

Draft—September 14, 2023

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

**Minutes of the First General Session
Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

[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. The Secretary's opinion is not deemed in minutes. (Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised)]

1. Call to Order

President Margie Holcomb (VA) called to order the fiftieth (50th) meeting of the EANGUS Auxiliary at 9:00 a.m. in Suite 112/113 in the Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, Minnesota.

2. Invocation

Chaplain Shelia Brookins (KY) offered the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Pam Adams (AL) led members in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America*.

4. Opening Remarks and Introductions

President Margie Holcomb (VA) welcomed attendees and introduced the Past Presidents who were in attendance: Sara Hendricks (IA/NM); Dorothy Inglese (CA); Sheila Bandy (KY); Debra Campbell (OK); Vivian Taylor (MS); Jenny Lainhart (KY); Judy Wood (AL); Connie Myers (MS); and Angela Kennebeck (IA). President Holcomb (VA) recognized the Executive Council (EC): Pam Adams (AL), Vice President; Vivian Taylor (MS), Secretary; Debra Campbell (OK), Treasurer; and Angela Kennebeck (IA), Immediate Past President; Area II Directors Cathy Hammack (WV) and Gretchen Gipe (KY); Area III Directors Stella Cameron (SC) and Pam Brown (TN); Area IV Directors Judith Putman (KS) and Andrea Holt (KS); Area V Directors Edna Steinberg (SD) and Catherine "Cathy" Berry (WI/MN); Area VI Directors Richard Bryant (NM) and Linda Lyon (WY); and Parliamentarian Rhonda Gorrell (NM). President Holcomb (VA) invited the First Timers to stand to be recognized. Seven (7) First Timers attended the First Timers meeting on August 13, 2023. [Heidi Harper-Riley and Jessica Noel, Idaho; Renea Nein, Kentucky; Pam Woodruff and Sheryl Morse, Michigan; Gloria Gutierrez, New Mexico; and Angie Stroh, Utah.] President Holcomb (VA) noted that Arizona and Idaho Auxiliaries had become active again.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Thomas McKennie (GA) moved that the agenda, as printed in the Conference Book on pages 4-6, be adopted as printed. Past President Connie Myers (MS) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Report from Credentials and Rules Committee

Pam Adams (AL), Vice President and Chair of the Credentials and Rules Committee, gave the report from the Committee. Credentialing of delegates was performed on August 15, 2023, in the corridor outside Suite 112. Delegates from sixteen states, to include At Large, were credentialed. Jenny Lainhart (KY) moved the report on delegates and proxies be accepted as reported; Michele Johnson (PA) seconded motion. Motion carried. After the vote to approve the report of twenty-eight (28) delegates and twenty-seven (27) proxies, Arkansas entered the chamber which brought the total delegates to twenty-nine (29). Minnesota was found to have been inadvertently reported as zero (0) rather than one (1). That addition changed the total number of delegates from twenty-nine (29) to thirty (30). All EC members were present with five (5) Officers, ten (10) Area Directors, and the Parliamentarian.

7. Adoption of Standing Rules

Past President Connie Myers (MS) moved for the adoption of the standing rules as printed on page 8 in the Conference Book. Marlys List (SD) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Roll Call of Committee Chairs and Appointees

Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS) called the roll of Committee Chairs and Appointees printed on page 29 in the Conference Book which indicated all Committee Chairs and Appointees were present except for Finance Chair Mary Gallegos and Legislative Chair Trayce Young, both of whom were excused. Past President Dorothy Inglese (CA) was added to the list as Sergeant at Arms.

9. Minutes from the 2022 General Sessions

The minutes from August 09, 2022, and August 10, 2022, had been linked to *The Signal* in the September 2022, June 2023, and July 2023 editions of *The Signal* and were published in the 2023 Conference Book on pages 9 through 28. The minutes published were not the final draft. The following corrections were noted by Secretary Taylor (MS): page 8, number 8, last bullet, delete; correct spelling of McKennie, pages 10, numbers 9 and 11, and page 26, number 17; change 0 to (, page 26, number 14; and page 26, number 15, delete Gretchen Gipe (KY) and replace with Linda Lyon (WY). Amanda Wilwert Bradley (KS) moved the minutes be approved as published with stated corrections; Past President Connie Myers (MS) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. Guests

Lowery Guynes, National Guard and Reserves Representative from Humana was introduced, and President Holcomb (VA) expressed gratitude to Humana for sponsoring the printing of the Conference Book.

Kevin Hollinger, Legislative Director, EANGUS, stated that he was grateful for the sacrifices made by military members, employers, and spouses.

11. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Debra Campbell (OK) reported the Finance Committee met on August 12, 2023, in Heritage 1, Kahler Grand Hotel and on August 13 in Suite 112/113 of the Mayo Civic Center. Committee members present were Stella Cameron (SC), Area III; Andrea Holt (KS), Area IV; and Cathy Berry (WI/MN), Area V. Treasurer Campbell was an ex officio member of the Committee. Guests present at the Committee meetings were Past President Dorothy Inglese (CA), Area VII; Immediate Past President Angela Kennebeck (IA), Area V; Secretary and Past President Vivian Taylor (MS), Area IV; and Steve Burris, Immediate Past Treasurer of EANGUS. Finance Committee members Stella Cameron (SC), Area III and Cathy Berry (WI/MN), Area V conducted the annual review of the financial records. They found bank statements, deposits, check register, credit card transactions, and receipts to be in order. The 2023 budget approved by the delegates at the 2022 EANGUS Auxiliary Conference was in the Conference Book on pages sixteen (16) through seventeen (17). The Finance Committee, with advice from Steve Burris, Immediate Past Treasurer of EANGUS, began the process to achieve a balanced budget. Steve also suggested ways the Auxiliary might consider making future investments. The 2024 proposed budget showed a projected income of fifteen thousand nine hundred dollars (\$15,900.00) and projected expenses of twenty-one thousand four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$21,475.00), which would leave five thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars (\$5,575.00) to balance the budget. The Finance Committee presented the proposed budget for 2024 to the EC on August 14, 2023; the EC voted to recommend the budget to the membership.

Proposed Budget

Income

Donations			
	Philanthropic	\$ 500.00	
	Scholarship—State/Individuals Donations	\$ 2,000.00	
	Scholarship—USAA	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	
Total Donations		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Program Income			
	NEW Life Member Assessments	\$ 1,400.00	
	Life Membership		
	Membership Dues	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	
Total Program Income		\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00
Ways and Means			
	Fundraisers	\$ 2,000.00	

	Silent Auction	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	
	Total Ways and Means	\$ 6,000.00	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
Total Income			\$15,900.00
Expense			
	Awards Committee	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
	Burden Bears	\$ 0.00	
	Chaplain	\$ 0.00	
	Conference Coordinator	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Conference Registration	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
	Credentials and Rules	\$ 0.00	
	EANGUS <i>WCFA</i>	\$ 0.00	
	Executive Council Expenses		
	Area Directors—Area I	\$ 0.00	
	Area Directors—Area II	\$ 1,000.00	
	Area Directors—Area III	\$ 1,000.00	
	Area Directors—Area IV	\$ 1,000.00	
	Area Directors—Area V	\$ 1,000.00	
	Area Directors—Area VI	\$ 1,000.00	
	Area Directors—Area VII	\$ 0.00	
	Officers	\$ 4,000.00	
	Parliamentarian	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
	Total Executive Council Expenses	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
	First Timers Meeting	\$ 0.00	
	Legislative Committee	\$ 0.00	
	Membership Expense		
	Life Membership—cards	\$ 0.00	
	Membership Committee	\$ 0.00	
	Total Membership Expense	\$ 0.00	
	Memorials	\$ 0.00	
	Operations		
	Books, Subscriptions, Reference	\$ 1,400.00	
	Computer—Software	\$ 300.00	
	Postage, Mailing Service	\$ 0.00	
	Printing and copying	\$ 0.00	
	Supplies	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	
	Total Operations	\$ 1,775.00	\$ 1,775.00
	Past Presidents' Social	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	Philanthropic Committee	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Scholarship—Auxiliary	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Scholarship—USAA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	Ways and Means		
	Fundraisers	\$ 1,000.00	
	Silent Auction	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
	Total Ways and Means	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total Expense		\$21,475.00	\$21,475.00
Amount to Balance Budget			\$ 5,575.00

Treasurer Campbell (OK) moved the 2024 budget be adopted as presented. Past President Connie Myers (MS) seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Campbell provided a handout which outlined the Profit Loss for the period January 01, 2023, through August 07, 2023.

Income

Donations		
Conference Miscellaneous		
Executive Council Meetings		
General Membership Meeting		
Conference Miscellaneous—Other		
Total Conference Miscellaneous		
EANGUS WCFA		
Past Presidents' Social		
Philanthropic		
Scholarship/States & Individuals	\$2,786.00	
Scholarship/USAA	\$3,000.00	
Donations—Other		
Total Donations	\$5,786.00	\$5,786.00
Investments		
Interest—Savings	\$ 8.06	
Investments—Other		
Total Investments		\$ 8.06
Miscellaneous Income		
Program Income		
Life Member Assessments		
Life Membership	\$ 637.00	
Membership Dues	\$3,185.00	
Program Income—Other		
Total Program Income	\$3,822.00	\$ 3,822.00
Uncategorized Income—Other		
Ways and Means		
Fundraisers		
Silent Auction	\$ 648.00	
Ways and Means—Other		
Total Ways and Means	\$ 648.00	<u>\$ 648.00</u>
Total Income		<u>\$10,264.06</u>

Expense

Awards Committee	\$ 575.12	\$ 575.12
Bank Fees		
Burden Bears		
Chaplain		
Conference—Miscellaneous		
EC Meeting		
General Membership Meeting		
Conference—Miscellaneous Other		
Total Conference Miscellaneous		
Conference Book		
Conference Coordinator		
Conference Registration		
Constitution Committee		
Continuity Committee		
Credentials and Rules Committee		
EANGUS WCFA		

Executive Council Expenses		
Area Directors—Area I		
Area Directors—Area II		
Area Directors—Area III		
Area Directors—Area IV		
Area Directors—Area V		
Area Directors—Area VI		
Area Directors—Area VII		
Officers		
Parliamentarian		
Executive Council Expenses—Other	\$ 252.99	
Total Executive Council Expenses	\$ 252.99	\$ 252.99
Family Affairs Committee		
First Timers Meeting		
Historian		
Legislative Committee		
Membership Expense		
Life Membership	\$ 35.00	
Membership Committee		
Membership Expense—Other		
Total Membership Expense	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Operations		
Books, Subscriptions, Reference		
Computer—Software		
Postage, Mailing Service		
Printing and Copying		
Supplies		
Telephone, Telecommunications		
Operations—Other		
Total Operations		
Outgoing Presidents Gift		
Past Presidents' Social		
Payroll Expenses		
Philanthropic Committee		
Public Relations Committee		
Resolutions Committee		
Scholarship—Auxiliary		
Scholarship—USAA		
Scholarship Committee		
The Signal		
Uncategorized Expenses		
Ways and Means		
Fundraisers	\$ 927.75	
Silent Auction		
Ways and Means—Other		
Total Ways and Means	\$ 927.75	\$ 927.75
Total Expense		\$ 1,790.86
Net Income		\$ 8,473.20

Balance Sheet—Treasurer Debra Campbell (OK) provided a **Balance Sheet as of August 07, 2023, as a handout.**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking, Bank of America \$35,072.26

Savings, Bank of America \$46,125.81

Total Current Assets **\$81,198.07**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Cash for change (\$ 200.00)

Opening Balance Equity \$83,805.99

Unrestricted Net Assets (\$10,881.12)

Net Income \$ 8,473.20

Total Equity \$81,198.07

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$81,198.07**

The profit loss statement and balance sheet were for informational purposes only and required no action.

12. Committee Reports

The following Committee reports were in the Conference Book on pages 30 through 52: Finance, 2023 Budget; Family Affairs (it should be noted that member Marlys List is from South Dakota not North Dakota); Finance, report for 2022; History; Legislative; Lifetime Membership; Membership; Resolutions; and Scholarship. Reports, as listed, were for information only.

13. Constitution Committee

On May 15, 2023, Auxiliary member, Amanda Wilwert Bradley (KS) submitted proposed revisions to the Auxiliary Constitution and Standard Operating Procedures to Auxiliary President Margie Holcomb (VA) and Constitution Committee Chair Richard Bryant (NM). President Holcomb (VA) distributed the proposed changes to the Area Directors and the state presidents and published the same in *The Signal* on July 19, 2023. The Constitution Committee Co-Chair had summarized the proposed revisions into three broad categories: (1) revisions addressing the inconsistencies between the Constitution and the Standard Operating Procedures; (2) revisions changing the deadline for dues and delegates; and (3) revisions expanding the category of individuals eligible to be annual members of the Auxiliary.

At the invitation of Auxiliary President Margie Holcomb (VA), Amanda Wilwert Bradley (KS) presented the proposed changes to the Executive Council (EC) during the EC meeting on August 14, 2023. The EC voted to present the following proposed revisions (outlined below) to the membership:

- Article III, Individual Membership, Section 3.3. Dues.
- Article IX, Conferences, Section 9.4(c) Delegates, Alternates or Proxies.

The Executive Council voted to delay presenting all other proposed revisions to the Constitution so that the Constitution Committee and Membership Committee could consider the revisions addressing the expansion of the Auxiliary membership.

The Constitution Committee met in Suite 112/113 of the Mayo Civic Center at 11:00 a.m. on August 14, 2023. Those present at the Constitution Committee meeting were Committee members: Richard Bryant (NM), Co-Chair; Amanda Wilwert Bradley (KS) Co-Chair; Past President Jenny L. Lainhart (KY); Melody Stroka (MS); Area II Director Cathy Hammack (WV); Past President Judy Wood (AL); Immediate Past President Angela Kennebeck (IA) and additional attendees Past President Connie Myers (MS), Past President Sheila Bandy (KY), Past President and Treasurer Debra Campbell (OK).

The Constitution Committee reviewed the proposed revisions to the Auxiliary Constitution submitted by Amanda Wilwert Bradley (KS) to Auxiliary President Holcomb (VA) and Committee Chair Bryant (NM) on May 15, 2023. The Constitution Committee also considered the votes of the Executive Council on the proposed revisions.

The Constitution Committee agreed with the EC on recommending to the Auxiliary delegates the revisions concerning the revisions to Article III, Individual Membership, Section 3.3. Dues and Article IX, Conferences, Section 9.4(c) Delegates, Alternates or Proxies.

The Constitution Committee also agreed with the EC on the proposed revisions to the Auxiliary membership qualifications. The Constitution Committee agreed that a joint Constitution and Membership committee should consider the expansion of membership; the joint committee would present proposed revisions at the 2024 Convention.

The Constitution Committee disagreed with the Executive Council's decision to delay presenting to the Auxiliary the below proposed revisions. The Constitution Committee believed those proposed revisions were necessary revisions addressing provisions overlooked by the Constitution Committee in an earlier draft of the Constitution. The Constitution Committee recommended in favor of presenting the following proposed revisions to the Auxiliary for a vote:

- Article V, Officers, Section 5.2(d) Treasurer
- Article VI, Area Directors, Section 6.1 Duties
- Article VII, Committees, Section 8.2(i) Membership Committee

The Executive Council and Constitution Committee recommended adoption of the following Constitution revisions.

- Article III, Individual Membership, Section 3.3. Dues.
 - o Current provision: "Annual prescribed dues as set forth by the AUXILIARY are to be paid to the AUXILIARY Treasurer by the treasurers of the chartered states, accompanied by a complete name and address for each member whose dues are being paid, postmarked by **December 31** of each year."
 - o Revised provision: "Annual prescribed dues as set forth by the AUXILIARY are to be paid to the AUXILIARY Treasurer by the treasurers of the chartered states, accompanied by a complete name and address for each member whose dues are being paid, postmarked by **April 30** of each year." Amanda Wilwert Bradley (KS) moved to approve the revision in Article III, Individual Membership, Section 3.3. Dues. Past President Sheila Bandy (KY) seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Article IX, Conferences, Section 9.4(c) Delegates, Alternates or Proxies.
 - o Current provision: "Must be members in good standing as of **December 31 of the year preceding** the Conference affected."
 - o Revised provision: "Must be members in good standing as of **April 30 of the year of** the Conference affected." Amanda Wilwert Bradley (KS) moved to approve the revision in Article IX, Conferences, Section 9.4(c) Delegates, Alternates or Proxies. Past President Jenny Lainhart (KY) seconded motion. Motion carried.

The Constitution Committee recommended adoption of the following Constitution revisions.

- Article V, Officers, Section 5.2(d) Treasurer
 - o Current provision: "Be required to have the approval of the Executive Council for expenditures of funds in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."
 - o Revised provision: "**(7)** Be required to have the approval of the Executive Council for expenditures of funds in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)." Amanda Wilwert Bradley (KS) moved to approve the revision on 5.2 (d) Treasurer. Area V Director Cathy Berry (WI/MN) seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Article VI, Area Directors, Section 6.1 Duties
 - o Current provision: absent
 - o Revised provision: "(e) Perform such other duties as are usually performed by Area Directors, or as may be prescribed by this Constitution or assigned by the President of the AUXILIARY." Amanda Wilwert Bradley (KS) moved to approve the revision of Article VI, Area Directors, Section 6.1, Duties. Immediate Past President Angela Kennebeck (IA) seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Article VII, Committees, Section 8.2(i) Membership Committee
 - o Current provision: absent
 - o Revised provisions:
 - "(3) Render a report to the Auxiliary at the annual General Conference and otherwise as requested by the President."
 - "(4) Perform such other duties as are usually performed by membership committees, or as may be prescribed by this Constitution or as assigned by the President of the AUXILIARY." Amanda Wilwert Bradley (KS) moved to approve the revision in Article VII, Committees,

Section 8.2(i) Membership Committee. Area VI Director Richard Bryant (NM) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. Philanthropic Update

Chair Thomas McKennie (GA) reported that the Philanthropic Committee met on August 13, 2023, at the Mayo Civic Center. Chair McKennie (GA), Co-Chair Suzanne Emerson (VA), and Janice Barnette (VA) were present at the meeting at which Janice suggested the Committee contact the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester to determine whether someone would be present to accept a donation. The Committee made contact and learned a representative would be present on August 16, 2023. The Committee encouraged members and states to donate to the 2023 philanthropic project. The Chair would present the donation on August 16, 2023.

15. Nominations Report

Chair Judy Wood (AL) provided a printed report which indicated that Areas had elected the following Area Directors to serve:

Area II—Gretchen Gipe (KY); only one director would serve.

Area III—Pam Brown (TN), 2 years; Area III—Stella Cameron (SC), 1 year

Area IV—Judith Putman (KS), 2 years; Area IV—Andrea Holt (KS), 1 year

Area V—Michael Reeder (SD), 2 years; Area V—Cathy Berry (WI/MN), 1 year

Area VI—Linda Lyon (WY), 2 years; Richard Bryant (NM), 1 year

Area VII—Dorothy Inglese (CA), 2 years; Area elected only one Area Director.

Area I did not elect an Area Director.

Areas elected the Area Directors listed in **bold** to serve for two years and the other directors would serve the second year of her/his term.

The Nominations Committee Report was filed for the record.

16. Burden Bears

Area V Director Edna Steinberg (SD), Chair, introduced the Burden Bears program. The Chair asked that members give nominations to the Committee by 9:00 a.m. on August 16, 2023.

17. Guest

Dick Smith, representing USAA, made remarks expressing his gratitude for the Auxiliary. Dick's wife, Debbie, was also in attendance.

18. The United Services Automobile Association (USAA) provided food for the break.

19. The meeting reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

20. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

21. New Business

There was no new business.

22. Silent Auction/ Ways and Means Update—Sheila Bandy (KY) reported the following totals:

- ✓ Silent Auction total at close of business on Monday, August 14, 2023—two thousand seven hundred twenty-nine dollars fifty cents (\$2,729.50).
- ✓ The Auxiliary Silent Auction would close at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. All bidders should pick up items as soon as possible on August 15, 2023.
- ✓ There were one hundred sixty-six (166) items in the silent auction.
- ✓ George Wallace would report the total donation for the items he provided after he tallied the items.
- ✓ Members expressed thanks to Michele and Michael Johnson (PA) and Parliamentarian Rhonda Gorrell (NM) for staffing the silent auction.

23. Administrative Announcements—Secretary Taylor (MS) noted:

- ✓ A First Timer had left her packet in the silent auction area.
- ✓ There were twelve (12) items in the Silent Auction that did not have any bids.
- ✓ The Lifetime Member Committee Chair had received applications from Patricia and Stephen Hagan (MT).

24. Conference Update—Past President Sheila Bandy (KY), EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator, reminded members the seven areas would host the All Areas Hospitality Night at Mayo Park from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on August 15, 2023.

25. Meeting Recessed—The meeting recessed from 12:23 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

Vivian D. Taylor

Vivian Dean Taylor, Secretary
2022-2024

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**Minutes of the Second General Session
Wednesday, August 16, 2023**

1. Call to Order—President Margie Holcomb (VA) reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation—Chaplain Shelia Brookins (KY) offered the invocation.

3. Opening Remarks—President Margie Holcomb (VA) encouraged members to sign up to volunteer for the Auxiliary for the upcoming year.

4. Credentials and Rules Committee

Pam Adams (AL), Chair, noted there were no changes to the corrected report given on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

5. Nominations Committee Update

Chair Judy Wood (AL) reported the following individuals would serve as Area Directors:

- Area II—Gretchen Gipe (KY), 1 year
- Area III—Pam Brown (TN), 2 years; Area III—Stella Cameron (SC), 1 year
- Area IV—Judith Putman (KS), 2 years; Area IV—Andrea Holt (KS), 1 year
- Area V—Michael Reeder (SD), 2 years; Area V—Cathy Berry (WI/MN), 1 year
- Area VI—Linda Lyon (WY), 2 years; Richard Bryant (NM), 1 year
- Area VII—Dorothy Inglese (CA), 2 years
- Area I did not elect an Area Director.

6. Philanthropic Committee Presentation

Chair Thomas McKennie (GA) presented a check for one thousand three hundred twenty dollars (\$1,320.00) to Lauren Brown, Development Officer for the Ronald McDonald House Rochester. [A list of donors follows these August 16, 2023, minutes.]

7. Guests

Jeff Frisby provided information about the 2024 EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference. He invited members to attend the Conference in Detroit, Michigan, Motor City, in 2024.

- Date of the 2024 Conference—August 18-21, 2024

- Location for 2024 Conference—Detroit, Michigan. Jeff noted that Detroit had invested millions of dollars to assist in providing an outstanding Conference location.
- There would be no registration fee, as such. The Michigan Conference required one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per person to register to determine the number of attendees. Michigan would apply that amount to the individual’s hotel bill or would refund the amount. Details would follow during that year.
- All hospitality rooms would be in the same hotel.
- The Detroit Riverwalk is a .4-mile one-way walk to the Convention Center. A people mover streetcar provides one dollar (\$1.00) per day transportation with over a dozen stations.
- Detroit was a major stop in the Underground Railroad.
- The Welcome Night would be at the Henry Ford Museum.
- Michigan would confirm the venue for Jr. Enlisted Night.
- Michigan might hold a Conference event at One Campus Martius.
- Frisby noted that Eastern Market provides a unique Detroit, Michigan flavor.

Jeff Frisby also spoke about his priorities as the new Executive Director of EANGUS, giving his background as a state leader in Arkansas, an EANGUS Director and Committee Chair, and Executive Director of the National Guard Association of Michigan. He stated that Auxiliary spouses are the best voice for telling the Guard story and advocating for Guard members through grassroots efforts.

Karen Craig from EANGUS “*We Care For America*” Foundation, Inc./doing business as (dba) National Guard Relief Foundation reviewed ways to make donations to the National Guard Relief Foundation and noted the number and amounts of grants and loans provided. She reminded members that there are people behind the numbers. A total of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) was presented to *WCFA*.

- Area V Director Cathy Berry (WI/MN)—one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kansas Auxiliary—one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kentucky Auxiliary—one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- Enlisted Association of the New Mexico National Guard Auxiliary—one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents—two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). [Cash.]

8. Burden Bears Presentation

Area Director Cathy Berry (WI/MN) for Chair Edna Steinberg (SD) announced two (2) recipients of Burden Bears:

- Ashley Pierce, Idaho
- John Bos, South Dakota

9. EANGUS Auxiliary Awards

Awards Chair Debra Cambell (OK), Scholarship Chair Liz Bryant (NM), Membership Chair Judith Putman (KS), Past President Sara Hendricks (IA/NM), and President Margie Holcomb (VA) presented the EANGUS Auxiliary awards.

- Scholarship Members Liz Bryant (NM), Area VI, Chair; Suzanne Emerson (VA), Area II, Co-Chair; Richard Bryant (NM), Area VI; Cathy Berry (WI/MN), Area V; Sherry Clark (MS), Area IV; and guests Past President Connie Myers (MS) and Past President and Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS) met on August 13 in Suite 112/113 in the Mayo Civic Center. Three scholarship applications were received by the due date and all three met the requirements for consideration. The applications were reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and Chair Bryant (NM) announced that the following applicants received scholarships:
 - ✓ USAA scholarship of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) was presented to Anna Lauren Parker (MS).
 - ✓ The scholarship of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) was awarded to Carter Benda (MN).
 - ✓ Camey Compton (VA) was the recipient of the scholarship of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- Membership—Chair Judith Putman (KS) presented the certificates of recognition for 2023 membership.
 - ✓ *Largest increase in annual membership:* 1-25 members—tie between Georgia and Kentucky; 26-75 members—South Dakota; 76 plus members—Mississippi.
 - ✓ *Largest percentage increase in annual membership:* 1-25 members—Kentucky; 26-75 members—South Dakota; 76 plus members—Mississippi.

- ✓ *Largest increase and percentage increase in total members:* 1-25 members—Georgia; 26-75 members—Wisconsin; 76 plus members, Mississippi.
- ✓ *Largest increase and percentage increase in lifetime members:* 1-25 members—Georgia; 26-75 members—Wisconsin; 76 plus members—Mississippi.
- ✓ *Largest increase and percentage increase in associate members:* 1-25 members—Virginia; 26-75 members—Louisiana; 76 plus members—Mississippi.
- ✓ *Largest number increase in lifetime associate members*—Mississippi.
- ✓ *Recruiting Member of the Year Award*—Marlys List (SD). Names of those who had recruited at least five (5) new members were in a drawing for two (2) Walmart gift cards. Marlys List (SD) and Past President Connie Myers (MS) were the recipients of the gift cards.
- Legislative
 - ✓ In the absence of Chair Trayce Young (AR), Area IV Director Judith Putman (KS) shared the report for the 2022-2023 reporting year. Five (5) Areas reported with fourteen (14) states and fifty-three respondents participating. Those individuals recognized with certificates for legislative participation for the 2022-2023 year were: Area II, Gretchen Gipe and Sheila Bandy (KY), Michael and Michele Johnson (PA), Carl Holcomb (VA), and Cathy Hammack (WV); Area III, Don Wood (AL) and Libby Little (GA); Area IV, Lynn Holt (KS), Brian Stroka (MS), and Debra Campbell, (OK); Area V, Carol Benda (MN), Marlys List (SD), and Roxanna Barwick (WI); Area VI, Scotti Zahn (CO) and Richard Bryant (NM). The report indicated that Mississippi legislative respondents had one thousand seven hundred twenty-seven (1,727) total contacts and Colorado legislative respondents had two hundred ninety-nine (299) total contacts.
 - Outstanding State Award—Mississippi.
 - Outstanding Area Director Award—Area IV Director Judith Putman (KS).
 - Distinguished Service Award—Maria Kennedy (MS).
 - Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award—Past President and Treasurer Debra Campbell (OK).
 - President's Awards—Past President and Conference Coordinator Sheila Bandy (KY), Past President and Treasurer Debra Campbell (OK), and Area V Director Cathy Berry (WI/MN).
 - Torch Award—Chaplain Shelia Brookins (KY).

10. Guests

EANGUS Past President John Harris and EANGUS Immediate Past Treasurer Steve Burris greeted the members and shared information on how they could support the EANGUS Auxiliary. President Holcomb (VA) expressed thanks to John and Steve for their assistance with numerous EANGUS Auxiliary projects which included the EANGUS Auxiliary website. She presented each man with a bottle of Woodford Reserve Kentucky Bourbon etched with the EANGUS Auxiliary logo.

11. Ways and Means

Silent Auction—The total for the silent auction at the time of the report was three thousand three hundred thirty-two dollars fifty cents (\$3,332.50) on the one hundred sixty-six (166) items provided by Auxiliary members. A total percentage for items provided by George Wallace would be provided by Mr. Wallace after the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference. There were a few items left that were to be picked up.

Area IV Donation—Area IV Director Judith Putman (KS) presented nine hundred forty-five dollars (\$945.00) to President Holcomb (VA). That amount was the total of donations received on the basket of wines provided by the seven (7) states in Area IV: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Ways and Means reports were accepted and filed for the record.

12. Installation of New and Reelected Area Directors

Past President and Nominations Committee Chair Judy Wood and Past President and Nominations Committee Co-Chair Connie Myers installed the Area Directors.

13. Administrative Announcements—Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS) announced:

- Fifty dollars (\$50.00) donation for the Silent Auction from Area VI Director Linda Lyon (WY).
- One hundred dollars (\$100.00) donation for the Scholarship Fund from Gretchen Gipe (KY).
- One hundred dollars (\$100.00) donation for the Scholarship Fund from Area VI Director Richard Bryant and Scholarship Committee Chair Liz Bryant.
- Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) donation for the Scholarship Fund from Past President and Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS).
- Lifetime membership applications had been received from Donna Balderston (KS) and Sylvia Newby (KS).

14. Conference Update—EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator Sheila Bandy (KY) reminded members they should have their food preference ticket for entrance to the All States Banquet and Awards Program to be held on Wednesday evening, August 16, 2023. Doors would open at 6:15 p.m. and the Banquet would begin at 6:30 p.m.

15. Memorial Service—Shelia Brookins (KY), Chaplain, referred members to the list of deceased life members on page 42 in the Conference Book. Chaplain Brookins shared a devotional. A moment of silence was observed after the names were read and the service was concluded with a song from the Chaplain.

16. Door Prizes—Members picked up a door prize when leaving the assembly.

17. Benediction—Chaplain Shelia Brookins (KY) led the benedictory prayer.

18. Adjournment—President Margie Holcomb (VA) declared the 50th Annual EANGUS Auxiliary Conference was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Vivian D. Taylor

Vivian Dean Taylor, Secretary
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Philanthropic Donations for Ronald McDonald House—States and individuals who donated to the philanthropic project were:

- ✓ Mississippi Auxiliary—three hundred dollars (\$300.00)
- ✓ Georgia Auxiliary—one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
- ✓ Kansas Auxiliary—one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
- ✓ Pennsylvania Auxiliary—one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
- ✓ Heidi Harper (ID)—one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
- ✓ Scholarship Committee Chair Liz Bryant and Area VI Director Richard Bryant (NM)—one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
- ✓ Past President Dorothy Inglese (CA)—fifty dollars (\$50.00)
- ✓ Iowa Auxiliary—fifty dollars (\$50.00)
- ✓ Kentucky Auxiliary—fifty dollars (\$50.00)
- ✓ Virginia Auxiliary—fifty dollars (\$50.00)
- ✓ Area VI Director Linda Lyon (WY)—fifty dollars (\$50.00)
- ✓ Past President and Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS)—fifty dollars (\$50.00)
- ✓ Area V Director Cathy Berry (WI/MN)—twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)
- ✓ Libby Little (GA)—twenty dollars (\$20.00)
- ✓ Thomas McKennie (GA)—twenty dollars (\$20.00)
- ✓ Sidney Reed (GA)—twenty dollars (\$20.00)
- ✓ Sherry Clark (MS)—twenty dollars (\$20.00)
- ✓ Funds were also collected at the EANGUS Auxiliary General Session on August 15, 2023

EANGUS Auxiliary Awards presented at the Wednesday evening All States Banquet/Awards Program were:
EANGUS Auxiliary Spouse of the Year Award, Michael E. Jackson (MS); EANGUS Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award, Timothy “Bo” Plunk (MS); EANGUS Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award, Donzella Johnson (DE).