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President's Message
Margie V. Holcomb, President

May 2024

Auxiliary Members, Family & Friends:



A Belated Mother's Day Blessing:
"Lord, bless and protect the heartbeat of our homes, our mothers, with your unwavering love and grace."



In This Issue

During the first five months of this year the Auxiliaries have been very busy with conferences (state and area), state officer elections, recruiting, and assisting with family programs events. We have some officers being re-elected to their positions, newly elected officers and states renewing their chapter. It is hopeful that we with these events, we will have an increase in our membership.

As we move forward on this journey, we will have many chapters to add to our story. We still have some traveling to do to achieve our desired goals while being inspired by our previous accomplishments. Regardless of how small, a little progress each month adds up to big results. In the process we acknowledge the support of EANGUS and the Enlisted Associations.

Tomorrow we celebrate Memorial Day and recount the sacrifices of our service members and their families. Memorial Day serves as a reminder of the contributions members of our military made to ensure our freedoms. We honor and mourn members of our Armed Forces who died in the service of this Country.

We send our blessings to the servicemen and women as they work across the world for peace and protect our country and our freedoms. Bless the families with the hope that you may carry them through the difficulties and stresses they face. We request an extra blessing for the children because they are resilient and see the light and opportunity in everything.

I often say pictures are worth a thousand words and the pics in this issue on pages 23-25 titled "Coast-to-Coast, says it all. The pictures highlight auxiliary involvement in events and conferences. Until the next issue of the *Signal*, enjoy the read....

~Margie

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PRAYERS & CARES

A Prayer for Our Military

“Heavenly Father, we lift up our military to you. We recognize that we cannot control the world around us. We cannot control the regions where war breaks out or where our men and women in uniform will serve. We appeal to you Lord that you will direct the path of each service member and inspire every decision made that will guide their hearts and minds that they keep YOU Lord at the center of their thoughts.”

Amen



We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Even when things seem hopeless,
life has a way
of defying the odds, overcoming
the obstacles
and coming back strong.

So never give up,
regardless of how hopeless
things may seem.

There is ALWAYS a way.

unknown

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Pauline Wyatt (DE) - Illness
Donzella Johnson (DE) - Recovering from Surgery
Vivian Taylor (MS) - Recovering from an Injury
Ann Hart (MS) - Recovering from Surgery
Pam Adams (AL) - Recovering from Surgery
Janice Barnette (VA) - Recovering from Surgery
*To Everyone Experiencing Life Changing Events

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

*Let your Light
so Shine before men,
that they may see your
good works, and glorify
your Father which
is in Heaven*
- Matthew 5:16



In Loving Memory



LTM #437 (Eula) Faye W. Street (TN) - 19 April 2021
Spouse of LTM #313 Emogene Womack (MS): Virgil “VP” Womack - 31 July 2023
LTM #352 Dorothy B. Harris (NJ) - 02 September 2023
LTM #321 Patsy Alexander (NC) - 09 January 2024
Spouse of LTM #563 Karen Marie Maum (WI): Roland “Rollie” Maum - 04 February 2024
LTM #077 Faye Dennis [Adna Faye (Hicks) Dennis] (NC) - 09 April 2024
Spouse of Past President & LTM #695 Debra Campbell (OK): Gary W. Campbell - 10 May 2024

*Life is the greatest gift that God has given us.
Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with God.*

“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 egangky.brookins@gmail.com

History of Memorial Day



Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Memorial Day Traditions and Rituals

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.

Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem. On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because Memorial Day weekend—the long weekend comprising the Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day and Memorial Day itself—unofficially marks the beginning of summer.

For more information visit: [Memorial Day 2024: Facts, Meaning & Traditions | HISTORY](#)

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We thank you for the brave men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, so courageously for our nation. We ask for your covering and blessing over them and their families. We pray that you would be gracious and encircle them with your peace. We pray for your great favor and goodness to be evident in their lives. Amen

“Though at rest, their efforts will live on.”

AUXILIARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO AUXILIARY CONSTITUTION & SOP

Date: May 15, 2023

To: EANGUS Auxiliary President, Margie Holcomb
EANGUS Auxiliary Constitution Committee Chair, Richard Bryant

From: Amanda Wilwert Bradley

RE: Proposed Revisions to Auxiliary Constitution and Standard Operating Procedures

EANGUS Auxiliary Constitution Folder: [Click Here](#)

RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

An award is given to the Recruiting Member of the Year each year. The member of the Auxiliary who is chosen as the top recruiter nationwide will receive the award. Also, all names submitted will be put in a drawing for gift cards. I want each state to send me the names of individuals who went above and beyond to recruit new members and/or worked to retain current members. When you submit your top recruiters' names, 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, had two new members and re-signed five current members**

I will accept the names of your top recruiters by **July 1, 2024**. Any names received after that date will not be considered. Please fill my mailbox with the names of members demonstrating top recruiting abilities.

Judith Putman Membership Chair
jputman@hotmail.com

2024 EANGUS Auxiliary Elections Procedures

- (1) Convene on the first day of a General or Special Conference at which officers and/or Area Directors are to be elected.
- (2) Auxiliary members desiring to be nominated for office must be in good standing with their State Auxiliary and EANGUS Auxiliary.
- (3) Nomination forms for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer must be completed by the State President, Designee, or Representative.
- (4) Nomination forms for Area Directors positions must be completed by the Area EANGUS Auxiliary members.
- (5) The Nominations Committee Chair will receive completed applications from members desiring to run for office and prepare a slate of nominees for each office to be filled.
- (6) Application submission deadline is **20 August 2024**. Applications may be submitted via email or postal service. (Judy Wood ~ contact information, Page 6)
- (7) A report from the Nominations Chair will be presented to the General or Special Conference naming the slate of nominations, including the names referred to the Chair by respective Area Caucuses for election as Area Directors.

AUXILIARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EANGUS AUXILIARY AWARDS

The 2024 EANGUS Auxiliary Awards nominations are open for candidate recommendations. The selection criteria and nomination forms are attached to this email for member accessibility. Selections will be based on established criteria for each award. The date of submission will be **15 June 2024** to EANGUS Auxiliary Awards Chair Debra Campbell. All recommendations may be forwarded via email to:

campbelldj@cox.net

!!!NOTICE!!!

This is an Announcement to All
Auxiliary Members

The 2024 EANGUS Auxiliary Elections

When: August 2024

Where: EANGUS Auxiliary 51st Annual Conference

Place: Detroit, MI

Nominations will be open soon for the following positions:

Auxiliary President

Auxiliary Vice President

Auxiliary Secretary

Auxiliary Treasurer

Auxiliary Area II Director (1) - Added

Auxiliary Area III Director (1)

Auxiliary Area IV Director (1)

Auxiliary Area V Director (1)

Auxiliary Area VI Director (1)

Nomination forms are available on pages 6 & 7 in this publication.

NOTE: Nominees elected will be serving a two (2) year term.

EANGUS Auxiliary Nominations Chair Judy Wood

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Centre, AL 35960

judypwood@aol.com

EANGUS AUXILIARY OFFICER ELECTIONS FORM_2024



FROM: _____
(State President, Designee or Representative)

SUBJECT: EANGUS Auxiliary Nomination Application

The state auxiliary of _____ is pleased to submit the following person as a nominee for the position of EANGUS Auxiliary:

Nominee's Name: _____

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

The nominee is a member in good standing with the state auxiliary of _____ and with the EANGUS Auxiliary.

The nominee has the following qualifications for consideration for selection as a candidate for the above office:

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

Nominee's Cell/Home Phone: _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

If elected to the above position of authority, I will serve to the best of my ability.

(Signature of Nominee) Date: _____

ENDORSED BY: _____ Date: _____
(Signature: State President or Designee/Representative)

CERTIFIED BY: _____ Date: _____
(Signature: EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer or Designee)

RECEIVED BY: _____ Date: _____
(Signature: Nomination Committee Chair or Designee)

Revised 16 January 2024

EANGUS AUXILIARY AREA DIRECTORS ELECTIONS FORM_2024



FROM: AREA EANGUS Auxiliary

SUBJECT: EANGUS Auxiliary Area Director
Nomination Application

The Area _____ EANGUS Auxiliary is pleased to submit the following person as a nominee for the position of EANGUS Auxiliary Area Director:

Nominee's Name: _____

The nominee is a member in good standing with the state auxiliary of _____ and with the EANGUS Auxiliary.

The nominee has the following qualifications for consideration for selection as a candidate for the above office:

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

Nominee's Cell/Home Phone: _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

If elected to the above position of authority, I will serve to the best of my ability.

(Signature of Nominee) Date: _____

ENDORSED BY: Area I II III IV V VI VII Date: _____

CERTIFIED BY: _____ Date: _____
(EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer or Designee)

RECEIVED BY: _____ Date: _____
(Nomination Committee Chair or Designee)

Prepared 19 January 2024

SCHOLARSHIPS



EANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS



EANGUS Auxiliary 2024 Scholarships

- One (1) USAA Auxiliary scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (one 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 2024.

NOTICE

The EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Application for 2024 has been revised and is available for completion and submission online. To access the scholarship application click the scholarship button on the Auxiliary webpage. All requested documents needed to process the application may be uploaded along with the application. Assistance for completion of applications may be provided by EANGUS Auxiliary Area Directors and Auxiliary State Presidents. Please let us know if you have any questions.
~ Margie V. Holcomb, EANGUS Auxiliary President

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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Advisory Council



INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



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UNIVERSITY

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

EANGUS SCHOLARSHIPS



EANGUS Patriot Scholarship

EANGUS Members:

The EANGUS Patriot Scholarship Program was initiated in 2017 based on a desire by our membership to give back and financially assist enlisted National Guard Soldiers and Airmen who are pursuing higher education. This scholarship program is funded solely by individual donations, so the more support we receive, the more \$1,000 scholarships we will be able to award in 2024. Can I count on your support?

This is your opportunity to partner with us by making a tax-deductible donation to EANGUS to support National Guard members. We are happy to accept donations from you, a family member, co-worker, or employer -- please share this request with others! A donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

To make a donation to the EANGUS 2024 Patriot Scholarship Program, please click the DONATE button below **on/before 1 June 2024**.

NOTE: Scholarships will be awarded during the EANGUS National Conference, 18-21 August 2024.

Donations received by 1 June 2024 will be applied to this year's scholarship program. Any donations received after the deadline above will be carried over and used for the 2025 Patriot Scholarship Program.

If preferred, you may also mail a donation to our office. Please make your check payable to EANGUS Patriot Scholarship Fund and mail to: EANGUS, 1 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 880, Washington, DC 20001.

Additionally, if you or your dependents are attending college and need financial assistance, please check out the many scholarship opportunities offered to our members at <https://eangus.org/scholarship-information/>

If you have any questions, please contact Scholarship Committee Chairs, SFC Marsha Adams, and SMSgt (Ret) Roberta Coker at scholarship@eangus.org

Thank you for your membership and continued support!

DANIEL B. REILLY MSgt, USAF, Retired
EANGUS President

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LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION



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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.**

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[McClellan, Kelly Introduce Bipartisan Legislation to Ease Servicemembers' Transition to Civilian Life](#)

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Legislative Action Center



EANGUS Calls-to-Action

EANGUS Call-to-Action: Stop the forcible removal of the Air National Guard into the Space Force. - On March 15, 2024, Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall approved Legislative Proposal 480. This proposal would give the Secretary the full authority to transfer Air National Guard Airmen and units performing space missions into the US Space Force without any approval of the governors that serve as the commander in chief of those Airmen. The exact verbiage of the proposal states "Such transfer shall occur without regard to [section 104 of title 32](#), United States Code, or [section 18238 of title 10](#), United States Code." The two specific sections of law referenced are the code that has established the command structure of the National Guard that has existed for years. This code clearly states the requirement to have a governor's consent to an transfer of the National Guard force structure in their state. By including this in the proposal, the Secretary has circumvented the legal authority that has been given to the states.

EANGUS Call-to-Action, Tricare for Technicians: The Servicemember Healthcare Freedom Act - Healthcare for the Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard has been a top priority for the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) for years now. EANGUS has been one of the loudest, strongest voices for over a decade for equitable healthcare options for the National Guard; through the creation of Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) to the modern fight of Tricare For All. In that time, a continued fight has existed to ensure that dual status Technicians and their families should be eligible to enroll in Tricare Reserve Select. Enlistment into the military comes with job related benefits of service that are all designed to ensure we maintain the strongest, most capable fighting force in the world. Dual status Technicians are one set of heroes that work continually behind the scenes to ensure the National Guard is "Always Ready, Always There". Without their support, daily military actions, maintenance, training, and readiness do not get accomplished. These Guardsmen, however, remain unable to enroll in Tricare Reserve Select, despite enlisting into service as a benefit, due to a federal law related to Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB).

EANGUS Call-to-Action, Reinstate Army National Guard SLRP - The Army National Guard has halted Student Loan Repayment. Due to "unforeseen funding issues," The Army National Guard has ceased paying soldiers for student loan debt. The funding issue is currently isolated within the Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP). It's unclear whether the service component has notified the more expansive force about the payment holdups.

The Federal student loan repayment program permits agencies to repay federally insured student loans as a recruitment or retention incentive. The average student loan debt for a college graduate in the United States is \$30,000. This can be a significant financial burden, especially for young servicemembers starting their careers.

US Senate, EANGUS, Health Care for Our Troops - EANGUS strongly supports the re-introduction of S. 5142 Healthcare for Our Troops Act, introduced during the 117th Congress. This legislation would have provided Reserve Component (R.C.) servicemembers with zero-cost TRICARE insurance. Additionally, this legislation expands TRICARE eligibility to R.C. servicemembers currently working for the federal government in their civilian capacity.

EANGUS Call-to-Action: Health Care for Our Troops - EANGUS strongly supports H.R. 4221, the Healthcare for Our Troops Act. This legislation would provide Reserve Component (R.C.) servicemembers with zero-cost TRICARE insurance. Additionally, this legislation expands TRICARE eligibility to R.C. servicemembers currently working for the federal government in their civilian capacity.

For complete Call-to-Action information and to take action on the Calls visit the link below:

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What to Expect When You Retire: Part 1, Gray Area Retirees

by [Jeffrey Frisby](#) | Apr 15, 2024 | [National News](#)



Gray area retirees, those Guard members who choose to retire prior to reaching age 60, earn an array of benefits for a lifetime. However, those benefits differ somewhat from other categories of retirees. This paper discusses some important aspects of reserve retirement. Gray area retirement is considered to be a non-regular retirement; a regular retirement has an immediate annuity and a non-regular retirement has a delayed annuity—at age 60.

[What to Expect When You Retire: Part 1, Gray Area Retirees | EANGUS](#)

What to Expect When You Retire: Part 2, Age 60 Retirees

by [Jeffrey Frisby](#) | Apr 22, 2024 | [National News](#)



Once you reach age 60, and have completed at least 20 good years for retirement and have received your twenty year letter, you can apply for retirement and receive benefits. This paper discusses those benefits.

[What to Expect When You Retire: Part 2, Age 60 Retirees | EANGUS](#)

What to Expect When You Retire: Part 3, AGR

by [Jeffrey Frisby](#) | Apr 29, 2024 | [National News](#)



If you serve at least 20 cumulative years on active duty and/or full-time National Guard duty, you become eligible for a regular retirement and immediate annuity. Your service could have been under title 10 or title 32 of the U.S. code. It also includes active duty like ADOS, but not active duty for training like Annual Training.

[What to Expect When You Retire: Part 3, AGR | EANGUS](#)

Best Retirement Benefit? TFL!

by [Jeffrey Frisby](#) | Apr 8, 2024 | [National News](#)



One of the best benefits of retiring and turning age 65 is TRICARE for Life. TRICARE for Life, or TFL for short, was enacted into law by Congress in the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 106-398). TFL is Medicare-wraparound coverage if you are TRICARE-eligible and have Medicare Part A (inpatient care) and B (outpatient care), regardless of age or place of residence. It is not a Medicare Advantage plan but it acts like one. There are no enrollment fees.

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18-21 AUGUST 2024

DETROIT, MI | 18-21 AUGUST 2024
Huntington Place | 1 Washington Boulevard | Detroit, MI 48226

**Welcome to the 53rd EANGUS Annual Conference in the
Motor City, Detroit 2024!**

2024 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & Room Reservation

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[- Start your reservation \(passkey.com\)](#)

2024 Conference theme:

**Year of the Junior Grades! Encourage your future leaders to attend
as we celebrate the Junior Grade NCO's and Enlisted members of the
National Guard.**

EANGUS Video: [EANGUS Video \(youtube.com\)](#)

Digital EANGUS Conference Books

[2023 EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Book \(fliphtml5.com\)](#)

[2023 EANGUS Conference Book \(fliphtml5.com\)](#)

CONFERENCE EVENTS -TRAVEL GUIDANCE

53rd Annual Conference | Detroit, MI | Sunday, 17 Aug – Thursday, 22 Aug 2024

SAT, 17 AUG	5K Fun Run EANGUS Executive Council Meeting Exhibitor Move-In Registration 1200-1800
SUN, 18 AUG	Expo Open 0800-1600 Registration 0800-1700 Shooting Competition (Sun-Tue) Welcome Night
MON, 19 AUG	Expo Open 0800-1600 Registration 0800-1500 All States Banquet & Awards Program
TUE, 20 AUG	Expo Open 0800-1400 Red Cross Blood Drive SEL/Exhibitor Reception (Invite Only) Junior Enlisted Night
WED, 21 AUG	All Area Hospitality Night
THU, 22 AUG	EANGUS Players and Partners Golf Tournament

Travel Guidance: EANGUS Conference Attendance

by [Jeffrey Frisby](#) | Apr 10, 2024 | [National News](#)



Each year, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau provides a policy statement that includes travel and funding guidance for federal funding being used to attend the EANGUS Conference. This policy gives the states the authority to spend federal funds on travel for selected members of the National Guard to attend the EANGUS conference while in an official duty status. The policy includes authorized amounts per person, administrative absence guidelines, and some pay and allowance options for units to take.

You can view the entire policy [HERE!](#)

EANGUS

AT ONE WORLD OBSERVATORY

Imagine standing atop New York City, within the iconic One World Observatory, on a day that forever changed the world. On September 11, 2024, EANGUS will host a landmark fundraising gala, a first of its kind, exclusive to 250 visionaries committed to transforming the lives of our National Guard members and their families.

This isn't just an event; it's a historic gathering where your generosity can directly impact those who serve with valor but face daunting challenges. The lack of resources and healthcare, coupled with quality of life issues, are stark realities for our heroes and their loved ones. By joining us, you have the power to change this narrative.



EANGUS 9/11 REMEMBRANCE EVENT

EVENT WITH A VIEW

Unforgettable Occasions From Above

With 50 miles of visibility in every direction, the view at One World Observatory, Floor-to-ceiling windows invite guests to lose themselves in immersive views of the Island of Manhattan and surrounding boroughs.



One World Trade Center reaches high above the New York City skyline, an impressive 1,776 feet of glass and steel. It is now the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere, a shining symbol of resilience and global influence. As the City's newest defining feature, the structure presents a heightened viewpoint.



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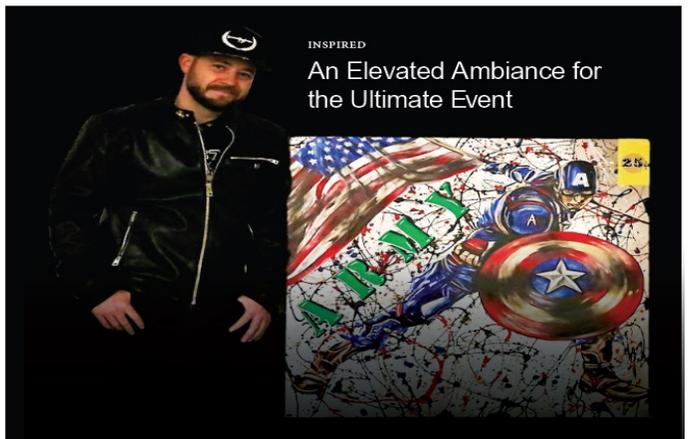
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World Renown Artist and Special Celebrity Musical Guest

In 2006, Gavin Goede established SemperFly Studios, a Fine Art and Design company that has garnered global recognition. His clientele includes prominent figures such as Mark Wahlberg, Snoop Dogg, Usher, Michael Franzoso, Alexander Helyfield, and Fat Joe to name a few. Gavin's expertise lies in hand painting fine art on various surfaces like stainless steel, copper, and canvas, transforming spaces in both residential and commercial settings, indoors or outdoors. Boasting a portfolio that extends to over 18 countries, Gavin has overseen the buildout of more than 40 establishments, ranging from restaurants and parlors to museums and airports. Notably, his work graces esteemed locations like the Waldorf Astoria. Beyond his artistic endeavors, Gavin has dedicated the past six years to philanthropy, utilizing his skills as a fine arts painter, performing artist, and military professional to generate substantial funds for various charities, veteran organizations, and fundraisers. His unwavering commitment to giving back underscores Gavin Goede's multifaceted impact on both the creative and altruistic fronts.



EANGUS 9/11 REMEMBRANCE EVENT: DONATION COMPENSATION



Join us on a night to
Remember the Past.
Stand up for Tomorrow.

ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES
9/11 REMEMBRANCE GALA

Sponsorship Packages with Tickets

Always Ready, Always There \$40,000

- VIP seating for 6 at Premium Table/Table Sponsor
- Top-tier recognition on all platforms
- Welcome Reception invite Private 9/11 Tour
- 9/11 Remembrance Gala Cocktail Hour & Dinner Event Book
- Event Memorial Coin
- VIP Remembrance Gift Bag
- EMCEE recognition from stage
- Event Exclusivity - No Direct Competition for one service or product offered

Red, White, & Blue \$20,000

- VIP seating for 4 at Premium Table/Table Name
- Sponsor recognition on all platforms
- Welcome Reception invite Private 9/11 Tour
- 9/11 Remembrance Gala Cocktail Hour & Dinner
- Event Book
- Event Memorial Coin
- Remembrance Gift Bag
- EMCEE recognition from stage

Freedom \$10,000

- Seating for 2 at Premium Table
- Sponsor recognition
- Welcome Reception invite
- Private 9/11 Tour
- 9/11 Remembrance Gala Cocktail Hour & Dinner
- Event Book
- Event Memorial Coin
- Remembrance Gift Bag

Citizen Soldier \$5,000

- Seating for 2
- Sponsor recognition
- Welcome Reception invite
- Private 9/11 Tour
- 9/11 Remembrance Gala Cocktail Hour & Dinner
- Event Book
- Event Memorial Coin
- Remembrance Gift Bag

Sponsorship Packages

The Patriot \$3,000

- Recognition in Gala Program
- Recognition in Remembrance Book
- Logo on Event Signage
- Prominent Recognition in all Event Media

The Minuteman \$2,000

- Recognition in Gala Program
- Recognition in Remembrance Book
- Logo on Event Signage
- Prominent Recognition in all Event Media

The Guardsman \$1,000

- Recognition in Gala Program
- Recognition in Remembrance Book
- Logo on Cocktail Napkins

For additional or other sponsorship opportunities to include the Premier Sponsor, Presidential Sponsor and Executive Level Sponsorship Levels, please contact 911RemembranceEvent@eangus.org

Individual Ticket - \$1,350

Welcome Reception | Private 9/11 Tour | 9/11 Remembrance Gala Cocktail Hour & Dinner
Event Book | Event Memorial Coin | Remembrance Gift Bag

***** The Event Dinner & Program is limited to 250 seats.*****

*Funds raised will benefit the EANGUS and the NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUNDATION aka the EANGUS WE CARE FOR AMERICA FOUNDATION, A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.
A charitable donation receipt will be issued*

9/11/2024 ONE WORLD OBSERVATORY

10 SEP 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Welcome Reception
Location TBA

11 SEP 5:00 PM
Private World Trade Center Tour

6:00 - 7:00 PM
Event Cocktail Hour

7:00 - 10:00 PM
9/11 Event Dinner & Program

This event is dedicated to those who have fallen. Our 9/11 Remembrance Gala is not only about remembering and honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, it's about celebrating life and the human spirit, along with the contributions of the National Guard in furthering the future of America.

On 9/11/2024, we will gather to remember our past and thank God for our National Guard heroes.

EANGUS | 1 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 880 | Washington D.C. 20001
www.eangus.org | 911RemembranceEvent@eangus.org

For More Information Visit: [EANGUS 9/11 Remembrance Gala](https://www.eangus.org) | [EANGUS](https://www.eangus.org)

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24/7, confidential crisis support for Veterans and their loved ones

You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to connect.

How It Works

Available 24/7
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Signs of Crisis

Some behaviors can be a sign that a Veteran needs help. Learn to spot the warning signs of an emotional or mental health crisis.

Local Resources

No matter what you're experiencing, we have resources and support systems to help get your life back on track.

Veteran Support

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For more information on: [Signs of Crisis \(veteranscrisisline.net\)](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net)

For more information on: [Local Resources \(veteranscrisisline.net\)](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net)

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USAA IS PROUD TO SERVE THE ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES

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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 a 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!

WWW.EANGUS-WCFA.ORG

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://cfcgiving.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/



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Sign up: www.givebacks.com/referrals/CE06172468

SHOP!

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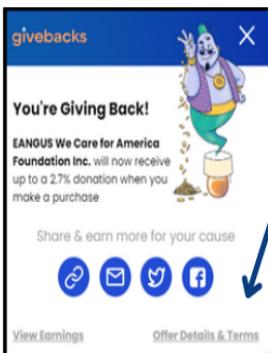


More info can be found at: www.eangus-wcfa.org/other-ways-to-donate/

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Sign up: www.givebacks.com/referrals/CEO6172468



More information is available on our website:
www.eangus-wcfa.org/other-ways-to-donate/

FROM COAST~TO~COAST

Area VI Mid-Winter Conference 12-14 January 2024 Midway, Utah



Area IV Mid-Winter Conference 16-17 February 2024 Natchez, Mississippi



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Iowa State Conference 22-23 March 2024 , Des Moines, Iowa



FROM COAST~TO~COAST CONT'D

Area II Mid-Winter Conference 6 April 2024 Cincinnati, OH



South Dakota State Conference 19 April 2024 Chamberlain, South Dakota ~ Derby Night



Hostesses
Courtney Terrell/Tabby Carr

Youngest & Oldest
Attendees

Fanciest Hat Couple
Jerico Witte/Stephen Morgan

Best Dressed Single
Chance Ragsdale



Best Dressed Couple



Most Elaborate Hat



FROM COAST~TO~COAST CONT'D

Arizona State Conference 20 April 2024 Tucson, Arizona



And then there's places that we visit and people we get to meet along the way!



Dem 2 Brothers & A Grill BBQ
Charleston, WV
(Adrian "Bay" Wright)




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OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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Hill Billy Hotdogs
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