

## EANGUS AUXILIARY HISTORY 2018

*From Far, Near and In Between... See Y'all in West Virginia* was the call for folks to gather at the 47<sup>th</sup> EANGUS Conference and 45<sup>th</sup> 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 (RMH) and a donation of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) had also been sent for Fisher House (FH). The RMH donation was mailed to the RMH in Charleston, West Virginia. The FH donation was mailed to FH headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. **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, 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 (Burlaw) 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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