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Here we are recharged after a wonderful conference in Charleston, WV. The West Virginia team did a terrific job hosting. We had productive meetings with lots of fun included. Our Auxiliary members were entertained at a delicious luncheon by the Charleston Ballet. The WV National Guard provided enjoyable music. The Secretary of the State for West Virginia, Natalie E. Tennant was our guest speaker. The WV Auxiliary provided wonderful door prizes. Everyone took home a piece of Fiesta Ware and a gift.

We presented \$286.03 to the local Ronald McDonald house. The toiletries were donated to Brookside Family Life Center. Our Ways and Means did very well this year. Dorothy Inglese has continued to do the State Pin Shadow Box. The amount made was \$435.00. The South Carolina Auxiliary set up and handled the Silent Auction very professionally and has agreed to do this again in Long Beach, Ca. Our profits totaled \$4,402.00. There were 236 items donated by 32 states and 3 exhibitors.

Our Secretary, Ute Vance has had many things happen in her family since conference. On Friday she had eye surgery. The minutes from the conference will be published as soon as she is able to forward them to me.

There will be an updated Executive Council/ Committee listing in the Oct. issue of the Signal.

God Bless you and your families,

Jenny Lainhart

Jenny Lainhart, EANGUS Auxiliary President

Auxiliary President Jenny Lainhart Addressing EANGUS at First Business Session



President Lainhart with the 1st Timers



Working Lunch Board Meeting



**Outstanding Area Directors:
Edna Steinberg Area V and Dianne Williams Area III**



**Distinguished Service Award:
Sondra Monastra**



SHADOW BOX

Thanks to all for your help with collecting the pins and for buying the tickets! Our winner this year was Past President Sara Hendricks and we made \$435 less \$10 for replacing the broken glass!

For the 2012 Shadow Box I need the following pins: **Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands**. Only 9----that's amazing!!!

For those who want to mail them to me: Dorothy Inglese, P O Box 290516, Phelan, CA 92329-0516 Email: dorothyinglese61@gmail.com Have a great Fall Season!



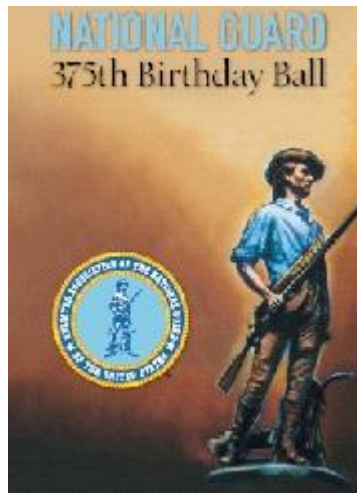
Event Title: National Guard 375th Birthday Ball

Date: Nov 8, 2011

Time: 6:00PM - 9:30PM ET

Location: The Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center 201 Waterfront Street National Harbor, Maryland 20745

Description: The National Guard traces its roots to the Massachusetts Bay Colony Charter, dated December 13, 1636, which called for the formation of a militia to muster for the common defense of the community. We plan to take the audience on a 375-year journey through militia and National Guard history with a tapestry of music, photos, video, and dance.



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Legislative Matters

ANSWER THE CALL - LEGISLATIVE ALERTS & UPDATES

Exe Call: 11-5 Guard Empowerment, S. 1025

The Issue: Passage of the National Guard Empowerment and State-National Defense Integration Act of 2011, S. 1025, is vital to the future of our National Guard.

Immediate Action Required: Please contact your Senators, who have not already agreed to cosponsor S. 1025:

See those who are co-sponsors - <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:SN01025:@@@P>

Check above link and if your senator is already a co-sponsor, send a thank you for co-sponsoring!

Since 9-11, our nation's National Guard has gone from a strategic reserve to an operational force that is finally resourced to truly defend the county. S. 1025 seeks to provide the senior leadership of the National Guard a full seat on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in order that the needs of the Guard are considered when the budget and manning decisions are being made.

The National Guard has gone from being an under resourced strategic reserve to a fully functional and integrated operational force within the construct of the Total Force Policy. In order for the Department of Defense to carry out the multitude of missions and tasks worldwide in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, the Pentagon had no alternative but to fully utilize, equip, and deploy the full range of National Guard units. While Desert Shield/Desert Storm did involve the call up of some Guard units, this was only for a relatively short period of time and as compared to multiple deployments since 9-11. Congress has recognized that the role of the Guard has changed, and over the past several years has introduced multiple Guard Empowerment bills to increase the clout of the Guard within the Department of Defense as well as at NORTHCOM.

Introduced by the Senate Guard Caucus Co-Chair, Senator Patrick Leahy along with fellow Guard Caucus Co-Chair Senator Lindsey Graham as the original cosponsor, the National Guard Empowerment and State-National Defense Integration Act of 2011 will provide the additional political muscle and ability to fully take part when our nation's most senior military leadership makes decisions about the DoD in general and the Guard in particular. S. 1025 will make the Chief of the National Guard Bureau a full member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reestablishes the Vice-Chief of the NGB at the 3-star rank, mandates that the respective Army and Air NORTHCOM commanders are selected from the National Guard, requires that the DoD delineate Guard equipment in its procurement budgets, and finally the bill also codifies the State Partnership Program for the first time.

To view all The Calls 11-01 thru current, click on this link:

<http://capwiz.com/eangus/issues/?style=D>



COACHING INTO CARE

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is offering a new, national call center to help families and friends guide their veterans into the VA for care. The service is called Coaching Into Care and provides "coaching" advice by licensed clinical social workers and psychologists for family and friends of veterans and service members who are transitioning into veteran status.

Family and friends may be the first to realize the veteran or transitioning service member is having difficulties readjusting to civilian life after returning from combat, experiencing signs of Post-traumatic Stress/Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, or showing symptoms of a Traumatic Brain Injury. Families and friends recognize their veteran or transitioning service member needs help, but they don't know how to get them to use the VA for health care. The service provides coaching aids to family and friends to help them be more effective motivators in getting the veteran or transitioning service member to seek care within the VA.

Coaching Into Care is free and available from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm eastern standard time, Monday - Friday. The toll-free number is 888.823.7458 or you can email them at CoachingIntoCare@va.gov. If the family or friend feels the veteran or service member, regardless of active duty or veteran status, is in crisis and needs immediate help, they should call 800.273.8255 and press 1 for veteran/service member.

Exe Reserve Component St. Louis Office Has Moved

The Reserve Component Retirement Branch, under the supervision of Branch Chief, Ms. Sheila Dorsey, has moved to Ft Knox. The St. Louis Office has closed.

All mail must be addressed to: HRC ATTN: AHRC-PDR-RCR
Telephone: (502) 613-8950 1600 Spearhead Division Ave., Dept. 420
Ft Knox, KY 40122-5402

Disregard any previously received return address directions or envelopes that have a return address of St. Louis.

Legislation

Barbara Rains, Legislative Committee Chair

CALL 11-5 Guard Empowerment, S. 1025 has been recently issued. Contact your Senators who have not already agreed to co-sponsor S. 1025.

New EANGUS AUXILIARY STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee of the Auxiliary of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States will consist of a chairperson and one member from each Area (Area POC) who will be appointed by the Auxiliary President or the Legislative Chairperson.

EANGUS Auxiliary Legislative Chairperson (Chair) will contact Area POCs serving on the legislative committee. The Area POC will contact each state in their area and establish a State Legislative Point of Contact (SLPOC); this person can be the state president or their designee. When *THE CALL* or pertinent information is received, the Chair will immediately send information out via e-mail or hardcopy to the Area POC; who in turn will send out the information to their SLPOC. It is then the responsibility of SLPOC to disperse the information in a way they find the most effective in their respective state.

Semi-Annual reports are to be made by each SLPOC to their Area POC. The information for this report will be obtained from a list kept by each SLPOC. The list should include the state, member's name, e-mails, letters, phone contacts, visits and responses. In the event the letters are obtained at an event, such as a state conference, briefings, Family Program functions, etc., simply list the "event" rather than an individual's name. This information will be

compiled from the SLPOC's Semi-Annual Report by the Area POC and forwarded either by e-mail or hardcopy to the Chair, who will in turn compile all information and forward to EANGUS and the Auxiliary President.

Semi-Annual Report timelines for states may be established by the Area POC so as to arrive to the Chair on time to meet the following timelines.

Semi-Annual Report Timelines:

Due to Chair from Area POC

For the period ending January 31 (for months of July 1-Jan. 31) – due February 5

For the period ending June 20 (for months of Feb. 1-June 20) – due June 25

Due to EANGUS Legislative Office & Auxiliary President from Chair

For the period ending January 31 (for months of July 1-Jan. 31) – due February 10

For the period ending June 20 (for months of Feb. 1-June 20) – due June 30

EANGUS Auxiliary Legislative Award Program

In the June report to the Area POC, each state SLPOC may nominate an individual whom they feel merits national recognition for their legislative

activities during the previous year. These nominations will be compiled and forwarded by the Area POC to the Chair. The Chair will choose one winner from each area. The winners will receive a certificate during the annual conference for their contribution to the legislative process. Hard copies of this information will not be necessary. We work on an "honor system". Each SLPOC may document their state's information in whatever way works best for each state. The high cost of mail makes it prohibitive to send hardcopies to the Chair – there is no need for the Chair to maintain hardcopy records.

EANGUS Hardcopies of *THE CALL*

It is strongly recommended that the e-mail system be used as much as possible as this will get the information straight to the EANGUS office. In the event that e-mail cannot be used, it would be beneficial for the member to make a copy of the letter and mail it to the EANGUS office at the same time the member mails the letter to the congressman. **NOTE:** It is not necessary to send hardcopies to the Chair, send directly to EANGUS.

Note: Letters to congressmen should not be sent on recycled paper as recycled paper disintegrates when put through the security processes necessary for the congressmen.

Revised July 2011 by the Legislative Committee

State Presidents, please send your area legislative point of contact the name and email address of your state legislative contact ASAP. If you do not have a state legislative contact, you as president or state auxiliary point of contact are responsible for collecting contact numbers and submitting to your area point of contact by date each Area POC has specified.

EANGUS AUXILIARY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE			
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EANGUS PUBLICATIONS AWARDS

Awards Presented to Respective Area Directors at EANGUS Meeting, Tuesday, August 16, 2011
(Categories 6 & 7 are Auxiliary Publications)

Category 1 – Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association “Buckeye” [sic] Bucky's Bulletin

Category 2 – Pennsylvania PNGAS Newsletter

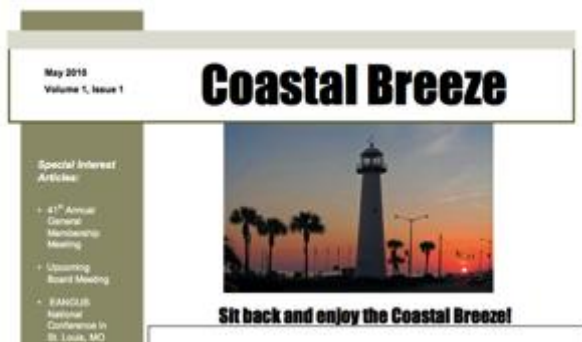
Category 3 – Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Arizona “Desert Chronicle”

Category 4 – National Guard Association of Texas

Category 5 – No Entries Submitted

Category 6 – Mississippi “Coastal Breeze”

Category 7 – EANGUS Area V Auxiliary – “Area V Is Alive!”



Category 6 - #1 State Newsletter - Mississippi

Category 7 - #1 Area Auxiliary Newsletter – Area V

AREA (DIRECTORS') PAGE - NEWS, CARES/CONCERNS

<p align="center">Area 1 (NY, RI, MA, NH, CT, ME, VT)</p>	<p align="center">Area IV (AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX)</p> <p>Paula Carrigan had knee replacement Jody Ward is suffering with inflammatory oosteroarthritis</p>
<p align="center">Area II (KY, DC, DE, Title 10, MD, NC, OH, VA, PA, W VA)</p> <p>Prayer for CSM Larry and Ute Vance- Larry's mother passed away. Ute had surgery on her eye.</p>	<p align="center">Area V (IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI)</p>
<p align="center">Area III (AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VI)</p> <p>Prayer for Starr Boatwright as she is going through chemo treatments.</p>	<p align="center">Area VI (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">Area VII (AK, CA, GM, HI, OR, WA)</p>

2012 Area V State Conferences				
ILLINOIS	INDIANA	IOWA	MICHIGAN	WISCONSIN
	April 20-21, 2012 French Lick, IN	March 30, 31 & April 1, 2012 Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center Johnston, IA	May 11-13, 2012 Marriott Eagle Crest Resort, Ypsilanti, MI	TBD April 2012
MINNESOTA	NEBRASKA	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	
April 27-28, 2012 Clarion Hotel & Conference Center South Saint Paul, MN		Mach 9-10, 2012 Holiday Inn - Fargo South Fargo, ND	April 20-21, 2012 Cedar Shore Resort Oacoma (Chamberlain), SD	

MID-WINTER CONFERENCES/AREA CAUCUSES FOR 2012

Area I Caucus

Area II Mid-Winter Conference

February 24-26, 2012

Roanoke, VA

Area III Caucus

May 18-20, 2012

Holiday Inn & Suites Historic
St. Augustine, FL

Area IV Mid-Winter Conference

February 25-26, 2012

St. Louis Hilton Ballpark
St. Louis, MO

Area V Caucus

May 18-19, 2012

TBA
WI

Area VI & Area VII Mid Winter Conference

Feb 17-19, 2012

Marriott Downtown
Portland, OR

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THE SIGNAL NEWS

Everyone is welcome to send in news/information from around the states each month to be published in THE SIGNAL. We would love to hear from you.

You may also give the news/information to your Area Directors when you are in contact with them. The **deadline** to include news items for publication in this newsletter is the **15th** of each month.

Email: jllainhart@yahoo.com or mail by USPS to:

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Articles/information received after the 15th of the month or that may require more space than is available in one issue will be edited/published in the next issue.

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www.eangus.org>About Auxiliary>Publications



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Go directly to:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=61285710694>

ROLL WITH CALIFORNIA - TWO THOUSAND TWELVE

Long Beach, California - August 26-29, 2012



- **GOLF TOURNAMENT**
Saturday, 25 August
- **WELCOME NIGHT**
Hilton Hotel Esplanade
Sunday, 26 August
- **HOSPITALITY NIGHT**
Hyatt Regency Rainbow Lagoon
Tuesday, 28 August
- **ALL STATES DINNER**
Long Beach Convention Center
Wednesday, 29 August



Enlisted Association National Guard of the United States 41st Annual Conference

~ Roll with California – Two Thousand Twelve ~

Long Beach, California
August 26-29, 2012



★ ★ EACH INDIVIDUAL MUST COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM ★ ★

Registration Information						
Title/Rank	First Name	MI	Last Name	Guard State		
Address		City	State	Zip	E-Mail	
Home Phone () -	Work () -	Fax () -		Cell () -		
Military Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/> Civilian						
<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Guard Member <input type="checkbox"/> Active Guard/Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Military Technician						
EANGUS Membership Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Life <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate						
Registration Status (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Attendee <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Prof. Dev. <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Guest/VIP						
Name to be printed on Badge:				Title/Position Held:		

Cost/Function List		
Payment for these events must be included with this registration!		
	Cost	Cost Total
Registering for Inclusive functions after 17 August 2011 but before 1 July 2012:	\$125.00	_____
Registering under Professional Development (Official Orders):	\$125.00	_____
Registering for Inclusive functions after 30 June 2012:	\$150.00	_____
National Guard Bureau Enlisted Awards Luncheon:	\$ 40.00	_____
EANGUS Auxiliary Luncheon:	\$ 35.00	_____
NO REFUND AFTER 1 JULY 2012		TOTAL

Inclusive Functions:

Registration includes admission to the inclusive functions listed below. Please indicate which event(s) you will attend:

() Welcome Night (Sunday)	() All States Awards and Recognition Banquet (Wednesday)
() All Area Hospitality Night (Tuesday)	

All States Awards and Recognition Banquet Meal Preference			
Banquet Meal Choice: (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian			
Payment Information - Make checks and or money orders payable to EANGUS; Enter Credit Card information			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check #	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA
<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order	<input type="checkbox"/> American Exp	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover	
			Expires Yr
			M M YY

Travel Information			
Arrival Information:	Date	Departing Information:	Date
POV Information:	<input type="checkbox"/> POV	<input type="checkbox"/> COM AIR	<input type="checkbox"/> MIL AIR
Do you require Handicap Transportation? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Do you require a Wheel Chair? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Interested in playing Golf? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			

Mailing address for registration submission is: EANGUS, 3133 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22305
 Email address: eangus@eangus.org (credit card information must be included for electronic registration to be processed).
 On line registration is also available at – www.eangus.org and click on National Conference

"2012 EANGUS Conference Attendance Information"
 "The Department of Defense/National Guard Bureau has found this event meets the minimum regulatory standards for attendance by DoD employees. This finding does not constitute a blanket approval or endorsement for attendance. Individual DoD Component commands or organizations are responsible for approving attendance of its DoD employees based on mission requirements and DoD regulations.
 The Department of Defense has no legal objection to individual DoD Component commands or organizations approving the attendance or participation of its DoD employees at this Annual Membership Meeting. DoD Component commands or organizations may also approve the acceptance of reduced fees or free attendance by their employees in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 1353, Acceptance of Travel and Related Expenses from Non-Federal Sources.
 This determination for official attendance by DoD personnel is not extended to the EANGUS golf tournament. If DoD personnel want to attend the EANGUS golf tournament, in a personal capacity, on off-duty time and at their own cost, they may do so. "No Federal endorsement is intended" by any approval for official DoD participation in this event."