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President's Message
Margie V. Holcomb, President

June 2023

Auxiliary Members, Family & Friends:

"So much progress that would define the 20th century, on both sides of the Atlantic, came down to the battle for a slice of beach only six miles long and two miles wide." ~ President Barack Obama on the 65th anniversary of D-Day.

To continue the celebration of events regarding military history, D-Day (79th Anniversary-2023) is another celebrated event that acknowledges the sacrifices of hundreds of thousands of military members. The Allied forces liberated the coast from German control although the day was chaotic due to intense weather conditions. The task at hand was difficult; however, with confidence, courage, devotion to duty prevailed and the Allied forces were victorious. We pay tribute to the heroes who came from far and wide faced with the challenge of restoring freedom to Europe.

The months of May and June presented us with two additional celebratory opportunities. Mother's Day (May 14th) is celebrated to honor the mother of the family as well as motherhood, maternal bonds and the influence of mothers in society. Father's Day (June 18th) was originally considered a religious holiday and created to compliment Mother's Day with the same concept of honoring fathers, celebrating fatherhood, maternal bonds and the influence of fathers in society.

July 4, 1776 was the approval of Declaration of Independence, the founding document of the United States, announcing the separation of the thirteen North American British colonies from Great Britain thus creating Free and Independent States. The 4th of July celebration is a day filled with parades, barbeques, fireworks and most importantly, a celebration of patriotism (freedom, liberty and unity).

In closing, the EANGUS Auxiliary is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. We are endeavoring to make this an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone. You can check out the Auxiliary agenda on page #5. There is more to come so..... Until the next issue of the **Signal**, enjoy the read....

~Margie



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I can only give my best to others when I am in touch with the best of myself.

PRAYERS & CARES

A Prayer for Our Military

“Heavenly Father, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces and their families. May they experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing.”

Amen



Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

John 15:10



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Pauline Wyatt (DE) - Illness
Charlotte Kuykendall (VA) - Illness
Donzella Johnson (DE) - Recovering from Surgery



“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” ~ Psalm 34:18

FAITH
TELLS ME THAT NO
MATTER WHAT LIES
AHEAD OF ME,
GOD
IS ALREADY THERE.

In Our Hearts



LTM 734 Carol Louise Scharnowske (ND) - Passed 13 December 2022
LTM 582 Doris J, Langford (MN) - Passed 6 May 2023
LTM 025 Shirley Enke (MO) - Passing of Spouse, Loyd Enke - 13 April 2023
LTM 508 - Diane Vagle (ND) - Passing of Spouse, Thomas Allan Vagle - 3 April 2023
LTM 267 Janet Carole Haines (OH) - Passing of Spouse, Joseph G. Haines, Sr., 24 May 2021
LTM 252 Mary K. Stockwell (ME) - Earl Stockwell, Earl Stockwell, Jr., Passing of Spouse - December 2022

*Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with God.
Certainly, heaven is rejoicing for another soul has finally reached their true home.*

“Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories.”

-Author Unknown

You can send prayer requests privately to the EANGUS Auxiliary Chaplain
Shelia M. Brookins at eamgky.brookins@gmail.com

D-DAY & INDEPENDENCE DAY



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D-DAY

The D-Day operation of June 6, 1944, brought together the land, air, and sea forces for allied armies in what became known as the largest amphibious invasion in military history. The operation, given the codename OVERLORD, delivered five naval assault divisions to the beaches of Normandy, France. D-Day was a major turning point in World War II that marked the beginning of the end of Nazi Germany's control in Europe. The amphibious assault landed some 156,000 Allied soldiers on the beaches of Normandy. Some 4,000 Allied troops were killed by German soldiers defending the beaches.

After World War II began, Germany invaded and occupied northwestern France beginning in May 1940. The American entered the war in December 1941, and by 1942 they and the British were considering the possibility of a major allied invasion across the English Channel. In January 1944, General Dwight D. Eisenhower was appointed commander of Operation Overlord. Eisenhower selected June 5, 1944, as the date of the invasion. Despite the weather conditions, on the morning of June 5, Eisenhower gave the go-ahead for Operations Overlord. He told the troops: "You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you."

By dawn of June 6, thousands of paratroopers and glider troops were on the ground behind enemy lines, securing bridges and exit road. The amphibious invasions began at 6:30 a.m. The British and Canadians overcame light opposition to capture beaches codenamed Gold, Juno and Sword, as did the Americans at Utah Beach. U.S. forces faced heavy resistance at Omaha Beach, where there were over 2,000 American casualties. Approximately 156,000 Allied troops had successfully stormed Normandy's beaches. It is estimated that more than 4,000 Allied troops lost their lives in the invasion, with thousands more wounded or missing.

To learn more visit: [D-Day - Normandy Invasion, Facts & Significance | HISTORY](#)

4TH OF JULY

The 4th of July, also known as Independence Day, is a annual celebration of nationhood. It is a holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1777, establishing the United States of America.

The Congress had voted in favor of independence from Great Britain on July 2, however didn't complete the process of revising the Declaration of Independence. The celebration was initially modeled on that of the king's birthday, which had been



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marked annually by bell ringing, bonfires, solemn processions, discussions and toasting in ceremonies that celebrated the existence of the new nation. The firing of cannons and muskets accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence. These rites played an equally important role in the evolution of the federal political system and introducing venues for leaders and constituents to tie local and national contests to independence. The tradition of patriotic celebrations became more widespread after the War of 1812. The first fireworks were used as early as 200 BC and the tradition of setting off fireworks on July 4th began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777 during the first organized celebration. To learn more visit: [Fourth of July - Origins, Early Celebrations & Traditions | HISTORY](#)



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AUGUST 13-16 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

EANGUS AUXILIARY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

You do not want to miss the EANGUS Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary event this year. We will be having a lot of new and exciting things happening at our conference. First Timers recognition will be on Sunday as well as our ribbon cutting for the Vendors and our Auxiliary Silent Auction. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member to attend our meetings. We are sure once you do attend, you will want to be a part of this Auxiliary.



Margie Holcomb - EANGUS AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Registered?

Eangus.org

Have you reserved your hotel reservations?

Eangus.org

**Kahler Grand Hotel
– Area 4, 5, & 7**

**Marriott Hotel
Area3**

**Kahler Inn and
Suites-Area 1, 2, & 6**

**Auxiliary Fundrais-
er Saturday even-
ing event!!! Must
register to attend ,
limited seating.**

Eangus Auxiliary

EANGUSAUXILIARY.Org

AUXILIARY EVENTS

Saturday - Arrival Day - Travel to Rochester or Minneapolis

- Flights are limited in Rochester; Minneapolis is an hour away with cheaper flights.
- 5 k Walk - register online eangus.org
- Past President Social (Invitation Only)
- Registration Packets will be picked up by your State President or P.O.C
- Silent Auction set up
- Auxiliary Fund Raiser Event - "Bubbly and Bundts"

Sunday

- EANGUS Caucus- Auxiliary is encouraged to attend
- Chapel Service
- First Timers Recognition
- Ribbon Cutting Presentation- visit the booths, networking opportunity - free handouts
- Silent Auction begins
- EANGUS General Session begins
- Welcome Night - Peace Plaza, outdoor event, casual dress

Monday

- Blood Drive - optional
- Finance Meeting
- Auxiliary Executive Council Meeting
- Auxiliary Committee Meetings - confirm your meeting with your committee chair.
- Free Night to visit the city
- JR Enlisted Event - "Trucker" is the theme, bring out the flannel shirts, daisy dukes and what ever looks like a trucker. Tap House Block Party - outdoor event, casual dress (Everyone welcome and encouraged to attend and support the Jr Enlisted.)

Tuesday

- EANGUS and Auxiliary Caucus
- Auxiliary General Session - dress code business casual - Break sponsored by USAA
- Silent Auction closes
- All area hospitality night - Mayo Park, outdoor event, casual dress - trade state pins

Wednesday

- EANGUS and Auxiliary Caucus
- Auxiliary General Session - dress code business casual
- Awards presentation
- General session ends
- Auxiliary Executive Council Meeting - newly elected directors need to attend
- EANGUS Awards Banquet - Mayo Civic Center

All hospitality suites are located in the Kahler Grand Hotel. This is a place for you to meet and greet members. Plenty of food, drinks and other activities. Area 1, 2 & 5 are together. Area 3 is on second floor. Area 4 is next door to 1, 2, & 5. Area 6 & 7 are together.

AUXILIARY MEETING MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

General Session Meeting Minutes:

Draft for approval

**ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES (EANGUS)
AUXILIARY**

**Minutes of the First General Session
Tuesday, August 09, 2022**

[Memo for the record: Minutes are composed in past tense and recorded what was done. Speakers, imperative information, and reports are streamlined; otherwise, if necessary, only reports are replicated. All motions in these minutes are composed verbatim and the Secretary edits for spellcheck only. Secretary's personal opinion is not deemed in minutes. (Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised)]

**ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES (EANGUS)
AUXILIARY**

**Minutes of the Second General Session
Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

Vivian D. Taylor

Vivian Dean Taylor (MS), Secretary
2018-2022

For Full Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

EC Meeting Minutes:

Draft for approval

**Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)
Auxiliary**

**Executive Council (EC) Meeting
President's Suite, 1504, Marriott Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas
Monday, August 08, 2022**

AND

**Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)
Auxiliary**

**Executive Council (EC) Meeting
President's Suite, 1504, Marriott Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas
Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

Vivian D. Taylor

Vivian Dean Taylor (MS), Secretary
2018-2022

For Full Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)



PURPOSE OF THE AUXILIARY

The purpose of the Auxiliary is to support the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), in attaining goals and objectives, and to provide support and fellowship among National Guard families. Along with supporting the Enlisted Association's legislative efforts, the Auxiliary is also concerned with family issues and provides scholarships for spouses and dependents.

WHAT THE AUXILIARY DOES FOR EANGUS!

The Auxiliary supports and promotes EANGUS. It provides support of its legislative efforts for the improvement and retention of benefits for members of the National Guard. It assists with planning and preparations of the Association and Auxiliary Joint Annual Conference.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Annual Member: A Spouse of active, retired, or former Guard Member, who is a member of EANGUS and a member of a state Auxiliary chartered to the National AUXILIARY.

Life Member: A current annual member may apply for life membership by paying a one-time dues payment that is determined by current state and national dues that apply up to age 60. The applicant's spouse must be a Life member of their state association and EANGUS.

National Associate Member: An individual who supports the objectives of the AUXILIARY but does not otherwise qualify for Annual or Lifetime membership.

National Life Associate Member: An Individual who supports the objectives of the AUXILIARY but does not otherwise qualify for Annual or Lifetime membership by paying a one-time payment of **\$100**.

President: Margie V. Holcomb

Email: margie_holcomb@msn.com

Membership Chair: Judith Putman

Email: jlputman@hotmail.com

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EANGUS AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Membership

A spouse of an active, retired, or former Guard member, who is a member of EANGUS and a member of a state auxiliary chartered to EANGUS AUXILIARY may apply for annual membership in their resident state auxiliary and EANGUS Auxiliary. All other individuals may apply for annual state and national associate memberships. Request State and National Annual Membership in the state of _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Dues amount: _____ (Refer to state auxiliary dues structure provided on website).

Name _____ Member ID _____
(Assigned)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Spouse _____ Active _____ Retired _____

Rank (If active) _____ Unit _____

Unit Location _____

Email address _____

Signature _____

Associate State/National Associate Membership

An individual who supports the objectives of their resident state auxiliary and EANGUS Auxiliary but does not otherwise qualify for Annual or Lifetime membership may apply for state associate membership and national associate membership.

Request State and National Associate Membership for the state of _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Dues amount: _____ (Refer to state auxiliary dues structure provided on website).

Name _____ Member ID _____
(Assigned)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Signature _____

Make check/money order payable to resident State Auxiliary.

(Refer to state auxiliary representatives/addresses provided on website).

Mail dues payment with application to state auxiliary representative. Please allow 30 days for processing.

FREE email subscription of The Signal newsletter (if email address is provided).

Hard copy subscription of The Signal newsletter available: \$25.00 for 12 issues: _____

Date: March 2012

Rev: March 2022



Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary

SPOUSE MUST BE AN EANGUS LIFETIME MEMBER
APPLICANT MUST BE A CURRENT STATE & EANGUS AUXILIARY MEMBER

LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2022 August

_____ Date of Application

Name (Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden, name, please)

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Age Date of Birth State Affiliation State Verification

Spouse's Name Phone number

Email Address

Army _____ Air _____ Lifetime number assigned by EANGUS for Spouse: _____

COST OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

An annual member may become a life member by payment of **\$25.00 plus the annual dues which apply until the applicant reaches the age of 60**. This is a nonrefundable payment. After age 60, no dues are required. Application must be accompanied by verification of eligibility from the treasurer of the state of which the applicant is an annual member.

Year of birth _____ + 60 = _____ - _____ = _____ ()	
	X \$ 7.00
Life Membership Dues to age 60: _____	= _____
Application Fee: _____	+ \$ 25.00
TOTAL: _____	\$ _____

A Life Member card number will be assigned by the LIFE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR. _____

Mail this application along with applicable dues to:

Vivian Taylor, LTM Chairperson, PO Box 101, Clara, MS 39324-0101

Date Received by EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer

Amount \$

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EANGUS AUXILIARY LIFE NATIONAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Life National Associate Membership may be issued to individuals who support the objectives of the ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY but do not otherwise qualify for annual or lifetime membership. A national life associate member shall not be a voting delegate, eligible for scholarships, or qualified to hold office in the AUXILIARY. **Dues are \$100.** This is a onetime non-refundable payment.

Request for Life National Associate Membership

Date _____ Member ID _____
(Member ID will be assigned)

State Auxiliary affiliation _____
(If applicable)

Name _____

Company/Corporation Name _____
(If applicable)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Signature _____

Hard copy membership applications may be mailed with dues payment to current EANGUS Auxiliary Membership Chair, Judith Putman, 1234 Road 137, Emporia, KS 66801. Please allow 30 days for processing hard copy membership applications.

Make check payable to EANGUS Auxiliary.

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March 2017

RECRUITING MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Information Submitted by EANGUS Auxiliary Membership Chair Judith Putman

Each year there is an award given called the Recruiting Member of the Year. The member of the Auxiliary who is chosen as the top recruiter nationwide will receive an award. Also, all names submitted will be put in a drawing for gift cards.

I would like each state to send me the name or names of individuals who went above and beyond to recruit new members and/or worked to retain current members. When you submit names, be sure to include the state, the number of new members they recruited and/or the number of current members they helped retain.

For example, Judith Putman, Kansas, 2 new members and resigned 5 current members.

Information for your recruiting efforts is due by to me **July 1, 2023**. Any names received after that date will not be considered.

Please fill up my mailbox with members names who have demonstrated top recruiting abilities.

Thank you!

Judith Putman
EANGUS Auxiliary Membership Chair
jputman@hotmail.com



SCHOLARSHIPS



EANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS



EANGUS Auxiliary 2023 Scholarships

- One (1) USAA Auxiliary scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars)
- One (1) EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars)
- One (1) EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$500 (one five hundred dollars)

Liz Bryant, EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chair
labrab0704@gmail.com

Note: Auxiliary scholarship sponsors need to ask your State's Auxiliary National Scholarship Chair what is the state deadline date. This allows the State Scholarship Chair/Committee to review applications and forward eligible applications to Liz Bryant, EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chair by postmark date of 30 June 2023.

NOTICE

The EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Application for 2024 has been revised and will be available for completion and submission online. A link to the scholarship application will be provided once the webpage is opened for access. Assistance for completion of applications may be provided by EANGUS Auxiliary Area Directors and Auxiliary State Presidents. We apologize for any inconvenience this is causing in getting the application to prospective applicants. We thank you for your continued patience.

EANGUS SCHOLARSHIPS



There are two types of scholarships available. The CSM Virgil R. Williams and the Patriot Scholarships are paid by EANGUS directly to the school the selectee is attending. The second type of scholarships are presented by specific universities that EANGUS has partnered with. The link below will guide you to the applications you will need to submit for each type of scholarship. The tabs provide details for each scholarship along with the requirements. If at any time you have questions, please contact scholarship@eangus.org and someone will respond to your inquiry or request for assistance.



SDI / EANGUS SCHOLARSHIP

Sonoran Desert Institute (SDI) is proud to partner with the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) to offer the SDI/EANGUS Scholarship. The scholarship provides full tuition and fees each semester for the Associate of Science in Firearms Technology Degree program to one recipient annually.

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Command Sergeant Major
Advisory Council



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UNIVERSITY®

Source/For a Full List of Sponsors Visit: <https://eangus.org/scholarship-information/>



Legislative Action Center



Make sure you visit the Legislative Action Center to help get our voice heard.

Take action on issues that will affect the benefits, services and programs of National Guard members and their families.



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It is quick and easy to answer the CALL. Go to the EANGUS website: <http://eangus.org/> Click on the Legislative tab. To respond to the CALLS, enter your ZIP CODE. Note: Some ZIP Codes have split congressional districts so use your nine-digit zip code to get your actual congressional representative. Those having PO Box numbers may want to look up physical residence address zip codes for accurate information. You will see your congressional representatives at the bottom. Choose which action alert (CALL) you wish to respond. Compose your message (you can use the pre-written letter, modify the letter or draft your own letter). Fill in your sender information. **Click SENDING MESSAGE and it will automatically assign your congressional representatives and send letters to them. You will receive a confirmation noting your letter has been sent and to whom.**

Don't hesitate to contact the EANGUS Legislative Director Kevin Hollinger at (202) 670-1826 or email at [mailto:%20kevin@eangus.org%20] kevin@eangus.org with any questions.

(Remember to keep track of contacts and responses and forward numbers to your legislative contact person.)

Legislative Priorities Position Paper

- [Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act](#)
- [EANGUS TriCare for all Reservists](#)
- [Major Richard Star Act](#)
- [Affordable Health Care for Gray Area Reserve Retirement](#)
- [Early Tricare for Eligible National Guard Members](#)
- [Fully Burdened and Lifecycle Costing Model](#)
- [Remove Forced Arbitration from SCRA](#)
- [Reserve Employers Comprehensive Relief and Uniform Incentives on Taxes Act](#)
- [Space Force Reserve Component Importance](#)
- [Taxes Update Tax Laws and Policies to Reflect Changes in the Military](#)
- [The Servicemember's Civil Relief Act - Waiver Section 517 Removal](#)

Legislative Tool

- [EANGUS Appropriations 101](#)
- [Tools and Tips for Effective Advocacy](#)

EANGUS

EANGUS Call-to-Action: Support the Space National Guard Establishment Act.
EANGUS strongly supports S. 503 and H.R. 3048, the Space National Guard Establishment Act. This bipartisan legislation

EANGUS Call-To-Action-Uniform Incentives on Taxes
EANGUS would like you to participate in this Call to Action, asking the 118th Congress to re-introduce H.R. 1854, initially introduced in the 117th by Rep Ryan (R-OH) and Rep Pallazo (D-MN). The

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EANGUS Call-to-Action: Support the Space National Guard Establishment Act.

EANGUS strongly supports S. 503 and H.R. 3048, the Space National Guard Establishment Act. This bipartisan legislation would create the Space National Guard as the primary reserve component of the U.S. Space Force.

S. 503 was introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., on Feb. 16, 2023. The Senate bill was co-sponsored by Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Calif., Sen. John Hickenlooper, D-Colo., Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., Sen. Mike Braun, R-Ind., Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, I-Ariz., and Sen. Jacky Rosen, D-Nev. This is the second time Feinstein and Rubio have introduced this legislation.

Companion legislation to this Senate bill was included in the last two versions of the National Defense Authorization Act introduced in the House. Rep. Jason Crow, D-Colo., and Rep. Doug Lamborn, R-Colo., reintroduced a House version of the Space National Guard Establishment Act on May 2, 2023. The House bill was cosponsored by Rep. Salud Carbajal, D-Calif., Rep. William Keating, D-Mass., Rep. John Rutherford, R-Fla., Rep. Steve Womack, R-Ark., Rep. Jared Moskowitz, D-Fla., Rep. Sylvia Garcia, D-Texas, Rep. Ed Case, D-Hawaii, Rep. Jack Bergman, R-Mich., Rep. Jill Tokuda, D-Hawaii, and Rep. Brittany Pettersen, D-Colo.

S. 503 and H.R. 3048, if enacted, would allow the nearly 1,000 airmen currently performing space missions in the National Guard to continue executing these crucial missions unimpeded while providing the Space Force with combat surge capabilities and delivering space-trained personnel and capabilities to support domestic operations and natural disasters.

The Department of Defense is fielding two options regarding reserve components within the Space Force, but has proposed merging all space missions into a full- and part-time force with no Space Guard.

Please contact the EANGUS Legislative Director, Kevin Hollinger, at 202-670-1826 or kev-in@eangus.org for further information about the Enlisted National Guard and Space National Guard.

EANGUS Call-To-Action- Uniform Incentives on Taxes

Congress to re-introduce H.R. 1854, initially introduced in the 117th by Rep Ryan (R-OH) and Rep Pallazo (D-MN). The "Reserve Employers Comprehensive Relief and Uniform Incentives on Taxes Act of 2021" or the "RECRUIT Act of 2021" is an EANGUS legislative priority for encouraging employers to hire and retain National Guard and Reserve servicemembers.

EANGUS is dedicated to helping National Guard members with USERRA and SCRA problems; we are all too familiar with their employment problems from deployments. On the other hand, we cannot blame employers because they also shoulder a burden when Guard and Reserve members are on orders. During the 117th Congress, H.R. 1854 would have provided employers a tax credit, encouraging them to hire and retain Reserve Component members. The tax credit would help employers offset the financial cost of hiring temporary employees or paying overtime when servicemembers are absent.



**EANGUS Roll Call:
Drill Weekend Talking Point
June 2023**

To: **EANGUS Members**
From: **EANGUS National Office**

Please share the following Roll Call: Drill Weekend Talking Points with other unit members.

Ensuring benefits parity between the National Guard and the active component has always been a priority for EANGUS. Over the last several years, EANGUS has worked with Congress to address issues such as allowing National Guard Servicemembers to receive 180 days of premium-free transitional health care benefits under the Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) after serving more than 30 consecutive days on active duty to support COVID-19 response as well as advocating for equal pay for National Guard Servicemembers assigned to and performing hazardous duty jobs.

In the Fiscal Year (F.Y.) 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Congress approved section 602, which authorizes the reserve components of the Armed Forces to incentive pay in the same monthly amount as that paid to the Active Components performing comparable work requiring comparable skills. For example, a National Guard Servicemember qualified and assigned to an airborne position would be entitled to receive the full airborne hazardous duty pay that an Active Component servicemember receives instead of the prorated 1/30th of the pay for each day on duty. The qualifications, requirements, and risks of performing a hazardous duty job are the same regardless of the component a Servicemember serves. It is fantastic that Congress has finally taken this step to close this parity gap. However, even though Congress approved this section, there is still specific language in the text that does not allow implementation of this benefit until the Secretary of Defense submits a report to Congress no later than September 30, 2022, outlining the steps to implement this as well as the cost associated with it.

Furthermore, the Secretary of Defense must certify that providing this equal pay will not harm the Force Structure or recruiting or retention of Active-Duty Components. This report has not been published yet. EANGUS will continue to monitor this legislation and update our members as information becomes available. While EANGUS does not believe that providing equal incentive pay will damage the Active Components, ensuring that this section is tracked very closely to implement this incentive pay will be essential.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION CONT'D

Yet another parity issue that EANGUS is working on is GI Bill Parity. EANGUS has been educating Congress on the need to adjust the GI Bill for many years. There are strict limitations on what type of status and periods a National Guard Servicemember must serve on Active Duty orders to qualify for Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits. In March of 2021, EANGUS gained the support of several members of the House of Representatives to have the H.R. 1836, Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021, introduced for consideration. This bill would expand the eligibility criteria for the National Guard and Reserve components to make it easier for these Servicemembers to qualify for this benefit. This bill would allow Guard and Reserve Servicemembers on active duty for training orders to earn qualifying time towards Post 9/11 GI Bill eligibility. Additionally, starting in 2032, this bill would allow inactive duty training (IDT) as a qualifying time towards Post 9/11 GI Bill eligibility. Currently, we are still looking for a sponsor in the 118th Congress.

EANGUS sent out a Call-To-Action on this bill in January 2022 to ask our membership to respond and let their congressional members know the importance of this legislation. Our voices were heard, and on January 12, 2022, the House of Representatives approved HR 1836. This legislation was passed and considered by the U.S. Senate in bill number S. 1349. Although it did not pass during the 117th Congress, we know that Congress knows this is still a significant concern, and we eagerly await this legislation in the 118th. EANGUS will continue to communicate with Congress to express the importance of this legislation and continue to work on your behalf to ensure that the National Guard receives the benefits they duly deserve.

*For more information on this or any other issues concerning the National Guard, don't hesitate to contact EANGUS's legislative and military policy director, Kevin Hollinger, at (202) 670-1826
kevin@eangus.org.*

NOTE: The 2023-2024 Legislative Activity Reporting period resumed 01 June 2023 so let's continue documenting responses for the upcoming reporting period 01 June 2023 – 31 May 2024.

Let's all work with EANGUS and the Enlisted Associations to ensure our voices are heard on Capitol Hill regarding legislation that matters and is important to our National Guard servicemembers and their families. 😊

A 2023-2024 Legislative Activity Reporting Form is provided as an attachment for recording purposes.

Thank you for participating!

Margie
EANGUS Auxiliary President



or Text **838255**

What is 988?

The Veterans Crisis Line's new number—988 then Press 1—helps make it easier to remember and share the number to access help in times of need.

Signed into law in 2020, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act authorized 988 as the new three-digit number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. As part of the law, all telephone service providers in the U.S. had to activate the number no later than July 16, 2022.

Veterans can use this new option by dialing 988 and pressing 1 to contact the Veterans Crisis Line. Veterans may still reach the Veterans Crisis Line with the previous phone number—[1-800-273-8255](tel:18002738255) and [Press 1](#)—by text ([838255](tel:838255)), and through chat ([VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/Chat)).

How It Works

Your call to the Veterans Crisis Line is free and confidential, and you decide how much information to share. Support doesn't end with your conversation. Our responders can connect you with the resources you need.

Privacy & Security

The Veterans Crisis line is a confidential, secure resource. You choose whether to share personal information.

For More Information: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/about/what-is-988/>



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EANGUS PROJECT~OPERATION VETCARE



Operation VetCare

How we help the Veteran

Operation Vetcare is here to help veterans, actively serving military service-members, and military families who face special challenges as a result of their services in all branches of the US armed forces.

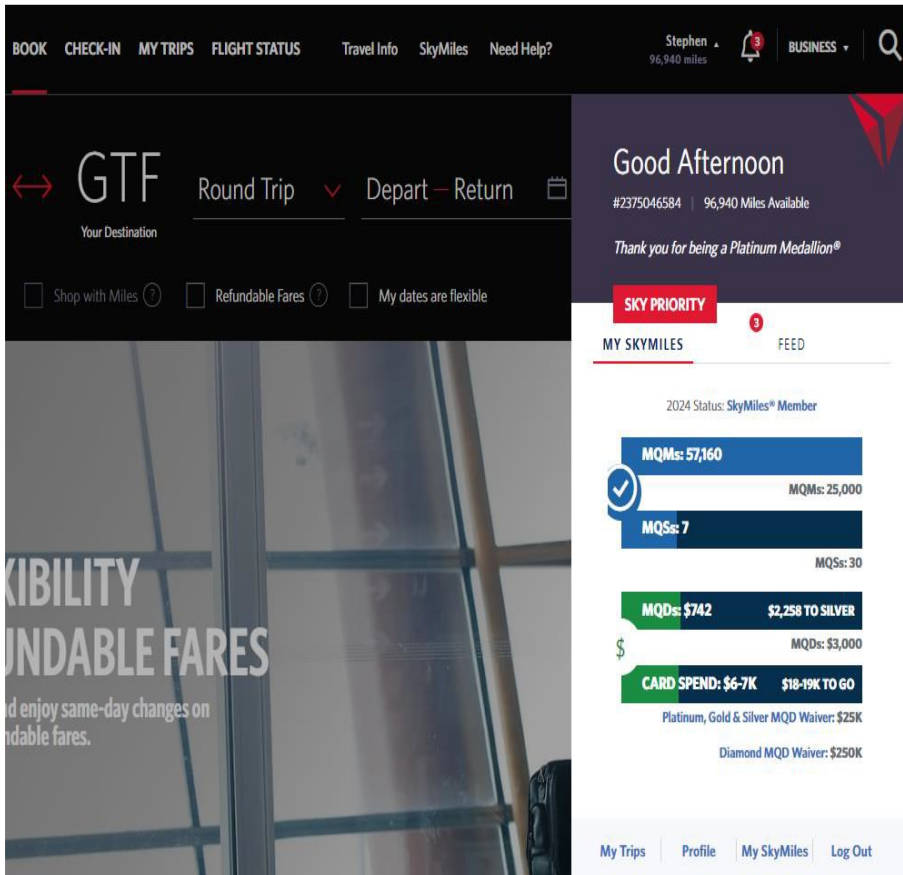
Operation VetCare is a project of The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) which is the official association of the National Guard. Because we represent every enlisted Guardsman, and because our board and staff are all current or former members of the Guard, we have decades of experience in knowing what people need when they face a crisis and how to help them.

**For information, questions, or concerns regarding Operation VetCare
Call [800-242-6964](tel:800-242-6964)**

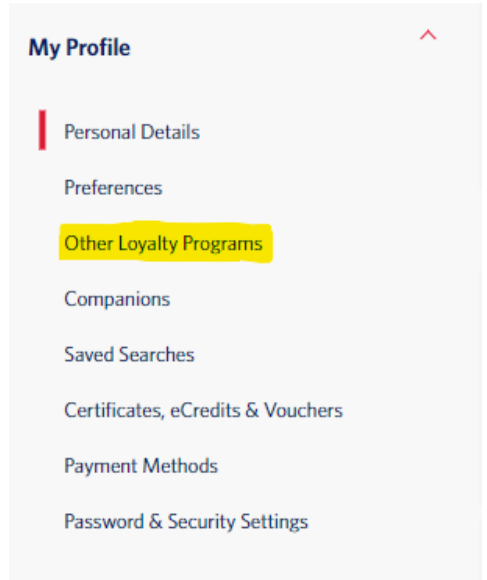
For Information and Application visit: <https://eangus.org/operation-vetcare/>

DELTA SKYBONUS PROGRAM

From your desktop/laptop computer login to Delta and click on your profile



Choose Other Loyalty Programs under your profile



Business Loyalty Programs

By adding the loyalty programs below, you consent that we may use the information provided to provide related content and offers. See our [Privacy policy](#).

Business Loyalty Programs	Add your Corporate Rewards Program from our trusted partners to earn miles that you can use for Award Travel, upgrades and more.	+Add
Business Travel Program	You are enrolled in your company's business travel program. If you would like to be removed from this program, please contact your company's account administrator.	Enrolled

Select Business Travel Program

Select from the first drop down: **Delta SkyBonus**

In the second drop down type in: **US0027320**

NOTE If you are doing this from the Delta App, click on Add under Corporate Rewards Program not Loyalty Programs and follow the steps above that are in red.

WCFA-NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION

- Lost your job? • Reduced work hours? • Utility bills piling up? • Mortgage/Rent past due? • Unexpected expenses? • Experiencing a hardship? •

THE NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION CAN HELP!

The National Guard Relief Foundation, also known as the We Care for America Foundation, Inc. is the 501c3 charitable arm of EANGUS. The National Guard Relief Foundation provides emergency financial assistance to the men and women of the National Guard and their families and has been taking care of them since its origination in 1992. We currently offer both Grants as well as Interest-Free Loans to members of the National Guard Community. Generous donations from USAA over the last several years allowed us to assist thousands of National Guard members during the COVID-19 Pandemic and funded the establishment of our loan program. Since 2004, We Care for America has provided over \$2.9M in Grants and Interest-Free Loans to National Guard members needing assistance.

Assistance can be provided to qualified Enlisted personnel, Officers, and Warrant Officers who have experienced a financial emergency related to events such as mobilization, natural disasters, fires, catastrophic losses, or other hardships. Funds are intended for otherwise non-reimbursable expenses (i.e., those not covered by insurance) due to an emergency or hardship, and include medical bills, utility bills, rent/mortgage payments, groceries, relocation/moving expenses, shelter due to loss of residence, and funeral expenses. Other expenses not listed here, may be deemed appropriate for a grant or loan subject to approval.

NOTE: EANGUS membership is not required to apply or be eligible for a National Guard Relief Foundation Grant or Interest Free Loan.

How to apply for a Grant or Loan:

- Go to www.eangus-wcfa.org for more information and to download the Verification Form
- Have the National Guard Relief Foundation Verification Form completed and signed by your Unit Commander, Bn CSM, CCM, First Sergeant, or Family Programs Personnel
- Select 'Grant' or 'Loan' on the WCFA website and complete the appropriate online application form, upload your signed verification form, and submit
- Questions can be referred to the WCFA Director at director@eangus-wcfa.org



Dedicated to providing emergency financial assistance to the men and women of the National Guard and their families!

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WHAT CAN

THE NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION DO FOR YOU?

SARGE GRANTS - Soldier & Airmen Relief Grant for Emergencies

- Current or former National Guard member in good standing?
- Experienced a financial hardship, catastrophic loss and/or personal property loss not covered by insurance?
- Grants may be used for medical bills, utility bills, rent or mortgage payments, groceries, relocation, shelter due to loss of residence and funeral expenses.

INTEREST-FREE LOANS

- Have you been hit by an unexpected expense?
- Reduced Work Hours?
- Utility Bills Piling up?
- Unexpected Expenses?
- Mortgage/Rent Past Due?

The National Guard Relief Foundation may be able to help with an interest-free loan. Loans are available in amounts from \$500 to \$2,000. Repayment terms based on loan amount. NOTE: An individual may apply for both a loan and a grant, if needed.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION?

CFC

You can be the face of change in the life of a National Guard member through your donation to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

Help us help National Guard members and their families in need by selecting the "EANGUS We Care for America Foundation." Code: 11859

Use the QR Code below, or go to <https://ctcgiving.opm.gov/welcome>, or contact your Unit/Wing CFC Representative for a pledge form or more assistance. The CFC Giving Period is 1 September to 15 January.

DONATE

Help us help National Guard members by making a donation to the National Guard Relief Foundation! 100% of individual donations received are used to provide grants to National Guard Soldiers and Airmen in need. As a 501c(3), your donation is tax-deductible. Donate at www.eangus-wcfa.org/donation-3/

For more information visit: <https://eangus-wcfa.org/>

Link to Donations: <https://eangus-wcfa.org/donation-3/>

Link to Other Ways to Donate: <https://eangus-wcfa.org/other-ways-to-donate/>

WCFA-NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

From: [Margie Holcomb](#)

Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 7:25 PM

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Subject: WCFA_EANGUS Auxiliary_2023

Importance: High

Hello! Area Directors,

Good evening! I hope all of you are well, in good health and spirits!

Each year the EANGUS Auxiliary presents monetary donations to the WCFA-National Guard Relief Foundation. During our WCFA Board Meeting monetary goals were established to support the foundation. The Auxiliary goal of \$3,500.00 is set the same as for other committees, areas, and boards identified.

To my delight donations have already started to come in from states and/or areas and are being recorded. With that said I would like to issue a challenge to each of you and your area. We have until the end of the year to meet our monetary goal. With five active areas between all of us we should be able to do just that! With this friendly challenge the top three ranked Areas can receive one of the following:

- 1st Place - \$75.00 Visa Gift Card
- 2nd Place - \$50.00 American Express Gift Card
- 3rd Place - \$25.00 Walmart Gift Card

WCFA Chair Karen Craig will be able to provide a report with the information needed to announce winners. If our goal is met prior to or at conference the winners will be announced. After conference winners will be announced by email, and a post made to the EANGUS Auxiliary Facebook page. Gift cards will be mailed to the Auxiliary Area Director of the area.

The link provided for online donations will direct you to the donation form:

[Donation | We Care For America \(eangus-wcfa.org\)](https://eangus-wcfa.org)

When completing the online form and to ensure your donation is being credited to the Auxiliary, in the "Company" box type EANGUS Auxiliary with your state or use the acronym for your organization and your state.

Examples:

EANGUS Auxiliary - VA

VNGEA Auxiliary - VA

This process will give those who were unable to attend state conferences or mid-winter caucuses an opportunity to participate. There will be additional opportunities made available to donate in different ways and information will be forwarded as soon as the instructions are complete and ready for dissemination.

It is wonderful being able to contribute to a foundation that supports our National Guard Servicemembers and their families in their time of need. WCFA-National Guard Foundation flyer and the Givebacks program flyer are attached and information will also be made available in the *Signal* newsletters.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support! Please disseminate to members and anyone not listed on this distribution. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask!

Margie

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The Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) is a nonprofit organization whose core mission is to provide a safe, secure home for surviving spouses of retired enlisted U.S. Airmen.

Located along the beautiful Emerald Coast of northwest Florida in Shalimar near Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field, apartments are available at Bob Hope Village, our independent living community, and at Hawthorn House, our assisted living and memory care residence located on the Bob Hope Village campus.



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Taking Care of Our Own

ANG Surviving Spouse Finds a Home at Bob Hope Village

Rubye moved into Bob Hope Village along with her husband, Earl, back in 2011. The two met through mutual friends in 1974 and were stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico during their military life together.

After 35 years of service with the Air National Guard and the United States Air Force, Earl retired. His job required frequent travel from base to base on TDY orders - he'd typically be away from home three weeks of every month.

"I don't think I actually felt married until after Earl retired," says Rubye.

Being separated from your loved one for long periods of time is just one of the many sacrifices that military spouses endure.

The military has always prided itself on this truth: "We take care of our own."

Whenever Earl was crisscrossing the country, or even the world, his crew always

had Rubye's back. It's something she'll always be grateful for.

"I remember when my husband was returning from Cairo, Egypt. It was a cold night with over three feet of snow. The guys from his shop came to pick me up in a truck to take me to greet Earl. They gave me updates the whole time of where he was. They just wanted to make sure I was there right when Earl walked off the plane."

She adds, "I never understood why they took such good care of me. But that's what they did."

Decades after Earl's retirement and the couple's service to our country, the Air Force still takes care of our own today by providing Rubye and other military widows with a safe and secure community in the twilight of their lives through the Air Force Enlisted Village.

It's been nearly three years since Ruby lost her beloved Earl, and now she lives alone at



Rubye misses her beloved Earl who retired from the ANG. Now she resides at Bob Hope Village where she is surrounded by wonderful neighbors and caring staff.

Bob Hope Village. She is surrounded by so many wonderful friends and neighbors and a caring staff.

"I love being here," Rubye said. "The security...the transportation...the care that they give us, even just through a smile. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else than Bob Hope Village. Thank you to everyone that supports the Air Force Enlisted Village."

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The Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose core mission is to provide a safe, secure home for surviving spouses of retired enlisted U.S. Airmen.

Low pay and frequent military moves leave some spouses without careers, home equities, retirement plans, or significant assets. Air Force surviving spouses requiring financial assistance live amongst their peers at Bob Hope Village (independent living retirement community) or Hawthorn House (assisted living with memory support).

AFEV provides essentials that are usually taken for granted:

- a home
- safety
- security
- dignity
- camaraderie

Transportation, household maintenance, wellness and fitness classes, social activities, hair salons, chapel, café, convenience stores, libraries, and gardens, are some of the on-site conveniences available at Bob Hope Village and Hawthorn House that provide worry-free living.

Air Force surviving spouses share memories of military life, build lasting friendships, and live comfortably in a community with their pride and independence intact.

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Learn how you can make a difference



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Auxiliary Scholarship forms for 2023 will be posted on the Auxiliary website when available.

Current and Past Editions of THE SIGNAL are on the Auxiliary website as well as some Area and State Newsletters: <http://eangusauxiliary.org/publications/>

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Check out the EANGUS YouTube videos and other archives. Cannot attend the conference, in a meeting and miss some of the other parts of the conference will be on YouTube!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/EANGUSNationalOffice>

The screenshot shows the EANGUS website interface. At the top, there are advertisements for Delta Dental and the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program. Below that is a banner for "EANGUS Minuteman Update" with the text "Enlisted Association of The National Guard of the United States". The main content area features a search bar, a "Subscribe" button, and a "Media Kit" section. There are also navigation tabs for "SatoVacations", "Active-Duty", "Reserves", and "Retirees". At the bottom, there are filters for "Browse by Date" (2022, 2021, 2020) and "NEWEST ARTICLES" / "TRENDING ARTICLES".

For more information visit:
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The image shows the cover of the "NEW PATRIOT" publication. It features the EANGUS seal on the left and a photograph of a man in a suit on the right. The text on the cover includes "LEGISLATIVE ISSUE" and "2023 EDUCATION GUIDE".

Winter/Spring 2023 Issue

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