smile Award

Distinguished Service Award—Paula Carrigan, Mississippi

Area Director Award—Dianne Williams, Georgia

President’s Award—Bryan Birch and Dianne Williams for their assistance on the website

President Bandy presented each first timer, committee member, and Executive Board member with a purple rose as a small token of appreciation for the support they gave her during her 4 years as President.

President Bandy made a special presentation to those behind-the-scenes folks who had helped her during her presidency: LaDawn Cope (OK), styling her hair in very little time for the Banquet; Ann Hart (MS), for going above and beyond the call of duty; Hazel Holt (NC), for taking care of the Silent Auction.

Vice President Taylor presented President Bandy with a leadership bracelet as an outgoing President’s gift from the Auxiliary.

Vice President Taylor gave the benediction. Patsy Kerby, AL, led the **memorial service**. Those memorialized were:

- LTM #047, Ruth Coleman (DC), August 01, 1987
- LTM #106, Katherine M. Schwartz (MO), February 26, 2000
- LTM #284, Berna R. Favignano (MO), June 13, 2001
- LTM #107, Mildred (Stillion) Skatzes (OH), October 14, 2001
- LTM #081, Charlotte E. Fischer (MO), May 12, 2002
- LTM #108, Patricia Alma (Kuhler) Kremer (MO), October 13, 2002
- LTM #069, Lorena A. Knight (ME), August 24, 2004
- LTM #045, Vannetta Clay (DC), October 18, 2004
- LTM #163, Helen G. Thurston (MO), February 10, 2005
- LTM #035, Renee Litsey (CO), February 01, 2006
- LTM #005, Josephine M. (Butera) Delia, Charter Member (MO), July 15, 2007
- LTM #002, Lois I. Goodson, Charter Member (OH), September 02, 2007
- LTM #207, Berniece (Biermert) Dannemueller (MO), September 16, 2007
- LTM #374, Imogene J. Rawls (TN), December 04, 2007
- LTM #298, Robert A. Flick (CO), January 05, 2008.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The Auxiliary gavel was passed to President Taylor.

Awards presented at the Banquet: “The Pen Is Mightier Than the Musket” Award – Patricia Kishman, West Virginia; **Spouse of the Year Award** – Charlie Hagerman, Arkansas; **Meritorious Service Award**—Ricky Myers, Mississippi.

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2009

The 2009 EANGUS/Thirty-sixth Auxiliary Conference was held August 9-12 in one of the most livable cities in America having been named # 1 City in America for Best Place to Live and designated an All-American City and Star City – Rochester, Minnesota. Honorable Ardell F. Brede, Mayor, welcomed visitors at the Hometown Heroes Parade on Sunday and also attended the Auxiliary Luncheon on Tuesday. Mayor Brede emphasized that “Minnesota Nice” was more than a statement and challenged visitors to find out why the people of Rochester, Minnesota are so excited about their city that they can’t help but cheer, “Rah! Rah! Rochester!”

Saturday events included an EANGUS Executive Council Meeting, which the EANGUS Auxiliary President attended; Exhibitors’ Reception; and the EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents Social.

Chapel Service, First Timers Meeting, and Exhibitors’ Ribbon Cutting started the day on Sunday. Minnesota provided red/white/blue bead bracelets for First Timers and Mississippi (Jody Ward) provided packets of fresh-baked cookies for First Timers. President Taylor provided a brief history of the EANGUS Auxiliary, introduced Officers and Area Directors, gave an overview of the EANGUS Auxiliary, and provided a trivia where First Timers were paired with experienced Auxiliary members. Gifts were given to the first two First Timers to complete the trivia. Carol Benda, Minnesota Auxiliary, and Sheila Bandy (Kentucky), EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator, gave the latest updates on facilities and times. Krista Embry with *Impact Your Image* also gave a brief overview of the event scheduled for Monday.

The impressive Salute to Hometown Heroes Parade on Sunday was a unique start to the 38th EANGUS Conference (36th for the EANGUS Auxiliary); the opening ceremony began at the conclusion of the Parade at Memorial Park and continued at the Mayo Civic Center. Numerous guests were on the program; Congressman Tim Walz delivered an inspiring address. The Auxiliary continued with the **TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) theme** with remarks made by President Vivian Taylor (Mississippi) to the attendees during the opening ceremony, where Auxiliary members were recognized during the AUXILIARY cheer.

Welcome Night festivities in the Peace Plaza included the Minnesota Picnic, featuring brats, burgers, Spam burgers, potato salad, baked beans, beverages, and entertainment.

EANGUS Auxiliary Committees and the EANGUS Board met on Monday. President Taylor attended the National Guard Awards Luncheon where SSG Noyce Merino gave a marvelous speech on “Excellence”. *Impact Your Image* with Krista Embry could have been better attended but those who attended enjoyed the presentation. Monday evening was the only unscheduled time during the Conference.

President Taylor called to order the EANGUS Auxiliary business session at 9:01 a.m. on Tuesday. She welcomed members; recognized Board members, First Timers, and Past Presidents in attendance; provided information on recognizing visitors in the chambers, addressing the presiding officer, and making motions; and made introductory remarks. The roll call indicated the presence of five (5) officers, eight (8) Area Directors, and twenty-three (23) appointees and committee chairmen. Twenty-seven (27) states were represented. There were ninety-six (96) delegates, thirty-five (35) proxies, twenty-two (22) members, and nine (9) guests. The 2009 membership stood at 632 annual members, 446 active life members, and 438 associate members.

SFC Pat Kishman, West Virginia, provided legislative information. Reports were given by: Connie Myers,

Legislative Chairman; Cora Sower, Treasurer; Dorothy Inglese, Finance Committee Co-Chairman; Ruth Quam, Burden Bears; MSgt Deborah Ward, EANGUS Publications Awards; Marlys List, Scholarship Committee; and Sara Hendricks, Lifetime Membership Chairman. Printed reports were adopted.

EANGUS announced only the first place winners in **two publications awards categories**:

Category 6 – Auxiliary State Newsletter – *Bucky's Auxiliary News* (WI)

Category 7 – Auxiliary Area Newsletter – *The Southern Drawl* (Area III)

Recipients of the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarships were: **Kelsey J. Bekaert**, South Dakota, \$1,250.00; **Marilyn E. Maseda**, Mississippi, \$1,000.00 (USAA); and **Laura E. Clay**, Wisconsin, \$1,000.00

Two recommendations relating to Lifetime Membership were approved. The first was that beginning January 1, 2010 the one-time fee be raised from fifteen dollars to twenty-five dollars for the lifetime member applicant. The second was that beginning January 1, 2010 any eligible person who applied for Auxiliary lifetime membership must be the spouse of a person who already had lifetime membership in EANGUS and must have the same state affiliation as the spouse.

President Taylor gave gifts of appreciation to all Officers, Area Directors, and Committee Chairmen.

Around 250 individuals attended the EANGUS Auxiliary Awards Luncheon on Tuesday held in the Heritage Rooms I & II at the Kahler Grand Hotel. These individuals and states were recognized at the Luncheon:

Sara Hendricks' Lifetime Membership Award–**Ann Hart** (MS) *Accepted on Ann's behalf by Pat Bishop/ Brooks Marr*

President's Award – **Cora Sower** (Wisconsin), EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer

Torch Award – **Hazel Holt** (North Carolina), former Chairman of the EANGUS/Auxiliary Silent Auction

Outstanding Area Director Award (points system) – **Connie Myers** (Mississippi) (200 points)

Outstanding State Awards – points system in 3 membership categories

1-25 members – **Kansas** (140 points)

26-75 members – **Georgia** (145 points)

76+ members – **Mississippi** (200 points)

Distinguished Service Award – **Roxanna (Roxie) Barwick** (Wisconsin)

Recruiting Member of the Year – **Connie Myers** (Mississippi)

2nd Highest Recruiting Member of the Year – **Pat Bishop** (Mississippi)

Outstanding Membership Support – **Dianne Williams** (Georgia) and **Bryan Birch** (EANGUS Chief of Staff)

Personal gift from the President – **Lucretia Barbee** (Oklahoma), *The Signal* editor

Personal gift from the President – **Sara Hendricks** (Iowa/New Mexico), Parliamentarian, Lifetime Membership Committee Chairman, Cookbook Project Chairman

An Army Band combo provided music. Special guests included: Mayor Brede; Command Sergeant Major David Ray Hudson, the Senior Enlisted Leader, National Guard Bureau; the acting Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard, CSM Victor Angry; CSM John Gipe, the Eighth Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard; Bud Smith with USAA and his wife, Judy; EANGUS officers Frank Lever, President, and his wife, Ellen; Roger Hagan, Vice President; Doug Simpson, Secretary; and John Helbert, Treasurer; EANGUS Executive Director Mike Cline and his wife, Dian; EANGUS Chief of Staff, Bryan Birch; and Susan Hager, the Cookie Brigade Lady, winner of the EANGUS Patriotism Award.

All Areas Hospitality Night at the Zumbro River Park outside the Mayo Civic Center featured food and beverages from every region of our nation and, as always, states pins' trading was fast and furious!

The second Auxiliary business session was held on Wednesday. Mrs. Debbie Russell, Wyoming, provided an overview of her work as a Family Assistance Center Supervisor. The 2010 budget was approved and two recommendations from the Finance Committee were approved: in years when there was an election, both the outgoing and incoming treasurers would be available for the financial review and the subscription rate for mailing *The Signal* was increased from fifteen dollars to twenty-five dollars.

Jack Nelson from the local **Ronald McDonald House** (RMH) accepted a donation of one thousand five hundred thirty-nine dollars twenty-five cents (**\$1,539.25**). Proceeds were a total of the sale of pop tabs and donations from individuals and states. Minnesota, Arizona, and California were the three states that collected the most pop tabs for RMH.

Membership Co-Chairman Dianne Williams presented the following:

Membership Awards – Increase and Percentage Increase in Annual, Life, and Associate Members

1-25 members

Annual Members

1st Place – State of Tennessee; **2nd Place** – State of Georgia; **3rd Place Tie** – States of Arizona and Virginia

Life Members

1st Place – State of Wisconsin; **2nd Place** – State of California

Associate Members

1st Place – State of Kansas; **2nd Place Tie** – District of Columbia and State of Virginia

26-75 members

Annual Members

1st Place Tie – States of Arkansas and South Dakota
2nd Place Tie – States of Missouri and Oklahoma
3rd Place – Louisiana

76 plus members

1st Place – State of Mississippi

Mississippi also received a plaque for Outstanding State in 76 + category for the year of 2008.

In addition to the awards presented to 1st place recruiter Connie Myers and 2nd place recruiter Pat Bishop at the Tuesday Luncheon, **Membership Recruiting Certificates** were presented to individuals who had recruited at least 5 new members: **Karen Powell**, Arkansas; **Donna Alford**, **Gloria Cooley**, **Paulette McLeod**, **Karen Solots**, **Bridget Steed**, **Vivian Taylor**, and **Teresa White**, all from Mississippi.

Two winners, Pat Bishop and Florence Wright both from Mississippi, were drawn from the pool of names of Auxiliary members who had recruited new members. Each was presented a gift from the Auxiliary.

Connie Myers, Chairman of the Legislative Committee recognized the following states with **Legislative Awards** (states with 50 or more legislative contacts, in alphabetical order): **Arkansas**, 990; **California**, 66; **Florida**, 118; **Iowa**, 68; **Mississippi**, 2,444; **Montana**, 469; **Oklahoma**, 1,673; **South Dakota**, 204; and **Wisconsin**, 183.

President Taylor presented gifts of appreciation to Sheila Bandy, EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator, and Karen Vicente, Minnesota Auxiliary Conference Coordinator.

Officers who continued service for 2009-2010 were: Vivian Taylor, Mississippi, President; Jenny Lainhart, Kentucky/T-10, Vice President; Pat Reed, Georgia, Secretary; Cora Sower, Wisconsin, Treasurer; and Sheila Bandy, Kentucky, Immediate Past President.

Area Directors for 2009-2010 were: Ute Vance, West Virginia, Area II; Dianne Williams, Georgia, and Marie Brabham, Florida, Area III; Connie Myers and Pat Burchfield, Mississippi, Area IV; Edna Steinberg and Margaret Greenfield, South Dakota, Area V; Suzie Stewart, Montana, Area VI; and Marsha Stark and Doris O'Connell, California, Area VII.

Resolutions were approved:

- 1) Recognized the City of Rochester for welcoming the EANGUS family.
- 2) Acknowledged the untiring efforts of Lucretia Barbee in editing the monthly newsletter, *The Signal*.
- 3) Acknowledged Sheila Bandy for filling in during the Conference as Silent Auction Chairman.
- 4) Thanked Karen Vicente for finding a company to copy and bind the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Book at no cost to the EANGUS Auxiliary.
- 5) Thanked the Minnesota National Guard and Auxiliary for hosting the 2009 Conference.

Burden Bears were presented to: Ann Hart (MS); Shelli Kasin (ND); Margaret Greenfield (SD); Theta Olsen (ND); Linda House (SD); Susan Hurtado (OK); and Shirley Dill (GA).

Susan Hager, Cookie Brigade Lady, gave a brief summary of her work. Susan had donated 45 boxes of cookies, which were used throughout the Conference. Members made a donation of \$228.00 for her work.

Several Auxiliary members made donations to the EANGUS Building Fund and the Auxiliary also received donations for the EANGUS "*We Care for America*" Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$122.64 plus the budgeted amount of \$100.00. Paulette McLeod (MS) gave a memorial gift of \$100.00 to the Honey Pot (for Burden Bears) in memory of Delores Ford and Mildred Geary from Mississippi.

Pop Tabs – The membership approved the motion that members no longer transport pop tabs to Conference; that members sell pop tabs before Conference and that members take receipt and funds to Conference for host state RMH. Toiletries would still be collected and donated to the RMH.

Dorothy Inglese, Installing Officer, administered the oaths of office to the Area Directors and Officers and made installation comments, which played off the **TEAM** theme used during the 2009 year... **Travel**, **Enthusiasm**, **Anticipation**, and **Mentoring**. She also presented Area Directors and Officers with a gift.

Conference Chaplain Danna Davis and Billie Davis provided a **Memorial Service**. They recited the names of the following Auxiliary members who had died since the last Conference:

- LTM #086 Carolyn Martha (Horvath) Vasco, Ohio, July 15, 2008
- LTM #525 Shereen (Schumacher) DeGeorge, Mississippi, September 02, 2008
- Annual member Dee Joyce Price, California, November 25, 2008
- Annual member Sandy Ford, Ohio, 2008
- LTM #208 Mary Ann Gerard, Missouri, notified 2008
- LTM #191 Magda "Maggie" J. (Michelet) Hildebrand, Iowa, February 19, 2009
- LTM 223 Katherine M. Pylant, Tennessee, February 20, 2009
- Annual member Daphne Robinette, Arizona, February 2009
- LTM #136 Mildred Marie (Nix) Smith, Mississippi, April 10, 2009
- LTM #227 Alva M. "Jinx" Boswell, Mississippi, May 10, 2008
- Annual member Marie S. Gavin, Mississippi, May 28, 2009
- LTM #004 Delores (Bynum) Ford, Charter Member, Mississippi, June 28, 2009

- LTM #46 Myrtle Rose (Wiechmann) Hollmann, South Dakota, July 07, 2009
- LTM #200 Mildred E. (Chaffin) Geary, Mississippi, July 24, 2009
- LTM #495 Dorothy J. Cobb, Mississippi, December 14, 2009 (date of death corrected from January 2009).

MSgt Deborah Ward, Mississippi, took the initiative to have made **chair covers to recognize the 3 EANGUS Auxiliary presidents who were deceased: Doris Williams (MS), Lois Goodson (OH), and Delores Ford (MS)**. The beautiful purple covers gave the names, state, and years of service of each lady.

President Taylor adjourned the EANGUS Auxiliary Meeting sine die at 12:01 p.m. on August 12, 2009.

Ways and Means Projects—Silent Auction, Boutique, and Cora’s Corner—\$4,906.75 Series State Pins Shadowbox—\$640.00 Dessert Cookbooks—\$750.00 (estimated profit...sales were ongoing at state and area meetings after Conference)

Donations—Doug Simpson, EANGUS Secretary – \$500.00 **CSM John Gipe** – purchased 100 Dessert Cookbooks for \$500.00 then donated Cookbooks back to the Auxiliary to sell.

All States Banquet and Awards Dinner – President Taylor joined EANGUS President Lever in presenting “**The Pen Is Mightier than the Musket**” Award to **Connie Myers, Mississippi**. President Taylor presented the **Meritorious Service Award** to **CMSgt (Ret) Jim Bishop, Mississippi** and the **Spouse of the Year Award** to **MSG (Ret) Joe Davis, Mississippi**; these recipients were nominated by their state and selected by the EANGUS Auxiliary Board of Directors.

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2010

The Gateway City, St. Louis, Missouri was the host city for the 2010 EANGUS/Thirty-seventh Auxiliary Conference held August 8-11, 2010. This was the thirty-seventh conference for the EANGUS Auxiliary. Members could see The Gateway Arch from the host hotel, The Hyatt, and from numerous other vantage points around the city. The Arch was built in 1965 as a monument to the first pioneer who settled west of the Mississippi River. St. Louis offered numerous attractions for those who made time to sightsee.

The Exhibitors’ Ribbon Cutting, complimentary breakfast sponsored by Geico, Chapel, Auxiliary First Timers’ Welcome, and the National Guard Awards Lunch were features on Sunday morning, August 8, 2010. Thanks to past president Sheila Bandy and President Vivian Taylor for updating the EANGUS Auxiliary history; thanks to Edna Steinberg, Area V Director, for providing copies of the history; and thanks to Connie Myers, Area IV Director, for providing binders for the history. All first timers received a copy of the EANGUS Auxiliary history, complete through 2009. There were 12 first timers who attended the First Timer’s Welcome.

The opening ceremonies on Sunday afternoon were called to order by President CSM (Ret) Frank Lever and Auxiliary President Mrs. Vivian Taylor and they led in the pledge of allegiance after the Army National Guard band played the national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*. General Craig R. McKinley, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, was the featured speaker during the joint session. The Honorable Jay Nixon, governor of Missouri; The Honorable Francis G. Slay, the mayor of St. Louis; Brigadier General Stephen L. Danner, the Adjutant General of Missouri; and Chief Master Sergeant W. Allen Ustry, the Command Senior Enlisted Leader NORAD/USNORTHCOM were also guest speakers during the Sunday afternoon session. CSM John D. Gipe, SEA OSD-RA; CMSgt Denise Jelinski-Hall, NGB SEL; CSM Richard J. Burch, ARNG CSM; Christopher A. Muncy, ANG CCM; state SELs, CSMs, CCMs, Adjutants Generals, EANGUS Past Presidents, EANGUS National Staff, and the EANGUS and Auxiliary Executive Councils were recognized. Auxiliary president Vivian Taylor spoke to the EANGUS/Auxiliary membership on the importance of the Auxiliary. She recognized CSM (Ret) Frank Lever, president of EANGUS; MSG (Ret) Mike Cline, executive director of EANGUS; and MSgt (Ret) Dian Cline with *From the Heart* awards. She and Connie Myers also recognized CSM Jim Crosby, Kansas, for his outstanding support of the EANGUS Auxiliary’s initiative of donations for the Ronald McDonald House. In CSM Crosby’s absence Kansas President Wassenburg accepted a check for two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for Kansas RMH from the Mississippi Auxiliary.

The host state welcome on Sunday night was held at Busch Stadium, the home of the St. Louis Cardinals. Ballpark food was served and attendees could view the afternoon’s game on the JumboTron.

EANGUS Auxiliary Committees and the EANGUS Auxiliary Board met on Monday morning and the Rules and Credentials Committee credentialed delegates. Monday afternoon and evening were unstructured hours.

President Taylor called the EANGUS Auxiliary General Membership Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. on Tuesday morning. All five (5) officers were present, with four (4) voting, as well as nine (9) Area Directors, ninety-one (91) delegates, and thirty-five proxies (35). Twenty-one (21) committee chairmen and appointees were present as well as numerous members and guests. Twenty-five (25) states were represented.

Printed reports were adopted. Members heard from Connie Myers, 186th Air Refueling Wing Airman and Family Readiness Program Manager. They also heard from Karen Irwin, Missouri, outlining her initiative to send care packages to deployed Missouri Guard members. The chairman of the legislative committee provided a printed report. The treasurer’s report was printed in the conference book and printed copies of the proposed budget were provided for members. The treasurer, chairman of the finance committee, chairman of the Burden Bears committee, chairman of the legislative

committee, and co-chairman of the scholarship committee gave verbal reports, as well.

Chairman Connie Myers recognized states who had submitted legislative reports to her: Florida and Georgia, Area III; Arkansas, Mississippi, and Oklahoma, Area IV; and South Dakota and Wisconsin, Area V.

Scholarship winners for this year were: **Stephanie Raines** (MS), \$1,250.00; **Jacqueline G. McKennie** (GA), \$1,000.00 (USAA); **Romaine R. Kocer** (SD), \$1,000.00; and **Dustin J. Venske** (WI), \$1,000.00.

The EANGUS publications awards were presented by CMSgt Jim Hotaling to the Best State Auxiliary newsletter, *Bucky's Auxiliary News* from Wisconsin, and the Best Area Auxiliary newsletter, *Area V Is Alive!* from Area V. Roxanna Barwick, Wisconsin, edits both newsletters.

About 190 enjoyed the Auxiliary Awards Luncheon on Tuesday. The following individuals were recognized:

Sara Hendricks' Lifetime Member Award – Helen Tucker (Georgia)

President's Award – Sheila Bandy (KY), Immediate Past President and **Sara Hendricks** (Iowa/New Mexico), Parliamentarian, Lifetime Membership Chairman, Cookbook Chairman

Torch Award – Lucretia Barbee (Oklahoma), *The Signal* editor and **Cora Sower** (Wisconsin), Treasurer

Outstanding Area Director Award – Dianne Williams (Georgia), Area III and **Marsha Stark** (CA), Area VII

Outstanding State Awards –

1-25 members – Massachusetts (100 points) **26-75 members – Wisconsin** (185 points)

76 + members – Mississippi (200 points)

State with largest percentage increase in membership – West Virginia – received a check from EANGUS Auxiliary in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)

State with largest numbers increase in membership – Mississippi – received a check from EANGUS Auxiliary in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) – Mississippi donated that check to the EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship fund.

Distinguished Service Award – Shirley Bogdan (Massachusetts) and **Pearleen Pearce** (Mississippi)

Recruiting Member of the Year – Pat Bishop (MS), plaque and gift card from Wal-Mart in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)

2nd highest Recruiting Member of the Year – Connie Myers (MS), gift card from Wal-Mart in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)

The Tuesday evening All States Hospitality Night was moved from the area around The Gateway Arch to Kiener Plaza. Members enjoyed the traditional pin trading and foods and drinks from the seven Areas as well as musical entertainment.

The President called the 2nd general session to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Mr. Bob Manges, representative from the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) in St. Louis, gave information about the local **RMH** and received checks that totaled one thousand three hundred seven dollars twenty cents (**\$1,307.20**) from EANGUS Auxiliary members.

Three of the four officers were elected by acclamation – Jenny Lainhart (KY/T-10), President; Ute Vance (WV), Secretary; Cora Sower (WI), Treasurer. Candidates for Vice President, Margaret Greenfield (SD) and Judy Wood (AL) spoke to members; Judy Wood (AL) was elected Vice President. Marie Traxler, Nominations Committee Chairman, gave those who were elected during caucuses as Area Directors: Area II—Cathy Hammack (WV) and Margie Holcomb (VA); Area III—Marie Brabham (FL) and Dianne Williams (GA); Area IV—Pat Burchfield (MS) and Connie Myers (MS); Area V—Margaret Greenfield (SD) and Edna Steinberg (SD); Area VI—Suzie Stewart (MT); Area VII—Doris O'Connell (CA) and Marsha Stark (CA).

The constitution committee recommended constitutional amendments regarding the addition of a membership class for lifetime associate membership and another method for election of Area Directors. The amendments were not adopted by the membership. Members approved the proposed budget for 2012. Membership for 2010 was: 688 annual members, 460 active life members, and 432 associate members.

Membership co-chairman Dianne Williams presented the 2010 membership awards:

1-25 members

Annual members

Largest increase in annual members

First Place – state of Pennsylvania **Second Place – state of New Mexico**

Largest percentage increase in annual members

First Place – state of Nevada **Second Place – state of New Mexico**

Life members

Largest increase in life members

First Place Tie – states of Wyoming and Kansas

Largest percentage increase in life members

First Place – state of Wyoming **Second Place – state of Kansas**

Associate members

Largest increase in associate members

First Place – state of South Carolina **Second Place – state of Alaska**

Largest percentage increase in associate members

First Place – state of Missouri **Second Place – state of Alaska**

26-75 members

Annual members

Largest increase in annual members

First Place – state of West Virginia

Largest percentage increase in annual members

First Place – state of Wisconsin **Second Place – state of West Virginia**

Life members

Largest increase in life members

First Place – state of Alabama **Second Place – state of South Dakota**

Largest percentage increase in life members

First Place – state of Alabama **Second Place – state of Oklahoma**

Associate members

Largest increase in associate members

First Place – state of West Virginia **Second Place – state of Arkansas**

Largest percentage increase in associate members

First Place – state of West Virginia **Second Place – state of California**

76 plus members

Largest increase and largest percentage increase in annual, life, and associate members

First Place – state of Mississippi

In addition to the individuals recognized at the Luncheon, **Pat Bishop** (MS), recruiting member of the year, and **Connie Myers** (MS), second place, the following individuals were recognized for recruiting at least five (5) new members: **Kellie Odom** (MS), **Vivian Taylor** (MS), **Teresa White** (MS), **Mandy Fischer** (WV), **Pat Kishman** (WV), **Lawrence Vance** (WV), and **Richard Bryant** (NM).

Resolutions were adopted recognizing the following:

1. **Missouri Association and Auxiliary**—with appreciation for the superior dedication, hard work, service and willingness shown in hosting the 2010 Conference. Missouri Auxiliary also provided the printing of the conference book at no cost to the EANGUS Auxiliary.
2. **Lucretia Barbee**—for her dedication, hard work, endless and thankless hours of proofreading, and excellent work as editor of *The Signal*.
3. **Lorraine Miller**—for her many years of dedicated service and enduring patience as the chairman of the rules and credentials committee.
4. **Mike Cline**—for over 20 years of exemplary service as Executive Director of EANGUS and for his untiring efforts on behalf of EANGUS and the Auxiliary.
5. **Dian Cline**—for being a *Side by Side* partner and representing EANGUS and the Auxiliary at numerous functions and for serving as editor of *The New Patriot*.
6. **Paula Carrigan**—chairman of the 2010 record-setting silent auction who is truly dedicated to the EANGUS Auxiliary and demonstrated that dedication by graciously giving her time and tireless efforts in support of the Auxiliary.
7. **Vivian Taylor**—President 2008-2010 for a job well done which included travel to states and areas, numerous meetings and workshops, publication articles, editing *The Signal* newsletter, countless hours on the computer, packing and unpacking suitcases, and other duties associated with service as president.

Sharon Henderson, **Burden Bears** Committee Chairman, presented Burden Bears to: Irene Pinter, PA; Helen Denton, FL; Petey Garcia, NM; Paulette Lafferty, MS; Debbie Russell, WY; Angela Kennebeck, IA; Mary Hensell, AZ.

Billie Davis (MS) presented a **memorial service**; those remembered were:

- Mary Perdue, AL LTM 232 September 12, 1994 notified 2009
- Louise Harper, IA LTM 261 2009
- Cecilia Halverson, SD LTM 304 October 05, 2009
- Mary Stockwell, ME LTM 252 March 13, 2010
- Agnes Tupman, MS LTM 061 March 18, 2010
- Betty Elliott, KS Annual Member June 19, 2010

Ways and Means Projects for 2009-2010 year were:

- **Silent Auction – \$5,600.00**
- **Country Store – \$105.00**
- **Amethyst and Diamond Bracelet – \$1,225.00** [The bracelet was donated to the EANGUS Auxiliary by

EANGUS Auxiliary President Vivian Taylor & her husband, SFC (Ret) Jerry Taylor.]—Pat Burchfield, EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director, was the winner of the bracelet.

- **Main Dish Cookbooks – \$720.00**
- **Dessert Cookbooks – \$375.00**
- **State Pins Shadowbox – \$765.00**
- **Auxiliary Afghan – \$35.00**
- **Auxiliary Coin – \$5.00**
- **Donation from EANGUS Secretary Doug Simpson – \$500.00**

Paulette McLeod (MS) made a donation of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the Burden Bears fund in memory of Agnes Tupman (past MS Auxiliary president). **President Vivian Taylor** made a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Scholarship fund in memory of Past Presidents Doris Williams, Lois Goodson, and Delores Ford and in honor of Past Presidents June O’Dowd, Sara Hendricks, Nancy McDowell, Mary Galberth, Jane Rohloff, Brooks Marr, Dorothy Inglese, Debra Campbell, and Sheila Bandy.

President Taylor presented personal gifts at various times during the period to: CSM (Ret) Frank Lever, president of EANGUS; MSG (Ret) Mike Cline, executive director of EANGUS; MSgt (Ret) Dian Cline, editor of *The New Patriot*; Susan Jenkins, Missouri Auxiliary Conference Coordinator and Sheila Bandy, EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator; EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Council members, which included officers and area directors; and EANGUS Auxiliary committee chairmen. She expressed her appreciation to each person for their work on behalf of National Guard members and families through EANGUS and the Auxiliary.

Three states—Arkansas, Georgia, and Mississippi—submitted state president’s reports.

Those officers elected for the 2010-2012 term were: Jenny Lainhart (KY/T-10), President; Judy Wood (AL) Vice President; Ute Vance (WV) Secretary; and Cora Sower (WI), Treasurer. Vivian Taylor (MS) moved to Immediate Past President.

Awards presented at the EANGUS All States Banquet were: **EANGUS Side by Side Award – Jody Ward (MS); Meritorious Service Award – CSM Don Cooley (MS) and CSM (Ret) Nate Monastra (OH); Spouse of the Year Award – CSM Lawrence “Larry” Vance (WV).**

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2011

On Saturday, August 16, 2011 the EANGUS executive council met; EANGUS Auxiliary president Jenny Lainhart (Kentucky) represented the Auxiliary at that meeting. EANGUS Auxiliary Immediate Past President Vivian Taylor (Mississippi) hosted the EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents; she provided a meal that included homemade goodies and was followed by a drawing for numerous gifts. The EANGUS and Auxiliary executive council members hosted the exhibitors at a reception on Saturday evening.

The EANGUS Auxiliary members met August 14-17, 2011 at the Charleston Civic Center in Charleston, West Virginia. West Virginia hospitality was evident throughout the city during this fortieth EANGUS conference/thirty-eighth Auxiliary conference.

Immediately following Chapel service on Sunday morning, ten first time conference attendees were welcomed during the First Timers Social: Richard Bryant (New Mexico), Elaine Wright (Maryland), Renee Miller (Mississippi), Carol Eggett (Utah), Shauna Hensala (Wyoming), Brad Silver (Louisiana), Karen Vicente (Minnesota), Amy Hoyer (West Virginia), Selena Barker (West Virginia), and Becky Ball (West Virginia). Each received a purple binder with a copy of “Highlites of the EANGUS Auxiliary History” and West Virginia Auxiliary provided gifts, which included a First Timer’s pin, a gift bag, and a West Virginia sucker. The Auxiliary members hurried from the First Timer’s Social to the EANGUS Exhibitors Ribbon Cutting and to the box lunch provided by Geico.

Auxiliary members attended the EANGUS opening ceremonies on Sunday afternoon at the Charleston Civic Center Coliseum. Auxiliary president Jenny Lainhart spoke to the attendees. Welcome Night festivities were held at the Power House Ball Park and included a softball tournament.

Auxiliary committees and the executive council met on Monday morning. The Rules and Credentials committee credentialed delegates. Monday evening was a free time. Many EANGUS and Auxiliary members accepted the gracious invitation of West Virginia’s Governor, The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin, and First Lady Joanne Jaeger Tomblin, to tour the West Virginia Capitol and the Governor’s Mansion.

President Lainhart called the Thirty-eighth Auxiliary business session to order on Tuesday at 9:05 a.m. Sixty-nine delegates, forty-eight proxies, eighteen members, and eighteen guests represented twenty-six chartered states. Five officers, nine area directors, and nineteen committee chairmen were present along with past EANGUS Auxiliary presidents Sara Hendricks (Iowa), Nancy McDowell (Ohio), Brooks Marr (Mississippi), Dorothy Inglese (California), Sheila Bandy (Kentucky) and Vivian Taylor (Mississippi). Special guest, Mary Keeser, Founder of America’s Adopt-a-Soldier, reviewed her program for members. Mike Bray, Oklahoma EANGUS Vice-President, presented checks on behalf of the Oklahoma Auxiliary: one hundred dollars each to the EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship fund and to the Charleston, West Virginia Ronald

McDonald House. The treasurer's report and proposed budget were presented. Membership for 2011 was: 572 annual members, 468 active life members, and 370 associate members. Silent Auction, Burden Bears, Continuity, Audit, Lifetime Members, and Public Relations reports were given and approved. Vivian Taylor (Mississippi) read "My 12 Hour Soldier", a letter by Shanna B. Jones (Mississippi), a flight nurse recounting a flight taking a bilateral amputee back to the United States for treatment. Copies of the CD "I Guard America" by James Rogers were available for purchase; all proceeds went to the National Guard.

The Auxiliary Luncheon on Tuesday was held at the Marriott Hotel with entertainment provided by the Charleston Academy of Ballet and the 294th Army Band. The guest speaker was Natalie Tennant, the West Virginia Secretary of State. The West Virginia Auxiliary had decorated each table with a different piece and color of Fiesta Ware. **Awards** presented at the Luncheon included: **President's Award** – Claude Imagna (NY) **Torch Award** – Sheila Bandy (KY) **Area Director's Award** – Dianne Williams (Area III) and Edna Steinberg (Area V) **Distinguished Service Award** – Sondra Monastra (OH) **Lifetime Member Award** (presented by Sara Hendricks) – Marsha Stark (CA) **Smile Award** – Sheila Bandy (KY), Betty Hagerman (AR), Sondra Monastra (OH) **Outstanding State Award** – **1-25 members**, Pennsylvania **26-75 members**, Wisconsin **76 plus members**, Mississippi.

The Tuesday evening All States Hospitality Night was held at Haddad Park; highlights of the evening were the traditional pin trading, foods and drinks from the seven Areas, and musical entertainment.

Wednesday's session included the presentation of one thousand two hundred eighty-six dollars three cents (\$1,286.03) to Dewayne Dickens, the local **Ronald McDonald House** representative, from philanthropic chairman Carol Benda (Minnesota) on behalf of the Auxiliary. Toiletry items collected were donated to the Brookside Family Life Center.

Legislative activity – a total of 3,643 contacts was reported from the following states: Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The legislative SOP was revised in 2011.

Scholarship recipients were **Cassandra A. Venske** (WI), \$1,250.00 and **Jordan L. Waters** (IA), \$1,000.00 (USAA-funded scholarship).

Richard Bryant (New Mexico) would be the Constitution committee chairman for 2011-2012. He and his committee would work with the Scholarship committee and Auxiliary members to present changes to the scholarship criteria. The proposed changes to the scholarship criteria presented at the 2011 conference were not approved.

Ways and Means: Silent Auction, \$4,476.50; **Country Store**, \$42.50; **Shadowbox**, \$435.00.

Membership Awards

1-25 Members

Largest increase in *Annual Members*: 1) Arizona 2) Missouri
Largest percentage increase in *Annual Members*: 1) Arizona 2) Missouri
Largest increase in *Lifetime Members*: 1) Missouri
Largest percentage increase in *Lifetime Members*: 1) Missouri

26-75 Members

Largest increase in *Annual Members*: 1) South Dakota 2) Kansas
Largest percentage increase in *Annual Members*: 1) Massachusetts
2) Kansas 3) South Dakota
Largest increase in *Lifetime Members*: 1) California
Largest percentage increase in *Lifetime Members*: 1) Massachusetts
2) California 3) Louisiana
Largest increase in *Associate Members*: 1) Kansas
Largest percentage increase in *Associate Members*: 1) Virginia
2) Massachusetts 3) Kansas

76 plus Members

Largest increase in *Lifetime Members*: 1) Mississippi
Largest percentage increase in *Lifetime Members*: 1) Mississippi

Recruiting Member of Year Marie Brabham (Florida)

Other business on Wednesday included the acceptance of three **Resolutions**: West Virginia National Guard Enlisted Association and its Auxiliary with appreciation for hosting the 2011 conference; South Carolina Auxiliary with appreciation for manning the Silent Auction; and West Virginia Auxiliary with appreciation for the printing of Auxiliary conference books.

Burden Bears were presented to: Sherry Blackwell (SD), Starr Boatwright (AL), Ruth Berger (IA), Sara Hendricks (IA), Peggy Schmidtkofer (AL), Lorraine Miller (NM), and Tessie and Joe Murray (IA). Iowa Auxiliary donated fifty dollars for expenses. **Publications** award noted during the session was *Area V Is Alive!*, the Area V newsletter, Roxanna Barwick (WI), editor. It was later noted from the EANGUS web site that the Mississippi Auxiliary newsletter *Coastal Breeze*, edited by Mississippi Auxiliary president Karen Solots, was awarded the state Auxiliary newsletter award.

Mississippi donated a check in the amount of three hundred five dollars (\$305.00) for the **EANGUS We Care for America Foundation**; Mississippi Auxiliary members donated this amount in lieu of doing door prizes at their Mississippi Auxiliary Board meetings.

Officers elected in 2010 would continue to serve through the 2012 conference: President Jenny Lainhart, KY; Vice President Judy Wood, AL; Secretary Ute Vance, WV; Treasurer Cora Sower, WI. Vivian Taylor, MS, continued to serve as

Immediate Past President. Area Directors elected: Area II—Cathy Hammack (WV) and Margie Holcomb (VA); Area III—Dianne Williams (GA) and Marie Brabham (FL); Area IV—Connie Myers (MS) and Pat Bishop (MS); Area V—Edna Steinberg (SD) and Margaret Greenfield (SD); Area VI—Linda Lyon (WY); Area VII—Marsha Stark (CA) and Dorothy Inglese (CA). Past President Dorothy Inglese (CA) performed the installation and was assisted by Past President Sara Hendricks (IA).

Sherry Blackwell (SD) conducted the **Memorial** service for:

- LTM #552 Helen Grace Denton (FL), August 28, 2010
- LTM #142 Phyllis June (Eby) Sutts (OH), October 08, 2010
- LTM #116 Vivian Darlene (Snyder) Deal (IA), March 26, 2011
- LTM #371 Inez Marie (Levisee) Hicks (AR), August 02, 2011
- Annual members Carolyn Freeman (GA) and Phyllis Hunt (GA).

Auxiliary members joined spouses for the All Units Dinner on Wednesday evening. EANGUS presented numerous awards including the first **EANGUS Side by Side Award**, which President Roger Hagan presented to Sara Hendricks (IA/NM). The EANGUS Auxiliary presented the **Meritorious Service Award** to Bryce Hendricks (IA/NM) and the **Spouse of the Year Award** to James Tucker (GA).

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2012

Members traveled by plane, train, car, and motorcycle to attend the Forty-first EANGUS/Thirty-ninth EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Long Beach, California, August 26-29, 2012. The “California Dreaming” team did a wonderful job of making everyone welcome. Long Beach, the 36th largest city in the nation, is situated in Los Angeles County in Southern California on the Pacific Coast of the United States and afforded lovely weather conditions while EANGUS and Auxiliary members were visiting. We did have reports of earthquakes south and east but we didn’t feel the earth move ourselves! We could see the Queen Mary in the harbor from The Hyatt Hotel. The Port of Long Beach is the United States’ second busiest container port and one of the world’s largest shipping ports. There is a large oil industry and we saw wells tucked behind fences in several of the beachfront neighborhoods. High-tech and aerospace industry abounds. The area is also culturally diverse. There was much to see and do up and down the Pacific Coast Highway.

President Jenny Lainhart attended the EANGUS Executive Council Meeting on Saturday, August 25. Immediate Past President Vivian Taylor hosted the Past Presidents Luncheon in Tides Restaurant at the Hyatt and provided numerous door prizes for the five past presidents in attendance. The Exhibitors Reception and Ribbon Cutting and the Reception for Senior Leaders were held on Saturday evening. The Auxiliary Silent Auction set up on Saturday and closed Monday; items remaining were sold from the Auxiliary meeting room on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Chaplain’s Service, First Timers Meeting, the Geico lunch, the National Guard Enlisted Awards Luncheon, EANGUS First Business Session (Joint Session), and the California Welcome Night were features on Sunday. There were twenty-seven first timers recognized between the First Timers Meeting and the Auxiliary general sessions. Reggie Harrison, Deputy City Manager, Long Beach, California; Major General David Baldwin, the Adjutant General of California; and CSM William Clark, the State Senior Enlisted Leader in California welcomed members to California. CMSgt Denise Jelinski-Hall, Senior Enlisted Leader, National Guard Bureau (SEL, NGB), introduced the video presentation, “State of the National Guard” and Congressman Steven M. Palazzo, 4th District, Mississippi was the keynote speaker during the joint session. Special recognitions included: CSM John D. Gipe, Senior Enlisted Advisor, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (SEA, ASD-RA); CMSgt Christopher A. Muncy, Command Chief, Air National Guard (ANG); CMSgt Denise Jelinski-Hall, SEL NGB; CSM Richard J. Burch, 9th Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard; Former and Current State Senior Enlisted Leaders, Army National Guard Command Sergeants Major, and Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sergeants/Senior Enlisted Advisors; EANGUS Past Presidents; AGAUS, NGAUS, NGEDA; EANGUS National Office Staff; EANGUS Executive Council. President Lainhart, during her remarks, recognized EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents and the EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Council. The Welcome Night festivities were held at the Hilton Hotel Esplanade.

EANGUS Auxiliary Committees and the EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Council met on Monday morning and credentialing of delegates began. Monday afternoon and evening was free time and members took advantage of the time to see the sights of the Long Beach area.

President Lainhart called to order the EANGUS Auxiliary first session on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 9:12 a.m. She recognized **Past Presidents** in attendance: Sara Hendricks, Nancy McDowell, Dorothy Inglese, Sheila Bandy, and Vivian Taylor. President Lainhart also recognized the Auxiliary Executive Council. **Certificates of Re-Charter** were given to Delaware, Maryland, and T-10. **EANGUS Publications** Committee Co-Chairman Peter Subitch presented the EANGUS Category 7 (Area newsletters) Award to *The Voice of Area IV*, **Area IV** newsletter edited by Brad Silver (LA) and the Category 7 (State newsletters) Award to **New Mexico**, Richard Bryant, president.

Roll Call indicated there were fifty-two (52) delegates (which included one at large delegate) from sixteen (16) states, five (5) Officers, and ten (10) Area Directors present for a total of sixty-seven (67) delegates; there were forty-two (42) proxies. Eighteen (18) members and fifteen (15) guests were present. **Minutes were approved with two corrections**

(Sheila Bandy, Torch Award and Dianne Williams, Outstanding Area Director Award). Membership for 2012 was 541 annual members, 473 active life members, and 339 associate members. **The Treasurer's Report was filed for the record.** The **Audit Report** showed the financial records to be in order and the **2013 Proposed Budget was adopted.** The **Life Membership Report** showed there were twenty-one (21) members from ten (10) states in the Class of 2011. The Class of 2012 had, on August 28, nine (9) members from five (5) states. As of August 28, there was a total of 752 lifetime members: 479 active, 126 not reported, 124 deceased, 23 ineligible. Chairmen gave Committee reports from the Silent Auction Committee, Burden Bears Committee, Nominations Committee, Public Relations Committee, and Legislative Committee. **Legislative** Committee Chairman Barbara Rains noted that on the printed report in the Conference Book the contacts attributed to Missouri should be the numbers for Mississippi. Chairman Rains presented **certificates of appreciation** to: Shirley Bogdan (MA), Area I; Gretchen Gipe (KY), Area II; Pam Adams (AL), Area III; Jerry and Vivian Taylor (MS), Area IV; Marlys List (SD), Area V; Sara Hendricks (NM), Area VI; CMSgt Liliana Ramos (CA), Area VII. She also thanked the legislative points of contact for 2011-2012 and listed those who would serve for 2012-2013.

President Lainhart presented awards at the Auxiliary Awards Luncheon: **Thank you** to CMSgt (Ret) Roger Hagan, president of EANGUS; **President's Award** to CSM John Gipe, SEA, ASD-RA; **Torch Award** to Past President and Parliamentarian Sara Hendricks (IA/NM); **Distinguished Service Award** to Pat Burchfield (MS); First Time Charter, Vermont and Re-Charter, Washington (would be presented on Wednesday); **Outstanding State Awards—1-25 members, New Mexico, 26-75 members, tie between Florida and Georgia, and 76 plus members, tie between Mississippi and Ohio; Outstanding Membership Award** to Pat Burchfield (MS); **Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award** (presented by Sara) to Lorraine Miller (NM). The centerpieces on each table were provided by California and one member at each table, denoted by a star, was invited to take the picture frame from the arrangement.

President Lainhart called the second business session to order at 9:08 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2012. Peter Subitch accepted the **Re-Charter for Washington** and Pete Gadue accepted the **first-time Charter for Vermont.** **Seth Waugh**, Director of Government Affairs for EANGUS, and **Dr. Mary Bartlett**, Vice-President Cape Fox Behavioral Sciences Professional Services, spoke to members. **EANGUS staffers** Heather Stevens, Bryan Birch, Cheryl Garner, and Melissa Cross were recognized at various times during the morning and EANGUS Vice-President John Helbert stopped in to greet the members and ask for their continued support in the legislative arena. **Credentials and Rules Committee Chairman Margaret Greenfield noted changes** in numbers of proxies, guests, and members.

Scholarship recipients for 2012 were: Daniel S. May (MS), one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00); Danielle C. Seeger (WI), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); Taylor M. Williams (MS), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); Cora L. Sower (WI), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), USAA scholarship. **Membership** Committee Chairman Dianne Williams recognized states for membership growth: 1-25 members, tie between New Mexico and Nebraska; 26-75 members, Florida, Georgia, Arizona, California; 76 plus members, Ohio, Mississippi, and Kansas. Chairman Williams also presented certificates to individuals who had recruited at least five (5) new members: Patricia Nelson (GA); Thomas McKennie (GA); Vivian Taylor (MS); Connie Myers (MS); and Pat Bishop (MS). She presented certificates to Washington, Oregon, and Utah for their work on membership. Patricia Nelson (GA) and Geri Hill (MS) were the membership drawing prizes winners.

Outstanding Area Director Awards were presented to Dianne Williams (GA), Area III and Edna Steinberg (SD), Area V. President Lainhart presented **Past Presidents Gifts** to the five past presidents in attendance. **Burden Bears** were given to: Pat Reed (GA), Helen Tucker (GA), Liz Ludwig (MN), Nicole Douise (GA), Roxanna (Roxie) Barwick (WI), Pat Nelson (GA), and John Helbert (MA).

Constitution Committee Chairman Richard Bryant and Scholarship Committee Co-Chairman Marlys List presented the **proposed changes—adding stepchildren, grandchildren, and step grandchildren—to the scholarship criteria.** Scholarship Committee Co-Chairman Marlys List called for the question and the recommendation was approved as stated.

Ronald McDonald House gifts of six hundred twenty dollars fifty cents (\$620.50) would be presented to the local house. There were also actual pop tabs that were presented at Conference; Laurie Clark, California, would recycle those tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Philanthropic Committee Chairman Carol Benda moved that the funds from the pop tabs project in 2013 be given to Fisher House. The motion was seconded and carried on roll call vote.

Officers and Area Directors for 2012-2014 were: Jenny Lainhart (KY/T-10), President; Judy Wood (AL), Vice-President; Wanda Ryan (KS), Secretary; Cora Sower (WI), Treasurer; Vivian Taylor (MS), Immediate Past President; Area II Directors, Margie Holcomb (VA) and Cathy Hammack (WV); Area III Directors, Marie Brabham (FL) and Dianne Williams (GA); Area IV Directors, Pat Bishop (MS) and Judith Putman (KS); Area V Directors, Margaret Greenfield (SD) and Karen Vicente (MN); Area VI Director Linda Lyon (WY); Area VII Director Dorothy Inglese (CA).

Five **Resolutions** were presented to: 1) California Enlisted Association and Auxiliary for hosting the 2012 Conference in Long Beach; 2) Jenny Lainhart for editing *The Signal*; 3) Stella Cameron and South Carolina Auxiliary for staffing the silent auction; 4) Jenny Lainhart for all the duties associated with service as EANGUS Auxiliary President; 5) California Auxiliary for providing funds required above Auxiliary budget to print Auxiliary Conference Book and to Laurie Clark who designed the cover of the Book. **Ways and Means Projects: Silent Auction**, four thousand twenty-seven dollars seventy-five cents (\$4,027.75); **Country Store**, thirty-five dollars (\$35.00); **50/50 Raffle**, six hundred eighteen dollars (\$618.00); **Pins Shadowbox**, three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Amy Long, (WV) won the shadowbox. Doug Simpson, newly

elected EANGUS Vice-President donated five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Past President Dorothy Inglese performed the Installation Service and gifted those installed with a fresh purple composition book and pen and added a mini ceramic heart with Scripture reference for the officers. Dorothy also recognized Marsha Stark, Domingo Ramos, Bart Inglese, Sheila Bandy, and Jenny Lainhart with gifts of appreciation and sent gifts to Marsha's spouse, Bob, and Sheila's spouse, Jay.

Memorial Service—Carol Benda memorialized the following individuals who had died in the past year:

- LTM #545 Doris “Dorrie” LaFaun (Redd) Hagan (MT), October 18, 2011
- LTM #167 Linda Kay (Engard) Rower (OH), November 05, 2011
- LTM #336 Gilda G. (Nelson) Reuter (WI), November 11, 2011
- LTM #135 Dorothy L. “Dot” (Slay) Pee (MS), May 12, 2012
- LTM #080 Alda Ferwerda (SD), August 08, 2012
- LTM #529 George-Ann Alexander (CA), August 13, 2012
- Annual member Starr Welborn Boatwright (AL)
- Griseldis “Chris” Elisabeth Belin (spouse of lifetime member Richard L. Belin) (KS).

Awards presented at the EANGUS All States Banquet were: **Meritorious Service Award** – MSG (Ret) James “Jib” Crawford (MS); **Spouse of the Year Award** – SFC (Ret) Jerry Burchfield (MS); **EANGUS Side by Side Award** Barbara Rains (FL). Roxanna “Roxie” Barwick (WI) received the EANGUS **“Pen Is Mightier than the Musket”** Award. Roxie was unable to be at Conference due to the illness of her husband, Don, so the award was announced by President Lainhart in an e-mail on October 21.

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2013

“The Mount Rushmore State” members welcomed EANGUS, Auxiliary, exhibitors, guests, and families with warm weather and warm hospitality. Trivia aficionados might know that South Dakota is also known as “The Sunshine State”, “The Coyote State”, “The Artesian State”, “The Blizzard State”, and has also been referred to as “The Land of Plenty” and “The Land of Infinite Variety”. Members returned to South Dakota, “Where It All Began”, for the Forty-second annual EANGUS/Fortieth annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference and “Fun at the Falls” August 18-21, 2013. South Dakota boasts many natural and created wonders including Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse statue, the Corn Palace, Sioux Falls, Devil’s Gulch, the Black Hills, the Badlands, and the prairie, grasslands, and farmland covering 90% of the state. Historical figures like Lewis and Clark, Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, Sitting Bull, and General George Custer added to the colorful past of South Dakota. Custer’s military band found gold in the Black Hills in 1874. Before it closed in 2002, South Dakota’s Homestake Mine was the oldest, largest, and deepest in the western hemisphere and one of the largest gold producers in the United States.

President Jenny Lainhart (Kentucky/Title 10) was unable to be present at the conference due to an unexpected, last minute work conflict. Judy Wood (Alabama), EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President, served as the presiding officer/acting president. She attended the EANGUS Executive Council Meeting on Saturday and visited briefly at the **Past Presidents Luncheon**. Immediate Past President Vivian Taylor (Mississippi) hosted the luncheon in the Sheraton Falling Waters Grille and provided numerous door prizes for the five past presidents (Sara Hendricks, Nancy McDowell, Dorothy Inglese, Sheila Bandy, and Vivian Taylor) present at lunch on Saturday. June O’Dowd, the second EANGUS Auxiliary president, and Jane Rohloff, the eighth EANGUS Auxiliary president, arrived later. The Past Presidents had additional opportunities to visit at reserved tables at the Luncheon and at the All States Banquet.

Sherry Blackwell, the Auxiliary’s Chaplain, led **Chapel Service** on Sunday. Eleven first timers were recognized at the First Timers Meeting. **Joint Opening Ceremonies** began at Veterans Memorial Park where attendees witnessed the posting of the flag of the United States—South Dakota members ran with the flag from Mount Rushmore across South Dakota to Veterans Memorial Park—and heard from **The Honorable Dennis Daugaard**, Governor of South Dakota, **Major General Timothy Reisch**, The Adjutant General of the South Dakota National Guard, and **City Councilman Greg Jamison**. Opening ceremonies continued in the Sioux Falls Convention Center with addresses from **Command CMSgt (Ret) Denise Jelinski-Hall**, former Senior Enlisted Leader, National Guard Bureau and **General Frank J. Grass**, Chief, National Guard Bureau. Acting President Judy Wood addressed the joint session and recognized the Auxiliary Executive Council, Past Presidents, and members, to include associate members. The Welcome Night festivities were enjoyed at Falls Park.

Committees and the EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Council met on Monday morning and delegates were credentialed. Tuesday morning caucuses allowed time for discussion of the proposed constitution changes and for election of Area Directors.

Acting President Judy Wood (Alabama) called the meeting to order on Tuesday morning and welcomed members. **Chaplain Sherry Blackwell** (South Dakota) provided inspirational thoughts and led in prayer. Immediate Past President Taylor (Mississippi) led in the pledge to the flag. Acting President Wood introduced the Executive Council and Past Presidents. **The roll call** by Secretary Wanda Ryan (Kansas) showed there were eighty-one (81) delegates and forty-three (43) proxies from twenty-six (26) chartered states. Four (4) officers and eight (8) Area Directors answered roll call;

sixteen (16) members and five (5) guests also attended the Tuesday session. Chairman Lorraine Miller gave the **Credentials and Rules Report**. **Charity Bierhaus**, Humana/TRICARE South Region, spoke to members and **EANGUS President John Helbert**, thanked members for their support. The agenda, with changes as necessitated by time and guests' attendance, was approved; the standing rules were adopted; the **minutes** were approved; and the **Treasurer's Report** was filed for the record. The Treasurer's Report indicated a 2013 membership of 1,058 (571 annual members plus 487 active life members) and 388 associate members. The remainder of the time before the luncheon on Tuesday was spent in reading and discussing the **proposed constitution changes**. Sharon Henderson (Iowa) reminded attendees to submit names of individuals who should be considered to receive a Burden Bear.

Acting President Wood welcomed the approximately one hundred individuals who attended the **Auxiliary Luncheon**. Chaplain Blackwell led the invocation. Immediate Past President Taylor introduced the EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Council and spouses who were present and the EANGUS Executive Council and their guests. She introduced Command CMSgt (Ret) Denise Jelinski-Hall, former Senior Enlisted Leader, National Guard Bureau, and her husband, Gary (retired Major, United States Marine Corps); CMSgt Jim Hotaling, Command Chief, Air National Guard; and CSM Brunk Conley, Command Sergeant Major, Army National Guard; John Murphy from Southern New Hampshire University; Mark Wilson, Grantham University; Dennis Schmitz, Battlefields to Oilfields PEC safety company; USAA representative Dick Smith and his wife, Debbie; and Brook McLean and Scarlet Bauman, the Air Force Enlisted Village, Shalimar, Florida. Southern New Hampshire University, Grantham University, and Battlefields to Oilfields PEC Safety Company provided funds, which were used to offset the cost of printing the Auxiliary conference book. The Air Force Enlisted Village provided funds to assist with luncheon expenses. Acting President Wood recognized the South Dakota Auxiliary and the South Dakota Auxiliary President Gayle Funk presented a gift to her mother-in-law who quilted the quilt on which donations were taken.

While attendees finished the buffet lunch Brooke McLean and Scarlet Bauman gave an overview of the mission of The Air Force Enlisted Village. President John Helbert and Vice-President Doug Simpson presented the **EANGUS Publications Awards** to Area V for *Area V Is Alive* newsletter and to Wisconsin for *Bucky's Auxiliary News* newsletter. Roxie Barwick was the editor for both publications. Awards Chairman Sheila Bandy presented awards: **Outstanding State Awards**—1-25 members, Maryland, 26-75 members, Louisiana, and 76plus members, Mississippi; **Torch Award**, Dorothy Inglese (California); **President's Award**, Roxie Barwick (Wisconsin); **Outstanding Membership Award**, Jackie McKennie (Georgia); **Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award** (presented by Sara), Marlys List (South Dakota). Chaplain Blackwell led the benediction and Acting President Wood made closing remarks.

Harley-Davidson motorcycle enthusiasts really enjoyed the location of the Tuesday evening All-Area Hospitality Night. J & L Harley provided 20% discount coupons to shoppers. State pins trading and food from every area were features of this EANGUS tradition.

Wednesday—The proposed **constitution changes** were approved, with a deletion on 3.3 Dues (c). The Executive Council suggested that dues reporting and transmittal language be added to the Standard Operating Procedures and that more thought be given to that language before the change would be finalized. Proposed **Changes 1 through 3** dealt with National Associate Life—Proposed Change 1 added National Associate Life as a class of membership (Article III Individual Membership 3.1 Classes of Membership (e) **National Associate Life**) and necessitated addition of National Associate Life, 3.2 Qualifications and Requirements for Membership (e) **National Associate Life** The National Associate Life membership may be issued to individuals who support the objectives of the AUXILIARY, but are not eligible for annual or lifetime membership in the AUXILIARY. A National Associate Life member shall not be: a voting delegate, eligible to hold an office, eligible for scholarships, eligible for annual or lifetime membership in the AUXILIARY. Dues, one hundred dollars (\$100.00). **Change 4** was amended to delete 3.3 c. The change in **3.3 Dues (a)** Prescribed dues, Annual, Life, National Associate and Life National Associate, as set forth by the AUXILIARY, are to be paid to the AUXILIARY Treasurer by the chartered states, accompanied by a complete name and address for each member whose dues are being paid. **(b)** An Annual, Life, National Associate and Life National Associate membership will be on an anniversary date. All memberships will begin on the first day of the month and end the last day of the month. **Change 5 10.1 Fiscal Year** The fiscal year of the AUXILIARY commences on the anniversary date to coincide with the ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES fiscal year. **Change 6 Article XI Parliamentary Authority to read** The Current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall serve as the parliamentary authority except where it is in conflict with the Constitution of the AUXILIARY, or with standing or special rules established by a General or Special Conference.

Committee Chairmen reports were given by Dorothy Inglese, State Pins Shadowbox; Sharon Henderson, Burden Bears; Thomas McKennie, Finance; Sondra Monastra, Nominations; Vivian Taylor, Life Membership and Public Relations; Barbara Rains, Legislative; and Marlys List, Scholarships. Chairman Inglese provided a review of the **State Pins Shadowbox project** from its inception and reported that five hundred seventy dollars (\$570.00) was generated from the project for the Auxiliary treasury in 2013. Chairman Henderson noted the following recipients of **Burden Bears** for 2013: Shirley Bogdan (Massachusetts), Sandi Munden (Mississippi), Chuck Kasin (North Dakota), George Vaught (Virginia), Kathie Dell (Iowa), and Shirley Spitz (Wisconsin). Chairman McKennie gave the **Audit Report** and **Finance Committee Recommendations**. The Audit Report indicated that all random samplings of financial records were found to be in order. Treasurer Sower recommended that she be allowed to use **Bill Pay** to facilitate the transfer of money and information from on-line Auxiliary

memberships from the EANGUS Internet site to the respective state Auxiliaries. Committee recommended **Conference Book line item** in budget be changed from two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to reflect the actual cost of printing in the event that cost was not covered by fund raising activities or donated. **Twenty percent (20%) of funds collected through Life National Associate membership** will be directed to support the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Fund. An **active ad sales campaign** will be established to help cover the cost of printing the conference book and further shore up the general fund. **The proposed budget for 2014 was adopted** as printed. Chairman Monastra reported the following were **elected as Area Directors** in their respective caucuses: Area II, Margie Holcomb (Virginia); Area III, Dianne Williams (Georgia); Area IV, Kim Clay (Louisiana); Area V, Angela Kennebeck (Iowa) and Chris Sower (Wisconsin); Area VI, Polly Williams (Utah). These individuals joined those Area Directors on the Executive Council who would serve their second year of the two-year term. Chairman Taylor noted recent deaths changed the **Life Membership Report** as printed in the conference book. She reported that there were 758 life members: active life members, 476; life members not reported by states, 124; deceased life members, 134; ineligible life members (includes divorced, non-Guard spouse, and requests for removal), 24. Those who had died since conference book report were: Peggy E. (Estes) Gillie (GA), lifetime member number 281, June 05, 2013; Ruth (Hulen) Buescher (MO), lifetime member number 105, December 04, 2012; and Joan (Ebenhack) “Joanie” Foster, August 12, 2013. The class of 2012 had twelve members and through August 20, 2013 the class of 2013 had three members. Chairman Rains presented **Legislative** certificates to: Dianne Williams (Georgia); Pat and Jim Bishop (Mississippi); Carol Benda (Minnesota); and Ken Wahl (California). Marlys List for the Scholarship Committee reported the following **Scholarship recipients**: Clara K. Schild (South Dakota), one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) scholarship; Delaney J. FitzPatrick (Wisconsin), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) scholarship; Trevor Stan (Ohio), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) scholarship; and Julie Lyon (Wyoming), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) scholarship. She noted that two of the recipients were grandchildren. **EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator Edna Steinberg** gave periodic updates on conference and **Secretary Wanda Ryan** shared announcements.

Chairman Dianne Williams announced **membership awards for states**, recognizing most growth in annual members, life members, associate members, and best percentages of growth in membership: states with 1-25 members—Maryland, New Mexico, Missouri, Massachusetts, and Wyoming; 26-75 members—Louisiana, Delaware, Alabama, Wisconsin, Florida, and West Virginia; 76plus members—Georgia. She recognized **individuals who had recruited at least five new members**: Pat Bishop, Vivian Taylor, Connie Myers, and Pat Burchfield, all from Mississippi and Patricia Nelson and Thomas McKennie, both from Georgia. Jackie McKennie provided 2 gifts, which were presented to membership prize drawing winners Connie Myers and Vivian Taylor, both from Mississippi. Acting President Wood presented the **Outstanding Area Director Award** to Dianne Williams (Georgia), Area III and the **Distinguished Service Award** to Gloria Cooley (Mississippi). Philanthropic Chairman Carol Benda showed a video regarding Fisher Houses. There was no **Fisher House** in South Dakota or Hotels for Heroes so the donations to Fisher House for this year went to the Fisher House in Minneapolis. The 2013 Treasurer’s Report showed four hundred thirty-five dollars forty-four cents (\$435.44) was sent to Fisher House. There was a motion and second that the pop tabs **donations for 2014 would be divided between the Fisher House and Ronald McDonald House**. The motion passed on roll call vote. The amended motion—to the Fisher House and Ronald McDonald House nearest the 2014 conference city (Phoenix, Arizona)—also passed. **Silent Auction total** was four thousand three hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$4,327.00); **50/50 funds**, one thousand two hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$1,289.00). Judi Perkins was the winner of the 50/50. **Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU)**, **Grantham University**, and **Battlefields to Oilfields** provided funds to the Auxiliary, which paid for the printing of the Auxiliary conference book. EANGUS Area IV Director John Harris was instrumental in securing these donations.

MSgt E.J. Cosby and CSM (Ret) Karen Craig promised attendees a great 2014 conference in Phoenix, Arizona. The per diem rate at the Hyatt Regency and the Renaissance, the two hotels that will house attendees, is eighty dollars plus taxes. Taxes will be higher as there is a local resort tax. The Phoenix conference contacts made notes to check on parking and recreational vehicle sites.

After adjournment the Chaplain presented a **memorial service** in remembrance of the following Auxiliary members who had died:

- LTM #419 Elwanda (Burns) Garritson (Kentucky), September 28, 2012
- LTM #416 Neva Mae (Pettes) Freeburgh (Mississippi), December 01, 2012
- LTM #105 Ruth (Hulen) Buescher (Missouri), December 04, 2012
- LTM #073 Mathilda Katharine “Kaye” (Kuemper) Ruby (South Dakota), December 30, 2012, Charter Member
- LTM #385 Grace (Correro) Galtelli (Mississippi), December 31, 2012
- LTM #360 Virginia G. (Golden) Brown (Mississippi), March 14, 2013
- LTM #536 Glenda L. (Sauvage) Bosse (Kansas), May 28, 2013
- LTM #281 Peggy E. (Estes) Gillie (Georgia), June 05, 2013
- LTM #456 Rita Frances (Tucker) Brown (Arkansas), June 08, 2013
- LTM #071 Joan E. “Joanie” (Ebenhack) Foster, Charter Member (Ohio), August 12, 2013.

The EANGUS Executive Council met immediately following adjournment of the Auxiliary meeting. EANGUS

Vice-President **Doug Simpson** dropped in on the meeting and was the **first person to pay EANGUS Auxiliary National Associate Life membership**. Vice-President Simpson, as has been his custom for a number of years, also donated five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the EANGUS Auxiliary. The Executive Council suggested several items to be included in the After Action Report.

Acting President Wood, at the All States Award Banquet on Wednesday evening, presented the **Meritorious Service Award** to Command CMSgt (Ret) Ricky Myers (Mississippi) and the **Spouse of the Year Award** to CMSgt (Ret) Jim Bishop (Mississippi). EANGUS President John Helbert presented the **EANGUS Side by Side Award** to EANGUS Auxiliary Past President Dorothy Inglese (California).

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Phoenix, the capital of Arizona with over 4 million residents, was the host city for the Forty-third annual EANGUS Conference (Forty-first for the EANGUS Auxiliary). The Conference began on Sunday afternoon, August 10 and concluded on Wednesday evening, August 13. Arizona is known for its varied landscape, national parks, desert climate, and the Grand Canyon. Humphrey's Peak is the highest point in the state at 12,637 feet. Sunny days are the norm in Phoenix with around 210 per year and temps in the summer average around 106 degrees. Mixed in with the sun and warm temps, there were some monsoon rains while EANGUS and Auxiliary members were in town.

Immediate Past President Vivian Taylor hosted past presidents at lunch in Networks, Hyatt Hotel, on Saturday and provided door prizes. President Jenny Lainhart and Vice President Judy Wood attended the EANGUS EC Meeting.

Sunday was busy with the usual events: Chapel Service; Ribbon Cutting; Opening Session; Welcome Night. At the Opening Session an Arizona Guard member, in prayer robe, provided a Navajo Blessing with an eagle feather to the four directions of the earth, committing the earth to the holy. The 108th Army Band provided music and SFC Dennis Greenwood sang the national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Major General Michael T. McGuire, the Adjutant General of Arizona, and CMSgt Shane G. Clark, Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA), Arizona made remarks around the Conference theme "We've Got Your Back". We heard that The National Guard is a proven choice for the war fight, the first choice for homeland/community protection and service, and the enduring choice for partnership building. Attendees learned interesting facts about Arizona and Maricopa County, the fourth largest county in the nation. Arizona, the 48th state, was the last of the contiguous states to be admitted to the Union. It is known for its climate, cactus, canyons, copper, cotton, and citrus. The 10th Command Sergeant Major, Army National Guard (ARNG), CSM Brunk W. Conley shared information about the "67%", noting that 67% of the Guard's numbers are enlisted members with the rank of E-5 and below. The 11th Air National Guard (ANG) Command Chief, CMSgt James W. Hotaling stated that as resources continue to decrease the value of the American Airman increases. In a video, outstanding airmen offered advice: take job seriously, learn everything possible, be a servant leader, do things right the first time, contribute, be proficient, work together/synergize, offer similar service from different backgrounds. Recognition was given to former and state Senior Enlisted Leaders, ARNG CSMs, ANG CCMs/SEAs, Adjutants Generals, EANGUS Past Presidents, AGAUS, NGAUS, and EANGUS office staff. EANGUS Auxiliary President Jenny Lainhart made remarks and recognized EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents and the EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Council. The Welcome Night festivities were held at the Lucky Strike Bowling Center.

Committee Meetings and the Executive Council (EC) Meeting and Training for state officers and Executive Council were held on Monday. President Lainhart presented a check for five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to Treasurer Sower at the EC Meeting; the donation was from EANGUS Vice President Doug Simpson and continued his tradition of making an annual donation of that amount to the EANGUS Auxiliary. The Credentials Committee provided appropriate credentials to the states on Monday and made changes only on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The First General Session was called to order by President Jenny Lainhart on Tuesday morning, August 12, 2014 at 9:03 a.m. (MST). Roll Call indicated there were sixty (60) delegates, fifty-seven proxies (57), four (4) officers, eight (8) Area Directors, five (5) members, and thirteen (13) guests present on Tuesday from twenty-eight (28) states. President Lainhart recognized the past presidents in attendance: June O'Dowd (LA), Sara Hendricks (IA/NM), Nancy McDowell (OH), Dorothy Inglese (CA), Shelia Bandy (KY), and Vivian Taylor (MS). She also recognized the officers and Area Directors. Eleven (11) First Timers were present at the 2014 Conference: Deidre Scott, TN; Sue Meisner, SC; Pam Brown, TN; Cathy Adams, MS; Christina Thomas, MS; Shirley Moore; Jane Hoefs, CO; Trayce Young, AR; Wanda Verne, FL; Shelia Brookins, KY; and Joni Moore, NY.

The minutes from the 2013 Conference were approved and the Treasurer's Report was given. The Treasurer's Report indicated 30 states reported 528 annual members and 481 active life members for 2014 and 303 associate members. Reports from Pins Shadowbox, Burden Bears, Nominations Committee, Lifetime Membership Committee, Public Relations Committee, and Legislative Committee were given by respective Chairmen or person filling in for Chairmen: Dorothy Inglese, Karen Vicente, Sondra Monastra, Vivian Taylor, and Barbara Rains. Chairman Dorothy Inglese reported that five thousand two hundred twenty-six dollars (\$5,226.00) had been raised with the **Pins Shadowbox** through 2013. Those who wished to nominate someone to receive a Burden Bear were encouraged to submit forms to the Committee by Wednesday morning, August 13, 2014. **The Lifetime Membership Report** indicated there were seven hundred sixty-nine (769) life

members; four hundred sixty-three (463) active life members; one hundred thirty-five (135) life members not reported by states; one hundred forty-six (146) deceased life members; and twenty-five (25) ineligible life members (includes divorced, non-Guard spouse, and requests for removal). Chairman Taylor reported that the Class of 2013 had a total of eight (8) with six (6) ladies and two (2) gentlemen. Through August 12, 2014, there were six (6) members in the Class of 2014. Chairman Taylor again reiterated the criteria for applying for life membership: applicant must be a current annual member of state and EANGUS Auxiliary and spouse must be a lifetime member of state association and EANGUS. Chairman Barbara Rains reported for the **Legislative Committee** and presented certificates to the following individuals: Area I, Shirley Bogdan; Area II, Sheila Bandy; Area III, James Rains; Area IV, Pat Clark; Area V, Marlys List; Area VII, Harry Courtney. President Lainhart announced the **Publications Awards**: state newsletter *Dogwood Blossom*, Virginia and area newsletter, *Area V Is Alive!*, Area 5. Marlys List, Scholarship Committee Co-Chairman, announced the **scholarship recipients**: **Alyssa R. Smith** (MS), one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00); **Keisha L. Voges** (SD), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); **Joseph T. Kuykendall** (CO), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); **Nathan A. List** (SD), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Co-Chairman List reported that twelve (12) had applied for scholarships; of that number, five (5) were found to be ineligible—one (1) had previously received an EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship; three (3) applicants had administrative errors on their documents; one (1) had not graduated from high school.

Approximately one hundred twenty (120) individuals attended the Luncheon on Tuesday afternoon. President Lainhart introduced: CMSgt James W. Hotaling, 11th Command Chief, ANG; former NGB SEA, CMSgt (Ret) Denise Jelinski-Hall and her husband, Gary; Brooke McLean, Air Force Enlisted Village; Cathy, Navy Federal; Carrie Welch, Grantham University; Randall Ricketts, Bethel University; Dick Smith, USAA; Nick Vandemere, Battlefields to Oilfields; Steve Boucher, Humana; 10th Command Chief, ANG, CMSgt (Ret) Chris Muncy and wife, Monique; The Lone Bugler, Dick Pinter; EANGUS Area IV Director John Harris; EANGUS Officers, President John Helbert, Vice President Doug Simpson, Secretary Kate Arizo, Treasurer Dan Siekawitch; EANGUS Area Directors and Past Presidents who were present; EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents; and EANGUS Auxiliary Officers and Area Directors. The Lone Bugler led the assemblage in singing *The Star-Spangled Banner*. CSM (Ret) Karen Craig, Arizona Conference Chairman, welcomed members. Chaplain Blackwell led in the Prayer asking for God's blessings on the food. Lunch was served. The following awards were presented: **Support Awards**—EANGUS President John Helbert and The Lone Bugler, Dick Pinter; Grantham University and Battlefields to Oilfields, for donations; cards of appreciation were presented to Grand Canyon University, Bethel University, and Navy Federal; **Outstanding State Awards**—1-25 members, Commonwealth of Virginia; 26-75 members, South Dakota; and 76plus members, tie, Louisiana and Mississippi; **Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award** (presented by Sara Hendricks)—Sondra Monastra (OH); **President's Award**—John Harris, EANGUS Area IV Director. CSM (Ret) Karen Craig noted that each table had a chair which had a ticket taped underneath; the person in that chair took home the table centerpiece; she also drew names of winners of Arizona items from the Arizona items gift table. Chaplain Blackwell led the benediction and President Lainhart made closing remarks. The All Areas Night was held at the Arizona Military Reservation.

On Wednesday, August 13, 2014 **The Membership Awards** were presented by Chairman Dianne Williams.

1-25 members

Maryland, *first place for largest increase and largest percentage increase in overall members and first place for largest increase and largest percentage increase in annual members.*

26-75 members

Montana, *first place for largest increase in overall members, second place for largest percentage increase in overall members, first place for largest percentage increase in annual members, and first place for largest increase and largest percentage increase in associate members.*

Virginia, *first place for largest percentage increase in overall members.*

New Mexico, *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.*

Kentucky, *tie for first place for largest increase in life members and first place for largest percentage increase in life members.*

Delaware, *tie for first place for largest increase in life members and first place for largest increase and largest percentage increase in associate members.*

76 plus members

Louisiana, *first place for largest increase and largest percentage increase in overall members and first place for largest increase and largest percentage increase in annual members.*

Georgia, *second place for largest increase and largest percentage increase in overall members, second place for largest increase and largest percentage increase in annual members, and largest percentage increase in associate members.*

Individual recognitions were presented to Connie Myers (MS) for most new members recruited and Jackie McKennie (GA) for second highest number of new members recruited. Connie and Jackie also won the prizes in the membership drawing.

Awards were presented to Judith Putman (KS), Area IV Director, Outstanding Area Director Award and to Pat Bishop (MS), Distinguished Service Award. **Burden Bears** were presented to: Dick Pinter (PA); Emma Eigner (SC); Mary Ann Owens (SC); Bonnie Wood (AR); CSM Tony & SGM Jan Pridgen (AL); Chris and Cora Sower (WI). The proposed

budget was adopted. **Philanthropic Committee** Chairman Carol Benda reported that one thousand three hundred forty dollars fifty cents (\$1,340.50) had been received to be divided between **Fisher House and Ronald McDonald House**, with each to receive six hundred seventy dollars twenty-five cents (\$670.25). **Pins Shadowbox** Chairman Dorothy Inglese reported that the 2014 project raised six hundred seventy dollars (\$670.00) and Robert Elmore (AL) was the winner of the pins shadowbox. **Silent Auction** Chairman Kim Clay reported that there were one hundred eighty-four (184) items in the silent auction. At the end of the day on Wednesday the silent auction had netted three thousand eight hundred twenty-two dollars (\$3,822.00) for the EANGUS Auxiliary treasury. The **50/50 Raffle** total was three hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$397.00); the winner, C. (Chris/Cora) Sower, received one hundred ninety-eight dollars fifty cents (\$198.50) as did the EANGUS Auxiliary. Kevin Hollinger, **Team Indy**, presented information about the 2015 EANGUS Conference to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Several ladies were at the 2014 Conference in Phoenix who were also present at the 1979 Conference in Phoenix: Roxanna “Roxie” Barwick (WI); Shirley Enke (MO); Sara Hendricks (IA/NM); Mary Hensell (AZ); Sondra Monastra (OH); Marlys List (SD); Charlotte Kuykendall (VA). Door prizes were given. President Jenny Lainhart **passed the gavel** to newly-elected President Judy Wood (AL). President Wood, on behalf of the EANGUS Auxiliary, presented a **gift of appreciation** for service to Out-going President Lainhart. Past President **Installing Officer Dorothy Inglese** used the theme “We’ve Got Your Back” to install officers and area directors. **Officers elected** for the 2014-2016 term were: President, Judy Wood (AL); Vice President, Connie Myers (MS); Secretary, Vivian Taylor (MS); and Treasurer, Cora Sower (WI). **Area Directors elected** for a two-year term were: Area II, Elaine Wright (MD); Area III, Dianne Williams (GA); Area IV, Monica Williams (AR); Area V, Angela Kennebeck (IA); and Area VI, Linda Lyon (WY). Area I and VII did not elect Area Directors. Chaplain Blackwell provided the benediction and the meeting was adjourned, sine die.

The Chaplain memorialized the members who had died since the previous Conference:

- LTM #234 Betty L. (Green) Galloway (AL), October 26, 2013
- LTM #581 Sarah E. (Ussery) Lollar (MS), January 02, 2014
- LTM #432 Virginia Lee Embrey (CA), January 25, 2014
- LTM #425 Bobbie (Walton) Maske (MS), April 09, 2014
- LTM #187 Catherine A. (Palmer) Guarriello (NM), May 15, 2014
- LTM #560 Barbara J. (Bertch) Hanneman (IA), June 25, 2012
- LTM # 127, Rose M. (Schroeder) Schneider (SD), June 3, 2014
- LTM #396 JoAnn King (AL), June 24, 2014
- LTM #287 Adele J. Cywinski (WI), July 17, 2014
- LTM #472 Myrtle “Mert” Stotz (SD), July 17, 2014
- Annual member Patricia “Pat” Reed (GA)
- First EANGUS President Robert Lester Spencer, December 14, 2013.

The EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Council met immediately following the Memorial Service. President Judy Wood presided at the EC Meeting. She also was recognized at the EANGUS EC Meeting as the new EANGUS Auxiliary President.

The EANGUS Auxiliary **Meritorious Service Award** was presented by EANGUS Auxiliary Outgoing President Jenny Lainhart at the All States Banquet on Wednesday evening to EANGUS Vice President CMSgt (Ret) Doug Simpson (WA); the **Spouse of the Year Award** was presented to CSM (Ret) Keith Ales (MS); and a Supporter Award was presented to EANGUS Area IV Director CMSgt (Ret) John Harris (LA). An EANGUS Auxiliary Burden Bear was presented to The Lone Bugler, Dick Pinter (PA).

In the fall and winter of 2014 EANGUS Auxiliary Lifetime Member (LTM) Committee members—Roxie Barwick, Sara Hendricks, Pat Bishop, and Vivian Taylor—worked diligently through the list of LTMs adding maiden names and dates of death of members and spouses. The following LTMs were added to the deceased members list and would be memorialized at the 2015 conference in Indianapolis, Indiana:

- LTM #199, Betty J. Kingham, Alaska, 2014
- LTM #154, Noreen North Baume, California, June 21, 2014
- LTM #177, Thelma Lewis Smith, District of Columbia, October 15, 2009
- LTM #102, Pauline Claire Herosian, District of Columbia, August 31, 2014
- LTM #254, Elizabeth M. “Betty” (Hendricksen) Buzzell, Maine, September 12, 2008
- LTM #009, Charter Member Margaret Ann (Lee) Purzner, Missouri, February 05, 2012
- LTM #353, Roberta Ruth Kelsch, New Jersey, June 21, 2013
- LTM #109, Beatrice “Pete” (Vanderford) Cassidy, North Carolina, October 07, 2012
- LTM #089, Gertrude Wyatt Herring, North Carolina, March 28, 2011
- LTM #569, Lillian Elizabeth (Denton) Pope, North Carolina, October 28, 2013
- LTM # 264, Phyllis Jean Ohde, Ohio, July 25, 2013
- LTM #091, Thelma (Blank) Scherer, Ohio, August 06, 2009
- LTM #238, Athelia “Judy” Jewell (Potts) Norby, Oregon, April 18, 2014
- LTM #382, Lena F. (Vecchiarelli) Martino, Rhode Island, July 22, 2013

- LTM #112, Helen Louise (Lindic) Rogers, South Dakota, August 01, 2013
- LTM #196, Betty (Pritchard) Belew, Tennessee, August 20, 2013
- LTM #372, Betty (Goggins) Combs, Tennessee, April 09, 2012
- LTM #152, Martha Gunn Robinson, Tennessee, November 05, 2012
- LTM #283, Carolyn Ann (Foster) Elder, Virginia, November 25, 2010
- LTM #405, Louise (Hardy) Murphy, Mississippi, February 11, 2014
- LTM #362, Frances A. “Frankie” (Duff) Matchett, Montana, December 29, 2009
- LTM #325, Kathryn Watkins, Louisiana, February 16, 2014
- LTM #302, Jeanine Marie (Stuhr) Kopecky, Wisconsin, June 14, 2014

Other EANGUS Auxiliary Lifetime Members who died during the year or about whose deaths we were notified:

- LTM #275, Irene (Bostic) Garriga, Mississippi, October 25, 2014
- LTM #072, Charter Member Paulette (Sledge) McLeod, Mississippi, February 01, 2015
- LTM #295, Phyllis Josephine (Cleveland) O’Brien, Minnesota, January 05, 2015
- LTM #473, Carolyn (Robbins) Moon, Arkansas, February 04, 2015
- LTM #052, Charter Member Loretta Emma (Spanbauer) Strange, Kentucky, November 22, 2008
- LTM #328, Mary (Harrington) Reavis, Louisiana, December 12, 2014
- LTM #443, Mary Ann (Rogers) Walter, New Jersey, December 29, 2014
- LTM #267, Janet Carole (Sheahan) Haines, Ohio, September 28, 2010.

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The “2015 Race to Indy” brought the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) members and families to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the Forty-fourth EANGUS Annual Conference (Forty-second Annual Conference for the EANGUS Auxiliary). Indianapolis, nicknamed *Indy*, *The Circle City*, and *The Crossroads of America*, among others, is the home of the Brickyard 400, the Grand Prix of Indianapolis, the NFL Scouting Combine, the largest half marathon in the United States (U.S.), and the largest single-day sporting event in the world, the Indianapolis 500. Cars competing in the Indianapolis 500 race are known as Indy Cars. Indianapolis is the largest and capital city of Indiana, the second largest city in the American Midwest, and the 14th largest city in the U.S. It is the home of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and as such often hosts men’s and women’s basketball tournaments and hosted Pan American Games X in 1987 and Super Bowl XLVI in 2012. Three Fortune 500 companies are based in Indianapolis: Anthem Inc., Eli Lilly and Company, and Calumet Specialty Products Partners.

On Friday early-arriving members could choose to be involved with the golf outing at Deer Creek or attend the Indiana Fever basketball game. Many chose dinner outings with friends in a variety of local eateries. On Saturday, the EANGUS Executive Council (EC) met in the afternoon and the EANGUS Auxiliary President Judy Wood and Vice President Connie Myers attended that meeting. Laura Snyder, Indiana, had made arrangements for the EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents to have their social at the Stardust Terrace Café with menu selections from Hoaglin to Go in the basement of the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center situated along the Central Canal. EANGUS Auxiliary Immediate Past President Jenny Lainhart served as hostess. She was joined by EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents June O’Dowd, Sara Hendricks, Nancy McDowell, Sheila Bandy, and Vivian Taylor.

Bryce Hendricks led an inspiring Chapel Service on Sunday—the service included responsive readings, songs of praise, readings of Scripture from the Old and New Testaments, prayer requests, prayers, and thoughts on *Faith through Prayer*. SGT Brendan J. Osweiler, 38th Infantry Division Band, provided keyboard accompaniment.

EANGUS Auxiliary First Timers were welcomed and briefed on Conference events by President Wood, Vice President Myers, Conference Coordinator Bandy, and the EANGUS Auxiliary officers and area directors. Karen Haynes (KS), Anna Williams (MD), Kim Pierce (MO), Angie Carnes and Charity Jones (MS), Sally VanRiper (PA), and Holly Rouffy (SC) were first timers present at the Sunday meeting. The Ribbon Cutting for the Exhibition, Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Donation and Expo began at 10:00 a.m. The first business session was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and included the posting of colors, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America*, and an Indiana welcome from Major General Courtney Carr, the Adjutant General of Indiana. A Town Hall Meeting with Chief of the National Guard Bureau (NGB) General Frank J. Grass and NGB Senior Enlisted Adviser (SEA) Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt) Mitchell O. Brush provided information on the state of the National Guard. Special recognition was given to: NGB SEA CMSgt Mitchell O. Brush; Office of the Secretary of Defense-Reserve Affairs SEA Sergeant Major (SGM) Mike Shultz; Army National Guard (ARNG) Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Brunk W. Conley; Air National Guard (ANG) Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCM); and former and state Senior Enlisted Leaders, ARNG CSMs, ANG CCMs/SEAs, Adjutants Generals, EANGUS Past Presidents, AGAUS, NGAUS, and EANGUS National Office Staff. EANGUS President John Harris introduced the EANGUS Executive Council and EANGUS Auxiliary President Judy Wood introduced the EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents and the EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Council. The Welcome Night Function was held at Veterans

Memorial Plaza with barbeque and accompaniments from Big Hoffa's BBQ. The Plaza, once known as Obelisk Square, was completed in 1930. Centrally located in the Plaza the Obelisk and Fountain honor all Indiana veterans.

On Monday, August 10, 2015 EANGUS Auxiliary Committees met in the Indiana Convention Center and the EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Council (EC) met in the President's Suite in the Westin Hotel. Delegates were credentialed by the Credentials Committee. The EC members enjoyed a continental breakfast/brunch with some homemade foods provided by President Judy Wood and Vice President Connie Myers. On Monday afternoon Membership Chairman Dianne Williams and EANGUS' Director of Operations Joan Gardiner shared information about the EANGUS Auxiliary website and membership lists. Monday evening was free and many members shared dinner and entertainment with their states and/or enjoyed the Junior Enlisted event at the Indianapolis Colts Grille.

President Judy P. Wood (AL) called the First General Session to order in the Indiana Convention Center Rooms 137-139 at 9:02 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. **Roll call** showed sixty-two (62) delegates, thirty-six (36) proxies, five (5) officers, eight (8) area directors, six (6) guests, and five (5) associate members from twenty-five (25) states. President Wood recognized the past presidents in attendance: Immediate Past President Jenny Lainhart (KY); June O'Dowd (LA); Sara Hendricks (IA/NM); Nancy McDowell (OH); Sheila Bandy (KY); and Vivian Taylor (MS). President Wood also recognized the officers and area directors. Eight (8) first timers were recognized: Laura Snyder (IN); Karen Haynes (KS); Anna Williams (MD); Kim Pierce (MO); Angie Carnes and Charity Jones (MS); Sally VanRiper (PA); and Holly Rouffy (SC).

The **minutes** from the 2014 Conference were approved and the **Treasurer's Report** was given. **Membership** as of December 31, 2014 for the 2015 year as indicated by the Treasurer was: 543 annual members; 460 active life members; and 355 associate members. Committee reports were given from Credentials and Rules, Burden Bears, Constitution, Family Affairs, Finance, History, Legislative, Lifetime Membership, Membership, Nominations, Philanthropic, Public Relations, Scholarship, and Ways and Means. **Constitution** Committee Chairman Richard Bryant reported there were no constitution issues brought to the floor for the 42nd Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference. He further reported that the EC had tasked the Committee with reviewing and revising the current Constitution and rewriting the By-Laws, making that two separate documents as it had been several years in the past. **Finance** Committee Chairman Thomas McKennie reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed all vouchers and compared them to the associated checks issued and that all were found to be proper. Lifetime membership dues were discussed to find that the amount of dues had increased over the previous year. Two recommendations were made and approved by the body: 1) The verbiage that surrounded the collection of donations for scholarships be changed to read that donations were "mandatory" rather than "suggested" and 2) that the Constitution Committee be allowed to research Constitution and By-Laws and cover any associated cost through the Auxiliary's miscellaneous funds. **Legislative** Committee Co-Chairman Wanda Verne (FL) moved that "Social Media" be added to the bi-annual and yearly reports due to the introduction of Phone2Action in 2015 and the addition of Facebook and Twitter as tools to contact United States Senators and Representatives. Sheila Bandy (KY) seconded that motion and the motion carried. **Lifetime Membership** Committee Chairman reported seven hundred eight-one (781) life members, four hundred fifty-eight (458) active life members; one hundred twenty-three (123) life members not reported by states; one hundred seventy-five (175) deceased life members; twenty-five (25) ineligible life members (included divorced, non-Guard spouse, and requests for removal); ten (10) members in the class of 2014; and eight (8) members in the class of 2015 through August 10, 2015. **Membership** Committee Chairman Dianne Williams reported the national life associate membership card distribution from September 2014 to date was: Alabama, 1; Pennsylvania, 1; Arizona, 1; California, 3; Florida, 1; Hawaii, 2; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Mississippi, 7; New Hampshire, 3; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 1; Texas, 2; Utah, 1; Virginia, 2; Washington, 1; West Virginia, 5. **Nominations** Committee Chairman Sondra Monastra reported the following individuals had been elected in area caucuses to serve a two-year term: Area II, Margie Holcomb (VA); Area III, Marie Brabham (FL); Area IV, Kim Clay (LA); Area V, Cathy Berry (WI); Area VI, Polly Williams (UT). Area Directors had not been elected in Areas I and VII. **Philanthropic** Committee Chairman Carol Benda reported the Committee's revised SOP would be presented to the EC Meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 for approval. The Ronald McDonald House Representative would be present to accept a donation on Wednesday, August 12, 2015. **Scholarship** Committee Co-Chairman Marlys List announced scholarship recipients: **Nathan B. Woolard** (IA), three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), USAA scholarship; **Casey J. Grosso** (WA), one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00); **Katie R. Docter** (LA), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); and **Chara J. Barke** (ND), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). **Guests** CSM Brunk W. Conley and his wife, Laura; Scott Delveau from the Air Force Enlisted Village; Dick Smith from USAA; Mark Wilson from Grantham University; and Stephen Smith from Grand Canyon University addressed the members. President Judy Wood presented Auxiliary coins to CSM Conley and Laura and Hall of Fame Awards to Air Force Enlisted Village, USAA, Grantham University, Grand Canyon University, and Donovan Jenks (CA). Donovan had donated one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be used for the Auxiliary Brunch and he had already made another donation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be used as needed by the Auxiliary in the coming year. President Wood also presented coins to Delores Edwards (KS), Pat Burchfield (MS), Vivian Taylor (MS), and Debra Campbell (OK) for donations to the Brunch. The **proposed budget** was approved as presented by the membership. The Tuesday evening All Areas Hospitality Night was held at the Military Park.

President Wood called the Second General Session to order on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 8:35 a.m. SGM John Roach gave information about the **EANGUS 2016 Conference** to be held in **New Orleans, Louisiana, August 20-25, 2016**.

On Wednesday the Roll Call indicated sixty (60) delegates, thirty-eight (38) proxies, five (5) officers, eight (8) area directors, seven (7) members, four (4) guests, and eight (8) associate members. Philanthropic Chairman Carol Benda, Indiana Auxiliary President Laura Snyder, and President Judy Wood presented a donation of three hundred thirty dollars (\$330.00) to **The Ronald McDonald House (RMH) Representative**, Keri Brantley, Director of Development for the RMH of Indiana. Ms. Brantley stated that fifty-two (52) families per night from numerous states and overseas were served at the local RMH. She expressed appreciation for the monetary donation and for the donated toiletries provided by members. **EANGUS Publications Chairman** Andy Strauss (CA) presented the plaques for 2014 to *Area V Is Alive!*, Area V Auxiliary newsletter, and *Dogwood Blossom*, Virginia Auxiliary newsletter. For 2015 there was a tie between Wisconsin Auxiliary's *Bucky's Auxiliary News* and South Dakota Auxiliary's *Dakota Messenger*. There was an overlooked area submission so that plaque would be forthcoming—*Area V Is Alive!* won back-to-back. [Chairman Strauss later told EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director Monica Williams that he should have announced that winner as Area IV's newsletter *The Voice of Area IV*. That was also reported on the Publications report submitted to EANGUS.] Burden Bears Committee Co-Chairman Karen Vicento reported that **Burden Bears** were presented to: Greg Gilroy (KS); Major General Tim Orr (TAG, IA); Kathie Dell (IA); Judy Smith (KS); Pamela Haworth (grandson "Super B", KS); Shelli Kasin (ND); and Irene Pinter (PA). **Philanthropic** Committee Chairman Carol Benda reported that six hundred sixty dollars was disbursed equally to the RMH in Indianapolis and the Fisher House (FH) as per the vote of the body in 2014. The FH was located at the VA Hospital in Hines, Illinois. Both the RMH and FH locations were in Area V and were chosen by the Philanthropic Committee and Host State Conference Chair, Indiana Auxiliary President Laura Snyder.

Awards—President Judy Wood, Awards Chairman Sheila Bandy, Legislative Committee Co-Chairman Wanda Verne, and Membership Committee Chairman Dianne Williams presented awards.

- **President's Award**—selected by the President: **Sheila Bandy** (KY) and **Dianne Williams** (GA)
- **Torch Award**—selected by the President: **Sara Hendricks** (IA/NM) and **Vivian Taylor** (MS)
- **Distinguished Service Award**—tie vote by EC: **Cathy Adams** (MS) and **Shelia Brookins** (KY)
- **Outstanding State Awards**—1-25 members, **Kansas**; 26-75 members, **Georgia**; 76plus members, tie, **Mississippi** and **Louisiana** (points system)
- **Outstanding Area Director Award**—tie, **Kim Clay** (LA), Area IV and **Dianne Williams** (GA), Area III (points system)
- **Recruiting Member of the Year Award**—Dianne Williams presented the Award to **Connie Myers** (MS) for most new members recruited
- **Lifetime Membership Award**—Sara Hendricks presented the Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award to **Cora Sower** (WI), lifetime member number 627
- **Legislative Awards**—Legislative Committee Co-Chairman Wanda Verne presented the legislative awards to: **Tom Myers** (MD), Area II; **Marjorie Monk** (AL), Area III; **Monica Williams** (AR), Area IV; and **Roxanna Barwick** (WI), Area V
- **Membership Awards**—Membership Committee Chairman Dianne Williams presented certificates of recognition for membership increases to the following states:
 - 1-25 members**—**Arizona**, first place for increase and percentage increase in overall members, annual members, and associate life members; **West Virginia**, first place for largest increase and percentage increase in associate life members.
 - 26-75 members**—**Virginia**, first place for largest increase and percentage increase in associate life members.
 - 76 plus members**—**Louisiana**, first place for increase and percentage increase in overall members and annual members; **Florida**, second place for increase and percentage increase in overall members and annual members; **Mississippi**, first place for increase and percentage increase in associate members and associate life members.

Individuals recognized with certificates for membership recruiting (in addition to Recruiting Member of the Year **Connie Myers**, Mississippi) were: **Cathy Adams** (MS); **Pat Bishop** (MS); **Pat Burchfield** (MS); and **Vivian Taylor** (MS); these individuals had each recruited at least five new members. Pat Burchfield (MS) and Vivian Taylor (MS) were the winners of the membership drawing and each received an Auxiliary coin.
- **Special Recognition Award**—President Wood presented a Special Recognition Award to **EANGUS President John Harris** for his exceptional support of the EANGUS Auxiliary.
- President Wood presented the **Meritorious Service Award** to **Charlie Carrigan** (MS) and the **Spouse of the Year Award** to **Don Wood** (AL) at the All States Banquet and Awards Dinner on Wednesday evening; these men were nominated and voted on by the Auxiliary EC.
- EANGUS Awards presented to Auxiliary members at the Wednesday evening All States Banquet and Awards Dinner were: **The Pen Is Mightier Than the Musket Award** to **Pat Bishop** (MS) and the **EANGUS Side by Side Award** to **Sheila Bandy** (KY).

Ways and Means—State Pins Shadowbox Chairman and Silent Auction Co-Chairman Christina Thomas reported Ways and Means totals.

- Fifty dollars (**\$50.00**)—**State Pins Shadowbox**; Rick Bailey (FL) won the Shadowbox
- Seven hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$729.00)—**50/50 Raffle** total; Frank Wicks (NY) won and received half the 50/50 Raffle total, three hundred sixty-four dollars fifty cents (\$364.50) and Auxiliary retained three hundred sixty four dollars fifty cents (**\$364.50**)
- Five thousand eight hundred eighty-four dollars (**\$5,884.00**)—**Silent Auction**

Brunch donations: Air Force Enlisted Village (Scott Delveau), \$1,000.00; USAA, \$1,000.00 (Dick Smith); Grantham University (Mark Wilson), \$250.00; Donovan Jenks (CA), \$1,000.00. Area IV Auxiliary members Delores Edwards (KS), Pat Burchfield (MS), Vivian Taylor (MS), and Debra Campbell (OK) gave \$150.00. **Other donations** (besides those given for the Brunch) included: seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars collected by President Wood for cell phones ringing at EANGUS EC Meetings; thirty dollars (\$30.00) for the Burden Bears fund given by Mississippi Auxiliary members in memory of Mississippi Auxiliary Past President and EANGUS Auxiliary charter member Paulette McLeod; and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) given by Doug Simpson (WA).

New Business—Cathy Adams (MS) moved that the EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer send three hundred dollars (\$300.00) from the EANGUS Auxiliary treasury to EANGUS for the **EANGUS “We Care for America” Foundation**, which would be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each of the years 2013, 2014, and current year 2015. Shirley Bogdan (MA) seconded motion and motion carried. There was discussion regarding the non-acceptance by the judging institution of various versions of the **scholarship applications** which contained minor differences when all these applications had been posted on the EANGUS Auxiliary website and/or in *The Signal*. President Wood stated that a scholarship application would be in the October issue of *The Signal* and that the application would not be changed after posting. Nominations Co-Chairmen Sondra Monastra and Chris Sower **installed the newly elected area directors**—Area II, Margie Holcomb (VA); Area III, Marie Brabham (FL); Area IV, Kim Clay (LA); Area V, Cathy Berry (WI); Area VI, Pauline “Polly” Williams (UT)—and had the elected officers and current area directors join them and Co-Chairman Monastra challenged them, “Knowing full well that we are at the home of the Indianapolis 500 race, please accept a token (mini race car) of our appreciation and reminder to continue to DRIVE this association forward and stay on track to a winning goal and finish line. START YOUR ENGINES.”

Memorial Service—Chaplain Shelia Brookins led the memorial service memorializing the lifetime members previously listed on page 46-47 of this history and lifetime member #266, Barbara Sheppard (WV) and associate members Peter Bogdan (MA) and Dick Pinter (PA). [It was confirmed on August 26, 2015 that Barbara Sheppard had not died; Past President Sheila Bandy had a conversation with Barbara on that date.] Chaplain Brookins provided thoughts on God’s limitless, abundant grace and read II Corinthians 12:9, 10. She sang a spiritual to conclude the memorial service.

President’s Comments—President Judy Wood expressed thanks to The EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Council, Conference Coordinator Sheila Bandy, Sergeants at Arms Jackye Hargrove (AL) and Billie Mapes (TN), Indiana Auxiliary President Laura Snyder, and the delegates, members, associate members, and guests. President Wood recognized three EANGUS Past Presidents who were in the chambers: Frank Lever, Nate Monastra, and Bryce Hendricks.

The Second General Session adjourned, sine die, at 11:24 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015. The EANGUS Auxiliary EC met in the President’s Suite in the Westin Hotel. Plans for the 2016 Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana were discussed. President Wood stated she would review volunteer forms and make Committee appointments within thirty days. EC members discussed membership issues and reviewed scheduling that might be adjusted to maximize members’ participation at Conference.

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The *Big Easy*, NOLA—New Orleans (pronounced New OAR-linz), Louisiana (La Nouvelle Orleans in French)—hosted EANGUS and Auxiliary members, families, and guests for the 45th annual EANGUS Conference/43rd EANGUS Auxiliary Conference August 21-24, 2016. The conference theme was “Make It Your New Orleans” and it seemed that the Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association (LANGEA) and Auxiliary wanted to “laissez les bon temps rouler” (let the good times roll), even when faced with tremendous challenges. The city, situated in southeastern Louisiana, straddles the Mississippi River and it is continuing to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005 when the Federal levee system failed and New Orleans was inundated with water, flooding 80% of the city; the Lower Ninth Ward was re-flooded by Hurricane Rita in September 2005. New Orleans lost almost half its population following the destruction of homes and neighborhoods. New Orleans, though distressed during these years, is still well known for its vitality and party atmosphere. World-famous for its cuisine and music, New Orleans is also renowned for its celebrations and festivals, especially Mardi Gras, which dates back to French colonial times. French and Spanish Creole architecture, as well as its cross-cultural and multilingual heritage, are also highlights of this city. In the weeks preceding the Conference Mother Nature again presented a challenge to the folks of Louisiana in the form of historic rains which flooded areas, especially around the state capital area, and required the efforts of Louisiana’s National Guard soldiers and airmen. Conference attendees pitched in where they were needed to complete tasks that would have been done by Louisiana members. In three days over eighty-

two thousand dollars (\$82,000.00+) was donated by Conference attendees and others to the EANGUS “*We Care for America*” (WCFA) Foundation to assist National Guard members in the affected areas. One hundred thirteen (113) attendees from thirty-eight (38) states pitched in to sort clothing, box up supplies, and load trucks. The EANGUS Auxiliary donated two thousand one hundred forty-seven dollars (\$2,147.00) to WCFA and hundreds of pounds of toiletries through its philanthropic project.

On Friday golfers were able to golf on the renowned TPC New Orleans golf course, home of the Zurich Classic, and EANGUS and EANGUS Auxiliary volunteers were able to work on a Habitat for Humanity Build. Many members began arriving on Friday. Saturday saw the EANGUS Executive Council (EC) Meeting which EANGUS Auxiliary President Judy Wood and Vice President Connie Myers attended. EANGUS Auxiliary Past President Vivian Taylor served as hostess for the Past Presidents Social in Drago’s Restaurant and provided door prizes. EANGUS Auxiliary Silent Auction Chairman Paula Carrigan and her Mississippi Auxiliary helpers accomplished the set-up of the EANGUS Auxiliary Silent Auction. Sunday began with EANGUS Area Caucuses and continued with Chapel Service conducted by Bryce Hendricks (IA/NM), First-Timers Meetings, and Ribbon Cutting for the Exhibition Hall.

EANGUS Auxiliary had a dozen First Timers at the First-Timers Meeting on Sunday morning: Lisa Sieben; Bobi Gray (Ohio); Tammi Morris (Georgia); Karen Haynes (Kansas); Bryan Bedessem (Minnesota); Diane McConnell (Massachusetts); Karen Raines (Mississippi); Krystal Leger; Serena Day; Kandice Netto (Mississippi); Rebekah McClung; and Stacy Dearman (Mississippi).

The Conference Joint Opening Session began at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. EANGUS President John Harris recognized Senior Enlisted Advisers, State Command Sergeants Majors, State Command Chief Master Sergeants, EANGUS Past Presidents, the EANGUS Executive Council (EC), EANGUS staff, and other distinguished guests. EANGUS Auxiliary **President Judy Wood spoke to the assembly** and introduced the EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents and the EANGUS Auxiliary EC. **EANGUS President John Harris recognized EANGUS Founders and Pioneers**; many of these members were deceased but others were present and some were represented by family members. They were (in order called): James “Pee Wee” Knowles, Mississippi; Donovan List, South Dakota; Jon Dytrt, Conrad Ericson, Paul Fuetterer, Harry Hensell, Fred Spears, and Bobby White, all from Arizona; James Glenn and Hester Parker from California; Robert Talbert, Colorado; Walt Schlechtweg, Connecticut; Bill Avent, Erman Clay, Isaac Keaton, and John McCulloch from Washington, District of Columbia; James Tucker, Georgia—it was his 86th birthday; Bill Duncan, Ken Kiyabu, Bert Narita from Hawaii; Donald Gottschalk, Howard Harper, and Bryce Hendricks from Iowa; Delbert Schilling, Bernard Siebert, Don Trost from Kansas; Robert Bailey, Robert Denton, James Garritson, and Virgil VanArsdale from Kentucky; Ernest Simoneaux and Rudolph Wambsgans, Louisiana; Robert Driscoll, Frances Gillooly, and Richard McDonald from Massachusetts; Darnell Dekowski, William Poulsen represented by his widow Doris Poulsen and their sons, and Jay Rumburg from Maryland; Russell Coltart and Pete Kazlaskas, Maine; Joe Dutton and Richard O’Brien from Minnesota; William “Bill” Bowser, Joseph “Joe” Delia, Lloyd Enke, Paul Purzner, and James Schulte from Missouri; Mississippians James “Jib” Crawford, Oakley Lollar, Virgil Williams represented by his daughter Tricia Kirtley, and Wilburn “Bob” Ford represented by his grandson Billy Inmon; Donald Burbach and Thurlow Noble, Nebraska; Marvin Leadbetter and Rex Taylor from North Carolina; Chris Barke and Raymond Scharnowske, North Dakota; Richard Spencer and Robert Theal, New Jersey; Ensio Tosolini, Nevada; Robert Goodson, Wilbur Jones, Nathan “Nate” Monastra, Sylvester “Wes” Stenger, and John Young from Ohio; Herm Clemens, George Kline, and Randy Leibey, Sr. from Pennsylvania; John Ball, William Hollmann, and Robert “Bob” Spencer from South Dakota; William Dildine, Jim Hester, Howard Lewis, and James Steele from Tennessee; Rune Wallin from Utah; Gay Davis and Robert Kuykendall from Virginia; Walt Banton, Joseph Kelley, Wayne Sharp, Mary Underwood, and Richard Wiltsie from Washington; David Ebert, William FitzPatrick represented by Jean FitzPatrick-Smith with sons Keith and Kevin, Wayne Sedgwick, and Allen Seidel from Wisconsin; Harold Pierce and Charles Cadle from West Virginia; Richard Kranz and Robert Van Alyne from Wyoming.

Welcome Night was held at Mardi Gras World and All Areas Night was shifted to the hospitality area in the Hilton due to Louisiana National Guard members being tasked with flood duty.

Monday was busy for the Auxiliary with credentialing of delegates, committees meeting, and the EC meeting. Monday afternoon and evening were free and many enjoyed the sights of New Orleans and others joined the junior enlisted at the Rock N Bowl.

EANGUS Auxiliary President Judy P. Wood (AL) called the **first general business session of the EANGUS Auxiliary 43rd Annual Conference** to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2016. She welcomed members and introduced the EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents in attendance: June O’Dowd (LA); Sara Hendricks (IA/NM); Nancy McDowell (OH); Debra Campbell (OK); Sheila Bandy (KY); and Vivian Taylor (MS). She recognized Auxiliary EC members: Margie Holcomb (VA), Area II; Dianne Williams (GA), Area III; Monica Williams (AR) and Kim Clay (LA), Area IV; Angela Kennebeck (IA) and Cathy Berry (WI), Area V; Linda Lyon (WY), Area VI; and Sara Hendricks (IA/NM), parliamentarian. President Wood noted that Doris Poulsen, who was Secretary of the EANGUS Auxiliary 1976-1978, had been in attendance at the Opening Ceremonies.

The **roll call** on August 23, 2016 indicated: seventy-one (71) delegates; thirty-two (32) proxies; four (4) officers; seven (7) area directors; twelve (12) members; thirteen (13) guests; and four (4) associate members. Twenty-three (23) states

were represented on August 23, 2016 and twenty-four (24) states were represented on August 24, 2016. **Minutes** were approved as printed. The **Treasurer's report** was filed for the record. **Membership** from thirty (30) reporting states on December 31, 2015 stood at six hundred eighty-five (685) annual members, four hundred sixty-six (466) active lifetime members for a total of one thousand one hundred fifty-one (1,151) members; there were three hundred (341) annual associate members. On July 31, 2016 there were forty-three (43) EANGUS Auxiliary life associate members. **Constitution** Committee Chairman Richard Bryant reported no issues to be brought before the body at the 43rd EANGUS Auxiliary Conference. The review and possible rewrite of the Constitution and Bylaws would be a longer process than originally thought and would need to continue through the next year. **Finance** Committee Chairman Thomas McKennie reported that the Finance Committee had met and reviewed all vouchers and associated checks issued and found that all were in order. **History** Committee Chairman Vivian Taylor reported sixteen (16) states—Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wisconsin—provided history highlights for the 2015 year and those highlights were included in the 2016 Conference Book. **Legislative** Committee Chairman Deanna Myers reported the Legislative Committee would need to update the Legislative SOP. Legislative contacts reported were: Area I, 0; Area II, 160; Area III, 64; Area IV, 1,375; Area V, 25; Area VI, 0; Area VII, 0. The EANGUS Auxiliary **Lifetime Membership** Committee was notified of the following deaths:

- Shirley Aster (Due) Ritter, LTM #429, Mississippi, Deceased January 02, 2016
- Cornelia Faye (Wilkinson) Luttrell, LTM #636, Mississippi, Deceased January 20, 2016
- Avis Ann (Johnson) Beam, Charter Member, LTM #027, North Carolina, Deceased January 14, 2016
- Maude (Reed) Ganzert, LTM #113, Virginia, Deceased January 21, 2016
- John Paul Messer, LTM #786, Mississippi, Deceased May 18, 2016
- Enola Mae (Dailey) Neff, LTM #392, Iowa, Deceased July 25, 2016

Due to the extensive online, telephone, and email research continuously conducted by Roxie Barwick, Sara Hendricks, Pat Bishop, and Vivian Taylor the Committee had regretfully added more members to the list of deceased lifetime members. These members had not been previously memorialized at EANGUS Auxiliary Conference.

- Jean A. (Baird) Miller, LTM #189, Ohio, Deceased December 06, 2010
- Artie Lou (Jones) Stevens, LTM #147, Missouri, Deceased March 27, 2015
- Maryalice B. (Gregory) Gordon, LTM #315, Oregon, Deceased July 13, 2015
- Gloria J. (Sheets) Montalbano, LTM #323, Louisiana, Deceased August 26, 2015
- Marjorie Elaine (Wilson) Nobles, LTM #076, Nebraska, Deceased January 22, 2014
- Patricia A. (Olwell) Sayles, LTM #144, South Dakota, Deceased September 02, 1993
(Patricia had been listed as Ineligible, dropped upon request)
- Catherine A. (Palmer) Guarriello, LTM #187, New Mexico, Deceased May 15, 2014

Lifetime Committee Chairman Vivian Taylor reported the Lifetime Membership Class of 2015 had eleven ladies from six states. Through August 12, 2016 the Class of 2016 had seven ladies and 3 gentlemen from five states. There were seven hundred ninety-four (794) lifetime members with four hundred sixty-two (462) active lifetime members; one hundred twenty-one (121) lifetime members not reported by states; one hundred eighty-five (185) deceased lifetime members; and thirty-six (36) ineligible lifetime members (includes divorced, non-Guard spouse, and requests for removal). **Membership** Committee Chairman Dianne Williams reported the Membership Committee had disseminated electronic copies of an informational packet for new members; updated state auxiliary officers' information as received; provided printer-friendly member recruiting tools in each published issue of *The Signal* to include brochure, applications, and welcome and thank you letter; provided criteria for participation in the 2016 member recruiting recognition program and drawing contest; processed, from October 2015 to May 2016, applications and submitted data to print eight (8) national life associate membership cards and mailed those cards with welcome and thank you letter. To date there were forty-three (43) EANGUS Auxiliary life associate members from the following states: Alabama—1; Arizona—1; California—3; District of Columbia—1; Florida—1; Hawaii—2; Kentucky—1; Louisiana—1; Massachusetts—1; Mississippi—9; Nevada—1; New Hampshire—1; New York—1; Ohio—1; Pennsylvania—1; South Carolina—1; Tennessee—2; Texas—2; Utah—1; Virginia—4; Washington—1; West Virginia—5; Wyoming—1. **Nominations** Committee Chairman Sondra Monastra reported the following nominees for office: Connie Myers for President; Angela Kennebeck for Vice President; Vivian Taylor for Secretary; Cora Sower and Pam Brown for Treasurer. A ballot vote was taken on August 24, 2016. **Philanthropic** Committee Chairman Carol Benda recommended that, rather than the Fisher House at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi receiving the philanthropic funds as was originally intended, those funds, in light of the flooding disaster in Louisiana, would be redirected to the EANGUS "*We Care for America*" Foundation (WCFA). The body accepted that recommendation and report. A total of two thousand one hundred seventy-two dollars (\$2,172.00) was donated to the philanthropic fund with twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) designated for Ronald McDonald House and two thousand one hundred forty-seven dollars (\$2,147.00) to WCFA. **Public Relations** Committee Chairman Vivian Taylor noted that she had reminded members to submit articles about EANGUS/Auxiliary and helped several members with information; at least three individuals had provided EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference information to newspapers. **Scholarship** Committee Co-Chairman Marlys List announced

the scholarship recipients: **Almey A. Compton (Virginia), \$3,000.00, USAA; Hannah B. Hagerman (Arkansas), \$1,250.00; Amanda M. Farr (South Dakota), \$1,000.00; Kaitlyn D. Collins (Mississippi), \$1,000.00.**

On Wednesday, August 24, 2016 five (5) **Burden Bears** were presented to: Jeff Tuttle, Pennsylvania; Bryce Hendricks, Iowa/New Mexico; Billie Mapes, Tennessee; Diana Redmond and Tag, Iowa; John Tomlin, Alabama; and Danna Deters, South Dakota. The President, Awards Chairman, Membership Chairman, Legislative Chairman and Sara Hendricks presented the following awards:

- President's Award—selected by the President: Sara Hendricks (Iowa/New Mexico)
- Torch Award—selected by the President: Sondra Monastra (Ohio)
- Distinguished Service Award—vote by the EC: Marlys List (South Dakota)
- Outstanding State Awards—1-25 members, New Mexico; 26-75 members, Kansas and South Dakota; 76 plus members, Louisiana
- Outstanding Area Director Award—Cathy Berry (Wisconsin), Area V
- Recruiting Members of the Year Award—Membership Chairman Dianne Williams presented the award to Connie Myers (Mississippi) and Vivian Taylor (Mississippi) who tied for most new members recruited.
- Lifetime Membership Award—Sara Hendricks presented the award to Charlotte Kuykendall (Virginia)
- Legislative Awards—Ron Sollod (EANGUS member, Maryland), Area II; Marie Brabham (Florida), Area III; Kim Clay (Louisiana), Area IV; Roxie Barwick (Wisconsin), Area V
- Membership Awards—Dianne Williams presented certificates of recognition to the following states:
 - 1-25 members**
 - New Mexico—first place for largest increase and percentage increase in overall members.
 - New Mexico—first place for largest increase and percentage increase in annual members.
 - New Mexico—first place for largest increase and percentage increase in life members
 - 26-75 members**
 - Kansas—tied with South Dakota for first place for largest increase in overall members.
 - South Dakota—tied with Kansas for first place for largest increase in overall members.
 - Kansas—first place for largest increase and percentage increase in associate members.
 - Minnesota—first place for largest percentage increase in overall members.
 - Minnesota—first place for largest increase and percentage increase in annual members.
 - Iowa—first place for largest increase in annual members.
 - Ohio—first place for largest percentage increase in associate members.
 - 76 plus members**
 - Louisiana—first place for largest increase and percentage increase in overall members.
 - Louisiana—first place for largest increase and percentage increase in annual members.
 - Mississippi—first place for largest increase and percentage increase in life members.
 - Mississippi—first place for largest increase in life associate members.
- Individuals recognized for member recruiting efforts (in addition to Recruiting Members of the Year Connie Myers, Mississippi and Vivian Taylor, Mississippi were: Pat Bishop (Mississippi); Pat Burchfield (Mississippi); Vivian Taylor (Mississippi). Pat Bishop, Mississippi and Pat Burchfield, Mississippi were winners of the membership drawing.
- President Wood presented the Meritorious Service Award to Bryce Hendricks (Iowa/New Mexico) and the Spouse of the Year Award to Don Mapes (Tennessee) at the Wednesday evening All States Banquet and Awards Dinner.

Officers elected for the 2016-2018 year were: Connie Myers (MS), President; Angela Kennebeck (IA), Vice President; Vivian Taylor (MS), Secretary; and Pam Brown (TN), Treasurer. **Area Directors elected for a two-year term were:** Shelia Brookins (KY), Area II; Dianne Williams (GA), Area III; Monica Williams (AR), Area IV; Sharon Henderson (IA), Area V; and Richard Bryant (NM), Area VI.

Ways and Means Chairman Paula Carrigan reported the following totals: **Silent Auction**, five thousand two hundred fifty-five dollars (\$5,255.00); **Country Store and new Auxiliary pins**, \$157.00; **50/50** total five hundred sixteen dollars (\$516.00) which meant the Auxiliary portion was two hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$258.00) [Linda Matthews, Mississippi, won the 50/50]. Other donations included: Donovan Jenks (CA), one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) was used to purchase three hundred (300) Side by Side pins; Irene Pinter, wife of Lone Bugler Dick Pinter, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for Auxiliary Brunch from USAA as well as three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for USAA scholarship; nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) from The Air Force Enlisted Village for cookie and beverage break; seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) from two EANGUS members (fined for phone ringing in meeting and not wearing badge).

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2017

The 46th EANGUS annual conference and 44th annual EANGUS Auxiliary conference was held August 27-30, 2017 in Reno, Nevada, known as “The Biggest Little City in the World”. The city is named after Jesse L. Reno, a United States Army officer who served in the Mexican-American War, the Utah War, the western frontier, and as a Union General during the American Civil War. Reno sits in a high desert at the foot of the Sierra Nevada and its downtown area (along with Sparks) occupies a valley informally known as the Truckee Meadows.

Those traveling by plane were, in some cases, delayed by the airlines due to the effects of Hurricane Harvey which made landfall on the Central Texas Coast (Corpus Christi/Houston/Rockport area). EANGUS and EANGUS Auxiliary gave and/or pledged several thousand dollars for EANGUS “*We Care for America*” Foundation to provide relief to Texas National Guard members affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Folks who drove in to Reno saw sights such as the Grand Canyon; Yellowstone National Park; the Continental Divide; the Solar Eclipse in Casper, Wyoming; Lake Tahoe; Lake Mead and the Hoover Dam; Hawthorne Army Ammo Depot (World’s Largest Depot); the very blue waters of Walker Lake; Fallon Naval Air Station (the premier tactical air warfare training center where an entire carrier air wing can conduct comprehensive training); Creech and Nellis Air Force Bases; Historic Route 66; mesas, buttes, plateaus; painted desert; Chisholm Trail; and so much more. A Faces of Freedom 18-wheel truck was observed several times with faces of servicemen from World War II, Vietnam, Gulf War, and Global War on Terror.

Membership for the 2017 year was 524 annual members, 454 active lifetime members, and 331 annual associate members. President Myers continued to ask members to “catch the spark” as they worked on membership in respective states. There were thirty active states, twenty dormant states, and five states/entities not chartered.

Six (6) EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents enjoyed a meal together on Saturday, August 26 at Millie’s Café in the Eldorado. Those present were: June O’Dowd (LA); Sara Hendricks (IA); Nancy McDowell (OH); Sheila Bandy (KY); Vivian Taylor (MS); and Judy Wood (AL).

EANGUS Auxiliary President Connie Myers and EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President Angela Kennebeck attended the EANGUS Executive Council (EC) Meeting on Saturday. TEAM Nevada set up the Silent Auction and numbers of excellent items quickly accumulated.

Sunday events were numerous and included: area caucuses; chapel service; First Timers meetings; and ribbon cutting for the exhibit hall. At the EANGUS Auxiliary First Timers Meeting the Auxiliary EC welcomed twelve (12) First Timers— Lisa Widener (SC); Sylvia Hill (SC); Barbara Sizemore (VA); Lindsay Thompson (AL); Sharon Oakley (AL); Linda Jackson (SC); Sherry Clark (MS); Jessica Truesdale (OH); Kaylee Guevara (ID); Michele Johnson (PA); Mary E. Gallegos (NM); and Paul Mahuka (HI). [Additional First Timers provided their information during the first general session: Holly C. Rouffy (SC); Veneta Courtney (SC); and Floyd Parks (KS). The EANGUS/Auxiliary joint session featured introductions of VIPs, roll call by the states, the challenging address delivered to EANGUS and Auxiliary members by EANGUS Auxiliary President Connie Myers, and the President’s report from EANGUS President John Harris. An excellent Welcome Night was held at the National Bowling Stadium where there were lots of lanes, plenty of seating, and an array of delicious food provided by numerous local eateries.

EANGUS Auxiliary committees and the EC met on Monday and the Credentials Committee began credentialing delegates. Joan Gardiner and Cora Sower shared information on Monday afternoon about the eangusauxiliary.org website and how states could better utilize that site as well as other means of communication. Monday evening was a free evening for states to get together, friends to dine in any of the numerous restaurants around Reno or as far away as Lake Tahoe. A reception was held for Exhibitors and SELs to express thanks to those individuals who lend support to EANGUS and the Auxiliary. Jr. Enlisted members and guests enjoyed the DJ and eats at The Freight House; the entry fee of five dollars each was donated to “*We Care for America*” (WCFA).

President Connie Myers called the first general session to order on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. President Myers recognized the six (6) Past Presidents in attendance: June O’Dowd (LA); Sara Hendricks (IA); Nancy McDowell (OH); Sheila Bandy (KY); Vivian Taylor (MS); and Judy Wood (AL). She introduced the EC members who were present: Vice President Angela Kennebeck (IA); Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS); Treasurer Pam Brown (TN); Immediate Past President Judy Wood, aka “The Alabama Firecracker” (AL); District II Directors Margie Holcomb (VA) and Shelia Brookins (KY); Area IV Directors Kim Clay (LA) and Monica Williams (AR); Area V Directors Cathy Berry (WI) and Sharon Henderson (IA); and Area VI Directors Linda Lyon (WY) and Richard Bryant (NM). Area III Directors Dianne Williams and Marie Brabham were excused.

Roll Call indicated there were forty-five (45) delegates, thirty (30) proxies, five (5) officers, eight (8) area directors, three (3) members, fifteen (15) guests, five (5) associate members representing twenty-two states in the first general session. **Credentials and Rules** Chairman Pam Adams (AL) confirmed the Roll Call.

EANGUS Auxiliary Area II Director Margie Holcomb shared with the attendees her journey in the Virginia and Area II Auxiliary. EANGUS staff members dropped in to acknowledge the Auxiliary and Command Chief Master Sergeant (R) Dick Smith and Josie Quintana, USAA and Donovan Jenks (CA) addressed the members. A **Buffet Brunch**, provided by USAA, was served. **EANGUS Scholarship Chairman Ronald E. “Ronnie” Emerson** noted 176 scholarship applications had been received for the various EANGUS and partner scholarships which was a 54% increase from the previous year. The

Virginia Military Institute had ranked the applicants. EANGUS and partner scholarships were presented on Wednesday evening at the Banquet and Awards Program. The **Agenda** and **Standing Rules** were adopted. **Minutes** were approved as printed in the Conference Book. The **Treasurer's Report** was printed in the Conference Book; it was accepted and filed for the record. A **Balance Sheet** was provided that indicated the ending balance in the EANGUS Auxiliary checking account (only account) on May 31, 2017 was eighty-six thousand five hundred thirty-nine dollars sixty-six cents (\$86,539.66). **Burden Bears** Committee and **Constitution** Committee reports were given. The body approved **one EANGUS Auxiliary Constitution Amendment**: under **Article V Officers, 5.2 Duties and Powers** of **TREASURER** 6. the following was added as the last sentence...The Treasurer be required to have the approval of the Executive Council for expenditures of funds in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). **Continuity** Committee, **Family Affairs** Committee, and **Finance** Committee provided reports. The **Proposed Budget** was adopted as printed—Income, twenty-six thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$26,950.00); Expenditures, thirty-five thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$35,350.00); less Reserve Funds, eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$8,400.00). The actual income for 2016 was twenty-five thousand five hundred seventy-eight dollars thirty-two cents (\$25,578.32). The Finance Committee conducted an **Audit** of the records from Cora Sower, Treasurer – outgoing, and found them to be in order. **History Committee**, **Legislative Committee**, and **Lifetime Membership Committee** reports were presented. History Committee and Lifetime Membership Committee Chairman Vivian D. Taylor referred members to the printed reports in the Conference Book. A copy of the document, **History Highlights from the States**, was provided to each state delegation and was posted on eangusauxiliary.org. **Legislative** Committee Chairman Barbara Rains reported on her activities as Committee Chairman since 2016 Conference and the contacts made by areas: Area I—none; Area II—five emails, 2 responses; Area III—thirty-one emails, eleven responses; Area IV—one hundred fifty-seven emails, six visits/social, ninety-nine responses; Area V—forty-four letters, one hundred four emails, twenty-five phone calls, one hundred twenty-five visits/social; Area VI—none; Area VII—none. **Lifetime Membership Committee** Chairman Taylor reported 800 lifetime members: 445 active; 210 deceased; 121 not reported; 24 ineligible (divorced, married non-Guard, requested removal). The Chairman also reported deaths of lifetime members. **Deceased Lifetime Members**:

- LTM #176 Mary Ellen “Skeeter” Harbin-Glover, Kentucky, deceased September 11, 2005 (Mary Ellen was listed as ineligible, married non-Guard)
- Charter Member LTM #051 Mary Regina “Gina” Williams, Kentucky, deceased January 14, 2016
- LTM #124 Dolores “Dolly” Martini, Rhode Island, deceased January 22, 2016
- LTM #274 Eula Jacqueline (Hayes) Threadgill, Alabama, deceased July 05, 2016 (Eula Jacqueline was listed as not reported)
- LTM #183 Sandra M. Kranz, Wyoming, deceased August 05, 2016
- LTM #074 Marcie Maxine (Frendle) Sales, Missouri, deceased September 23, 2016 (Marcie Maxine was listed as not reported) (age 97)
- LTM #175 Hilda (Washington) Robinson, Virginia, deceased October 04, 2016 (age 93)
- LTM #356 Sara T. (Grimes) Hassell, Tennessee, deceased November 01, 2016
- LTM #549 Ruby Mae “Meme” (Shaver) Connatser, Virginia, deceased November 12, 2016 (Ruby Mae listed as not reported)
- Charter Member LTM #050 Marion E. (Grady) Cooper, Kentucky, deceased November 23, 2016 (Marion listed as not reported)
- LTM #754 Randy S. Schmidt, Wisconsin, deceased December 05, 2016
- LTM #377 Gretchen M. (Sandven) Bowden, South Dakota, deceased December 06, 2016
- LTM #224 Rosa Lee (Harris) Simmons, Arizona, deceased January 19, 2017
- LTM #350 Nancy Carolynn Richy, Kentucky, deceased February 19, 2017 (Nancy Carolynn listed as not reported)
- LTM #322 Irene D. (Ruckel-shausen) Spencer, South Dakota, deceased February 26, 2017
- LTM #468 Dorothy Lee “Dot” (Hoxie) Dudley, Mississippi, deceased May 09, 2017
- LTM #389 Elizabeth Ann “Betty” Morris, Arkansas, deceased May 15, 2017
- LTM #713 Billie Jane (Jacobs) Mapes, Tennessee, deceased May 21, 2017
- LTM #245 Annette M. (Kulland) Wasfaret, North Dakota, deceased June 01, 2017
- LTM #366 Bonnie J. Wood, Arkansas, deceased June 24, 2017
- LTM #541 Lucretia Ann (Cruze) Barbee, Oklahoma, deceased August 29, 2017

Membership Committee Chairman Judith Putman sent membership cards as requested, prepared awards, processed applications and issue five lifetime associate membership cards and welcome letters. States had reported through June 2017 a total of forty-three national life associate members: Alabama, 1; Arizona, 1; California, 2; District of Columbia, 1; Florida, 1; Hawaii, 1; Idaho, 1; Iowa, 1; Kansas, 3; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Mississippi, 7; Nevada, 1; New Hampshire, 3; Pennsylvania, 1; Tennessee, 1; Texas, 2; Utah, 1; Virginia, 3; Washington, 1; West Virginia, 7; Wyoming, 1. **Nominations Committee** Chairman Sondra Monastra reported the following Area Directors had been elected in area caucuses to serve a two-year term: Area II—Margie Holcomb (VA); Area III—Marie Brabham (FL); Area IV—Kim Clay (LA); Area V—Cathy Berry (WI); Area VI—Linda Lyon (WY). Area Directors were not elected in Areas 1 and VII. The

Philanthropic Committee recommended that philanthropic donations for 2017 go to Paws & Effect (Iowa). **Public Relations Committee** report was in the Conference Book and **Resolutions Committee** would be more active for the 2017-18 year. **Scholarship Committee** Co-Chairman Marlys List announced the recipients of the 2017 scholarships: Haley G. Riley (Florida), three thousand dollars, USAA scholarship; Laura Yenchsky (Wisconsin), one thousand two hundred fifty dollars; Ryan M. Barnett (Mississippi), one thousand dollars; Davis A. Johnson (Minnesota), one thousand dollars. Five scholarships would be awarded for 2018 in the following amounts: one at three thousand dollars; one at two thousand dollars; one at one thousand five hundred dollars; and two at one thousand dollars each. **Door prizes** were taken as members exited the ballroom.

On Wednesday the meeting reconvened and members were thanked by Roy Gibson, Military Benefits Association (MBA). MBA provided a continental breakfast. Nine hundred seventy-one dollars (including the three hundred dollars in the Auxiliary budget) was designated for **Paws & Effect**, the philanthropic project for 2017. Twenty-five dollars each was given for Ronald McDonald House in Reno and for **Fisher House** in North Las Vegas. Pounds of toiletries were provided for a local shelter for women and children in Reno. **Burden Bears** were presented to: Pat Bishop (MS); Christina Helbert (MA); Don Mapes (TN); Kristi Taylor (AL); Dave J. Williams (DE); and Pauline Wyatt (DE). **Auxiliary Awards** were presented: **Membership—1-25 members**, Alaska for largest percentage increase in life members and total members and Missouri for largest percentage increase in associate members; **26-75 members**, Kentucky for largest increase in life members and Arkansas for largest percentage increase in total members; **76 plus members**, Mississippi for largest increase and percentage increase in annual members, life members, associate members, and total members. **Recruiting Member of the Year**—Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS). **Legislative Awards**—Margie Holcomb (VA), Area II; Wanda Verne (FL), Area III; Andrea Holt (KS), Area IV; and Edna and Dean Steinberg (SD), Area V. **Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award**—Roxanna “Roxie” Barwick (WI). **Outstanding State Awards** (point system)—1-25 members, Alaska; 26-75 members, Georgia; 76 plus members, Mississippi. **Outstanding Area Director Award** (point system)—Margie Holcomb (VA), Area II. **President’s Award** (selected by the President)—Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS). **Torch Award** (selected by the President)—*The Signal* managing editor Roxanna “Roxie” Barwick (WI).

Tuesday evening the All Areas Night was held at the Rancho San Rafael Park and included a parade of EANGUS officers and staff and the EANGUS Auxiliary President in costumes in addition to food and beverages from all the areas and trading state pins. EANGUS Auxiliary President Myers was a Joey in Momma Kangaroo’s Pouch, so was dubbed “President Roo” by Roxie Barwick. One wonders how Bryan Birch can even walk when wearing his “pins vest”.

Ways and Means totals: five thousand one hundred ninety-one dollars (\$5,191.00) from the silent auction; tee shirts, seven hundred seventy-five dollars (\$775.00), with a profit of four hundred eighty-five dollars (\$485.00); and 50/50 proceeds, five hundred twenty-one fifty cents (\$521.50) to both the Auxiliary and the winner Judy Holland (AL). **Other contributions:** in addition to the three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the USAA scholarship, USAA donated five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to provide the EANGUS Auxiliary buffet brunch on Tuesday, August 29, 2017; Military Benefits Association (MBA) donated two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to provide the buffet continental breakfast on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Donovan Jenks (CA) donated one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the EANGUS Auxiliary. Several individuals paid fines for cell phones ringing during EANGUS and/or Auxiliary meetings for a total of ninety-three dollars (\$93.00). Ohio Auxiliary donated one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00) for the EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship fund. EANGUS Area IV Auxiliary donated two hundred sixty dollars (\$260.00) towards the cost of the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference book. Mississippi Auxiliary donated two hundred seventy dollars nineteen cents (\$270.19) for the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference book. These two donations paid for the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference book for 2017. Area IV Auxiliary and Mississippi Auxiliary had both added amounts to their respective budgets for the Conference book since Nevada did not have an Auxiliary to help with Conference book expenses. Each also wanted to show support for President Connie Myers, Mississippi Auxiliary lifetime member and President and former Area IV Auxiliary Director as she served as EANGUS Auxiliary President.

An EANGUS “*We Care for America*” Foundation challenge was issued and the Auxiliary responded with gifts and pledges that totaled over fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00+); the total continued to climb after the Conference.

Nominations Chairman Sondra Monastra **installed** new Area Directors using the motto of Teamwork, Family, and Side by Side We Stand With Pride. She utilized the terms super jackpot winner, sevens and elevens, Royal Flush, and Full House as she challenged Officers, Area Directors, and members to play their cards well and roll the dice for a greater 2018.

Chaplain Sheila Brookins led the **memorial service** for those who had died since the memorial service at Conference in 2016. She read a poem and sang “Christ Is All”.

The President’s Reception was held prior to the Banquet. President Connie Myers presented two awards at the Wednesday evening Banquet and Awards Program: the **EANGUS Auxiliary Spouse of the Year Award** to Leroy Matthews (MS) and the **EANGUS Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award** to EANGUS President John Harris (LA).

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From Far, Near and In Between... See Y'all in West Virginia was the call for folks to gather at the 47th EANGUS

Conference and 45th EANGUS Auxiliary Conference which was held in Charleston, West Virginia at the Charleston Civic Center, August 12-15, 2018. As was the case in 2011 when Charleston hosted the Conference, locals were very warm and friendly and let Conference attendees know they were welcome in Charleston. Located at the confluence of the Elk and Kanawha Rivers, Charleston is the capital of West Virginia and the most populous city in the state with around 50,000 citizens. Salt and natural gas were early industries important to Charleston; coal later became central to the economy of the city and surrounding area. Railroad expansion contributed to growth. New industries, such as chemical, glass, timber, and steel, were attracted by the area's natural resources. Today the elected leaders and citizens continue the work to develop the city as the cultural, recreational, and business capital of the Appalachian Mountain region. Hip, Historic, Almost Heaven... Charleston is full of shopping, arts and culture, history, sports, and family-friendly fun.

Golfers enjoyed golf at Berry Hills Country Club on August 10, 2018.

President Connie Myers (MS) and Vice President Angela Kennebeck (IA) attended the EANGUS EC meeting on Saturday, August 11. The West Virginia team set up the Silent Auction. Conference registration was one of the big events on Saturday. The EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents enjoyed a meal and fellowship at The Lounge in the Charleston Civic Center.

Sunday morning, August 12, began with Caucuses and Chapel and First Timers were welcomed. There were eleven (11) First Timers at the First Timers Welcome and thirteen (13) were identified during the Conference: Celyn Szoke (SC); Lolita Horton (TN); Tammi Morris (GA); Brittany Lowry (WV); Ursula Birch (VA); Rachael Androski (AK); Melinda Ott (KS); Sue Baker (NE); Susie Heartley (SC); Serena Day (MD); Daryl Gail Jensen (MS); Jessica Lance-Root (AR); and Joshua Collins (AR). The Ribbon Cutting officially opened the Conference. The Opening Ceremony on Sunday afternoon was held at the Charleston Civic Center. President Connie Myers (MS) addressed the attendees. Welcome Night was held at Laidley Field, home to the Charleston Golden Eagles football and lacrosse teams. High school, middle school, and community teams also play at UC Stadium. *The Black Daggers*, the United States Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team, was impressive and heart-stirring. Cody Wickline, Season 8 finalist on NBC's *The Voice*, was the featured entertainment. Other events included field goal kicking, cornhole, and knockerballs. Excellent food was provided by Outback Steakhouse, Carnivore BBQ, and Island Teriyaki.

On Monday, August 13, Auxiliary delegates were credentialed, committees met, and the EANGUS Auxiliary EC met. EANGUS Marketing, Development, and Operations Director Joan Gardiner facilitated a workshop on newsletters and EANGUS Auxiliary Area II Director Margie Holcomb (VA) and EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President Angela Kennebeck (IA) presented a workshop for state presidents on Monday afternoon. Junior Enlisted Night on August 13 was held at the West Virginia Appalachian Power Park, home field for the West Virginia Power minor league baseball team. DJ Nevada Army National Guard Staff Sergeant Robert Diehl provided the entertainment. Food was provided by WV Power Baseball.

President Connie Myers (MS) called the EANGUS Auxiliary General Membership Meeting to order on Tuesday, August 14, at 9:10 a.m. in the Charleston Civic Center. Chaplain Shelia Brookins (KY) led the invocation and Vice President Angela Kennebeck (IA) led members in *The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States*. President Myers welcomed members and recognized EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents who were in attendance: Sara Hendricks (IA); Nancy McDowell (OH); Shelia Bandy (KY); Vivian Taylor (MS); and Judy Wood (AL). EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Council members who were present were: Area II Directors Shelia Brookins (KY) and Margie Holcomb (VA); Area IV Director Kim Clay (LA); Area V Directors Sharon Henderson (IA) and Cathy Berry (WI); Area VI Directors Richard Bryant (NM) and Linda Lyon (WY).

Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS) called the roll which indicated:

- ✓ Fifty-one (51) Delegates
- ✓ Forty-three (43) Proxies
- ✓ Five (5) Officers
- ✓ Seven (7) Area Directors
- ✓ Twelve (12) Members
- ✓ Ten (10) Guests
- ✓ Three (3) Associate Members
- ✓ Nineteen (19) States

Credentials and Rules Chairman Pam Adams (AL) confirmed the Roll Call.

A Brunch, which was funded by USAA, was enjoyed by members.

Minutes were approved as presented. Committee Chairmen gave reports: **Burden Bears**, Sharon Henderson (IA); **Constitution**, Richard Bryant (NM); **Continuity**, Pat Burchfield (MS); **Family Affairs**, Cathy Hammack (WV). Finance Committee Chairman Paula Carrigan (MS) presented the proposed **budget for 2019** which was on page 46 of the Conference book. Chairman Carrigan, on behalf of the Finance Committee, recommended that the budget be adopted. The budget was adopted as published. Chairman Carrigan reported the Finance Committee had performed an **audit** of the Treasurer's records; clerical errors were noted and recommendations were made to the body. The EANGUS Auxiliary funds were accounted for. The audit report was accepted as presented. History Committee Chairman Vivian Taylor (MS) noted that the **2017 EANGUS Auxiliary History** was found on pages 21-24 of the Conference book, the **History Committee report** was on page 25, and

the **History Highlights from State Auxiliaries** was found on pages 26-34. Barbara Rains (FL), Legislative Committee Chairman, referred members to the **Legislative** report on page 45 of the Conference book. The **Lifetime Committee** Chairman Vivian Taylor (MS) reminded members of the requirements for lifetime membership and referenced the report on pages 35-36 of the Conference book. The report showed there were: 804 life members; 428 active life members; 122 life members not reported by states; 230 deceased life members; 24 ineligible life members. There were four (4) members in the Lifetime Member Class of 2017 and through July 05, 2018 there were two (2) members in the Lifetime Member Class of 2018. **Membership** Chairman Judith Putman (KS) reported there were forty-nine (49) EANGUS Auxiliary lifetime associate members: Alabama, 1; Arizona, 1; California, 2; Delaware, 2; District of Columbia, 1; Florida, 1; Hawaii, 1; Idaho, 1; Iowa, 2; Kansas, 4; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Mississippi, 8; Nevada, 1; New Hampshire, 3; Pennsylvania, 1; Tennessee, 1; Texas, 2; Utah, 1; Virginia, 3; Washington, 1; West Virginia, 8; Wyoming, 1. Auxiliary **Membership for the 2018 year** was four hundred eighty-one (481) annual members, four hundred twelve active life members (412), and three hundred twenty-two (322) annual associate members. Twenty-six (26) states reported membership to the EANGUS Auxiliary. Chairman Putman presented certificates for the following Membership Awards:

- Largest percentage increase in total members
1-25 members—Missouri
26-75 members—Iowa
- *Largest percentage increase in associate members*
1-25 members—Missouri
26-75 members—Florida
- *Largest percentage increase in lifetime members*
1-25 members—Virginia
26-75 members—South Dakota
76 plus members—Mississippi
- *Largest number of new lifetime associate members*—Delaware

Nominations Committee Chairman Sondra Monastra (OH) reported the nominations for Area Directors: Area II—Barbara Sizemore (WV) and Shelia Brookins (KY), reelected; Area III—Pam Adams (AL); Area IV—Judith Putman (KS); Area V—Edna Steinberg (SD); Area VI—Linda Lyon (WY). **Philanthropic** Committee Chairman Carol Benda (MN) reported that the Committee recommended philanthropic funds from the 2018 budget and philanthropic donations be presented to the Brookside Women’s and Children’s Center in Charleston, West Virginia; a total of one thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$1,450.00) was presented to Brookside. Six hundred fifty dollars (\$650.00) was donated at Conference and eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for the philanthropic project was in the 2018 budget. A donation of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) had been sent prior to Conference for Ronald McDonald House and a donation had also been sent for Fisher House. **Public Relations** Chairman Vivian Taylor (MS) noted the report on page 37 of the Conference book. **Resolutions** report was not given. **Scholarship** Committee Co-Chairman Marlys List (SD) reported the scholarship recipients: Samantha J. Anderson (SD), three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00); Laken E. Sanders (MS), two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); Alyssa D. Rickles (MS) one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00); Malea A. Hanson (IA) and Devin B. Wise (MS) one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) each. Barbara Sizemore (WV) reported that at the time of the report there were bids of two thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars in the silent auction; the 50/50 was at five hundred seventy dollars; tees, two hundred forty dollars; and country store, ninety-six dollars. On Tuesday the following nominees for EANGUS Auxiliary offices spoke to members: President Angela Kennebeck (IA); Vice President Margie Holcomb (VA); and Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS).

The All Areas Hospitality Night was held at Haddad Riverfront Park on Tuesday evening, August 14, and included food, music, and a classic car show. *Audio Outlaws* provided entertainment. The exchange of state pins is always a fun part of the evening; Bryan Birch’s pins’ vest now weighs over 25 pounds!

President Connie Myers (MS) reconvened the EANGUS Auxiliary General Membership Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, August 15, 2018. The invocation was offered by Chaplain Shelia Brookins (KY) and President Connie Myers (MS) made opening remarks. Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS) called the roll: fifty (50) delegates; forty-three (43) proxies; eleven (11) members; six (6) guests; and three (3) associate members. Credentials and Rules Committee Chairman Pam Adams (AL) confirmed the roll call numbers matched those from the Credentials and Rules Committee. **Philanthropic** Committee Chairman Carol Benda (MN) presented a check for the philanthropic donations to Bridget Washington, Brookside Women’s and Children’s Center, Charleston, West Virginia. Sharon Henderson (IA) announced **Burden Bears** recipients: Rhonda Inmon (MS); Floyd Parks (KS); Carol Benda (MN); Estela Jones (Brookside Women’s and Children’s Center); and EANGUS Past President Delano Kerby (AL).

Election for Officers was held. Results were: President, Angela Kennebeck (IA); Vice President, Margie Holcomb (VA); Secretary, Vivian Taylor (MS); Treasurer, Jessica Lance-Root (AR). Connie Myers (MS) moved to Immediate Past President.

Awards—Chairmen Barbara Rains (FL) and Judith Putman (KS) presented the Legislative Awards and Recruiting Member of the Year Award. Sara Hendricks (IA) presented the Lifetime Member Award. President Connie Myers (MS) and Sheila Bandy (KY) presented the Outstanding Director Awards, Outstanding State Awards, Distinguished Service Award,

Torch Award, and President's Award.

- Outstanding State Awards
 - 1-25 members—Virginia Auxiliary
 - 26-75 members—Iowa Auxiliary
 - 76+ members—Mississippi Auxiliary
- Distinguished Service Award—Pam Adams (AL), President, Enlisted National Guard Association of Alabama Auxiliary
- Outstanding Area Director Awards—Area II Director Margie Holcomb (VA) and Area V Director Catherine “Cathy” Berry (WI)
- Torch Award—Paula Carrigan (MS), EANGUS Auxiliary Finance Committee Chairman
- Sara Hendricks Lifetime Member Award—Sheila Bandy (KY), lifetime member #519
- Hall of Fame Award—Scott Delveau, Air Force Enlisted Village
- Recruiting Member of the Year—Vivian Taylor (MS)
- Legislative—Area II, Cynthia Motley (VA); Area III, Carolyn Smith (FL); Area IV, Natalie & Norman Copeland (MS); Area V, Gary Hans (WI).
- President's Award—Joan Gardiner, EANGUS Director of Marketing, Development, and Operations

Barbara Sizemore (WV) gave the final **Ways and Means** report: silent auction, three thousand five hundred fifty-four dollars (\$3,554.00); tees, four hundred dollars (\$400.00); country store one hundred twenty-eight dollars fifty cents (\$128.50); 50/50, one thousand eighteen dollars (\$1,018.00) with half, five hundred nine dollars (\$509.00) to winner Terry Handy and half, five hundred nine dollars (\$509.00) to EANGUS Auxiliary.

The **Memorial Service** was conducted by Chaplain Shelia Brookins. The Chaplain asked for a moment of silence for the deceased members, gave a dramatic reading, and sang. **The deceased lifetime members were:** Eileen Catherine Satchell (MA), lifetime member #219, died May 17, 2001 (listed as not reported); Catherine Anne Hodgson-Chadwell (CA), lifetime member #347, died October 03, 2011 (listed as not reported—California dissolved in 2014); Genevieve (Irving) Kapsch (SD), lifetime member #082, died August 23, 2015; Norma Jean (Fulk) Ritter (OH), lifetime member #198, died August 17, 2016; Arlene (Churchwell) Poteet (TN), lifetime member #184, died December 13, 2016; Marion Joyce (Iseminger) Speas (MO), lifetime member #044, Charter Member, died June 05, 2017; Dorothy Irene “Dot” (Hairston) Sessums (MS), lifetime member #494, died June 27, 2017; Major Dave J. “Frogg” Williams, II (DE), lifetime member #758, died July 21, 2017; Elizabeth “Betty” (Barber) Bjork (CA), lifetime member #180, died August 09, 2017 (listed as not reported—California dissolved in 2014); Mary Jo (Strong) Gould (KY), lifetime member #022, Charter Member, died November 02, 2017; Lois (Gregerson) Sadorf (MT), lifetime member #276, died November 16, 2017; Barbara Rudolphia “Dolfe” (Brown) Van Alyne (VA), lifetime member #062, Charter Member, died January 19, 2018 (listed as not reported for VA—lived in Wyoming, was EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President 1980-1982); Myrna Joyce (Milnor) Blair (OH), lifetime member #621, died January 22, 2018; Allora Ann (Burlew) Luse (KS), lifetime member #609, died March 07, 2018; Marilyn Jean (McKechnie) McNeely (SD), lifetime member #130, died March 11, 2018; Beverly Gay (Scarborough) Lee (MS), lifetime member #173, died March 29, 2018; Mary Jane (DiBartolo) Mance (PA), lifetime member #126, died March 30, 2018; Addie Jean (McKinney) Ketcherside (MO), lifetime member #166, died April 10, 2018 (listed as not reported); Barbara Neal (Williams) Freeman (GA), lifetime member #489, died April 14, 2018; “Jane” Marian (Luttrell) Rohloff (WI), lifetime member #031, Charter Member, died July 04, 2018.

The President's Reception was held prior to the Wednesday evening Banquet and Awards Program which was held in the Charleston Civic Center. President Connie Myers presented the **EANGUS Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award** to EANGUS Deputy Executive Director Bryan Birch and the **EANGUS Auxiliary Spouse of the Year Award** to Stephen E. Berry (WI). **EANGUS Awards** presented to EANGUS Auxiliary members included the Side by Side Award to EANGUS Auxiliary Area II Director Shelia Brookins (KY) and Special Recognition Awards to the two EANGUS Auxiliary Presidents, Judy Wood (AL) and Connie Myers (MS), who served during the tenure of EANGUS President John Harris.

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