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Fall Greetings to Everyone,

August and September was busy for me. I can't believe it's almost October. The cooler temperatures do feel good after so many 100 degree days. As I returned home from the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in St. Louis, MO I am excited and ready to keep our Auxiliary alive. I look forward to serving as President over the next two years. As I have talked to many of you and reached out for your help. We are certainly stronger when we work together. Thanks to Missouri for showing us a grand ole time. Susan Jenkins and the Missouri Auxiliary did a great job hosting us. This month's issue of THE SIGNAL includes several pictures and lots of information. Be sure to share this with your members within your states.

The Minutes from the Business Sessions held at the National Conference in St. Louis, Missouri are included in this issue. Thank you for taking the time to read them thoroughly as this makes it so much easier and prevents a lot of wasted time during our Business Sessions at the National Conference. We will have them ready to print in the Conference Booklet for Charleston, WV.

I appreciate everyone on our TEAM and looking forward to serving Side By Side with EANGUS President, Roger Hagan and his TEAM. Remember legislative first and membership always. We must continue to be proactive in teaching everyone to use EANGUS.org and answer the calls. Our membership must continue to grow and maintain our current members.

I am always open for suggestions and comments. Be ready to say yes if you are asked to serve on a committee as we can only succeed if we all do our part.

I will be emailing out a complete list of all Executive council, State Officers, and Committees detailed information as soon as I have everything updated.

Email me at [jlainhart@yahoo.com](mailto:jlainhart@yahoo.com) with any news, articles, or pictures to publish in future Signal newsletters. We have Area Directors space which I would love to see this filled every month. I will be sure that anything you want published gets out to the membership. Area Directors, I need your help in getting this out to all your sates and its members.

Remember to change your clocks back one hour on Sunday Nov 7, 2010 at 2 am.

This is my favorite time of the year— an extra hour to sleep is always welcome.

God Bless,

*Jenny Lainhart*

EANGUS Auxiliary Minutes

EANGUS Auxiliary First Timers  
Meeting August 8, 2010

## First Timers Meeting Sunday August 08, 2010

Vivian Taylor, President, welcomed everyone to the first timers meeting. Vivian provided historical information about the Auxiliary's organization as well as information on how to receive the EANGUS Auxiliary newsletter, *The Signal*, edited by Lucretia Barbee, Oklahoma. We had twelve (12) first timers there. Vivian expressed thanks to Susan Jenkins and the Missouri Auxiliary for providing the gifts for the first timers. Vivian Taylor and Sheila Bandy provided an updated history; Edna Steinberg provided copies of the history; and Connie Myers provided the binders. Thanks was expressed to those individuals who had made it possible for the first timers to receive a copy of the EANGUS Auxiliary history.

Vivian introduced all the officers and executive board members. President Taylor also recognized Sheila Bandy, EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator and Susan Jenkins, Missouri Auxiliary Conference Coordinator. She asked both ladies to share updates on the Conference activities.

For our fun activity, we were directed to pages 33 and 34 in the conference booklet. One page was a crossword puzzle and the other page was a word search. Both contained information about the Auxiliary.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. by President Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Reed, Secretary 2008-2010

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States  
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Minutes of the First General Session

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

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The first general session of the Thirty-Seventh (37<sup>th</sup>) Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order by President Vivian Taylor at 9:01 a.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 in St. Louis, Missouri at the America's Center.

**Invocation** was given by Sara Hendricks, Conference Chaplain.

**Pledge to the Flag** was led by Jenny Lainhart, Vice-President.

**The National Anthem**, *The Star Spangled Banner*, was sung a cappella by all members .

**Opening remarks** were given by Vivian Taylor, President. She recognized five (5) Past Presidents who were present in the General Session. They were Sara Hendricks, Nancy McDowell, Jane Rohloff, Dorothy Inglese , and Sheila Bandy.

She introduced the Officers and Executive Board members who were present. Marie Brabham, Area III Director was absent due to upcoming back surgery. President Taylor went over Robert's Rules for recognizing visitors, addressing the President, and for making motions.

**Roll Call** was taken by Pat Reed, Secretary. Present were five (5) officers, nine (9) Area Directors, and twenty-one (21) appointees and committee chairmen.

Twenty-five (25) states were represented.

There were ninety-one (91) delegates, thirty-six (36) proxies, fourteen (14) members, and fifteen (15) guests.

Secretary Reed reported there was a quorum.

President Taylor called the meeting back to order after a short recess to validate the attendance report and for states to caucus. Lorraine Miler, Credentials and Rules Chairman validated the report as correct.

**Minutes of the 2009 conference** were given by Pat Reed, Secretary. Having no corrections, minutes were adopted as printed.

President Taylor introduced Karen Irwin. She is the wife of General Irwin of the Missouri National Guard. Her major point was that “one person can make a difference”. She gave us some insight into the activities that involved the soldiers who were deployed in her state. She is making sure each receives two (2) packages a year while they are deployed. President Taylor introduced Connie Myers. She is the Family Readiness Programs Manager for the 186ARW in Mississippi. She holds that position along with Legislative Chair and being side by side with her husband, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Ricky Myers. Connie shared information on the work she does as Airman and Family Readiness Programs Manager. She stressed the importance of Family Readiness and the EANGUS Auxiliary working together to provide support for Guard members and their families.

**Legislative report** was given by Connie Myers, Chairman. She gave out awards to the following states: Florida and Georgia (Area III); Arkansas, Mississippi, and Oklahoma (Area IV); and South Dakota and Wisconsin (Area V).

**Treasurer’s report** was given by Cora Sower, Treasurer. She also presented a visual display concerning the transmittal of dues. Report was adopted as printed.

**Proposed budget** was given by Marsha Stark, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Everyone was given a copy and discussion followed. Budget would be voted on in Wednesday’s meeting.

**Publication awards** were given out by Jim Hotaling, EANGUS Publication representative. The awards for Best State Auxiliary newsletter went to *Bucky’s Auxiliary News* of Wisconsin. Editor is Roxanna Barwick. Best Area Auxiliary newsletter went to *Area V is Alive*. Editor is Roxanna Barwick. Area Directors for Area V are Margaret Greenfield and Edna Steinberg.

**Burden Bear guidelines** were given out by Sharon Henderson, Chairman.

**Scholarship report** was given by Marlys List in Marie Brabham's absence. The Scholarship Committee received five (5) applications by the deadline. One (1) was deemed ineligible due to packet being incomplete. The following applicants were recommended for the 2010-2011 scholarships:

Stephanie Raines (MS) \$1,250.00 scholarship  
Romaine R. Kocer (SD) \$1,000.00 scholarship  
Jacqueline McKennie (GA) \$1,000.00 USAA  
Dustin J. Venske (WI) \$1,000.00 scholarship

The Scholarship Committee recommended that for the 2011-2012 year the number one applicant would receive a one thousand two hundred fifty dollar (\$1,250.00) scholarship, and the three (3) additional applicants would receive one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) each. The recommendation was passed.

The Scholarship Committee recommended that the State Auxiliaries continue to pay two dollars (\$2.00) each per annual and life member to the scholarship fund. This recommendation passed.

Recommendation was made to add grandchildren to the eligibility. Due to the wording, the recommendation would be tabled until Wednesday.

There was a motion and a second to approve the printed reports. Printed reports included the following: President's report, Lifetime Membership Committee report, and the EANGUS Auxiliary 2010 Membership report.

President's gifts to Officers and Executive Board were given out at the Board meeting on Saturday. Therefore, she simply acknowledged their presence and passed out remaining gifts to the Area Directors, committee chairs, and appointees.

Meeting was recessed at 11:50 so members could attend Auxiliary luncheon. The meeting would reconvene at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning.

**Auxiliary luncheon** was held in the America's Center where everyone was welcomed by the Missouri Auxiliary. A delicious lunch was served amid the lovely table decorations. President Taylor recognized all special guests in attendance.

Sara Hendricks presented the Lifetime Membership Award to Helen Tucker of Georgia.

President Taylor presented the following awards:

President's Award: Sheila Bandy, Immediate Past President

Sara Hendricks, Past President and Appointee Positions

Torch Award: Lucretia Barbee, *The Signal* Editor

Cora Sower, Treasurer

Outstanding Area Director's Award:

Dianne Williams, Area III

Marsha Stark, Area VII

Outstanding States Award:

1-25 Members Massachusetts (100 points)

26-75 Members Wisconsin (185 points)

76+ Members Mississippi (200 points)

A check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) was presented to West Virginia for the largest percentage of increase in membership. They increased by 147%.

A check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) was presented to Mississippi for the largest numbers increase in membership. They increased 42 members. Mississippi donated their twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) back to EANGUS Auxiliary for the scholarship fund.

Distinguished Service Award: Shirley Bogdan (MA)

Pearleen Pearce (MS)

Recruiting Member of the Year: Pat Bishop (MS) Twenty-five dollar (\$25) Wal-Mart card and plaque. Second highest recruiting member went to Connie Myers (MS) Twenty-five dollar (\$25) Wal-Mart card.

There were two (2) awards that would be given out at the banquet on Wednesday night.

They were Meritorious Service Award: CSM Don Cooley (MS)

CSM (Ret) Nate Monastra (OH)

Spouse of the Year Award: CSM Larry Vance (WV)

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Reed, Secretary 2008-2010

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States  
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Minutes of the Second General Session

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

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The second general session of the Thirty-Seventh (37<sup>th</sup>) Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by President Vivian Taylor.

**Invocation** was given by Conference Chaplain, Sara Hendricks.

**Credential and Rules Chairman**, Lorraine Miller, corrected Arizona's delegate count from one (1) delegate and five (5) proxies to zero (0) delegates. The delegate had to return home due to illness of her husband.

**Philanthropic Chairman**, Carol Benda, reported that 567 pounds of pop tabs were given to the Ronald McDonald Houses (RMH) throughout the United States. The three (3) states that collected the most were Arizona, California, and Minnesota. Approximately 200 pounds of toiletries would be given to the RMH in St. Louis.

**Nominations Chair**, Marie Traxler, reported the committee had received nomination papers for the following offices: President Jenny Lainhart

Vice-President Margaret Greenfield

Secretary Ute Vance

Treasurer Cora Sower

At the General Session, Judy Wood was nominated for Vice-President from the floor. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer were elected by acclamation. Judy Wood was elected Vice-President by secret ballot voting.

The following were elected as Area Directors in their respective caucuses.

**Area I** Vacant

**Area II** Margie Holcomb (VA) 2010-2012

Cathy Hammack (WV) 2010-2011

**Area III** Dianne Williams (GA) 2010-2012

**Area IV** Connie Myers (MS) 2010-2012

**Area V** Edna Steinberg (SD) 2010-2012

**Area VI** Suzie Stewart (MT) until December 31, 2010

**Area VII** Marsha Stark (CA) 2010-2012

These newly elected Area Directors would be working alongside of Area III Marie Brabham (FL) 2009-2011; Area IV Pat Burchfield (MS) 2009-2011; Area V Margaret Greenfield (SD) 2009-2011; and Area VII Doris O'Connell (CA) 2009-2011.

**Constitution Chairman**, Chris Sower, gave the proposed constitution changes. They were to change the way Area Directors are elected from a vacancy and to add a National Lifetime Associate Membership. Both proposals were defeated.

Vivian Taylor, President, introduced the RMH representative, Bob Manges. He advised us that the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) RMH would be opening in St. Louis in September. It would be the three-hundredth (300<sup>th</sup>) RMH in the world. Oklahoma presented an additional one hundred dollars (\$100.00); Georgia one hundred dollars (\$100.00); and Kansas fifty dollars (\$50.00). This made a total donation of one thousand three hundred seven dollars twenty cents (\$1,307.20) to the St. Louis RMH.

**Finance Chair**, Marsha Stark, on behalf of the Finance Committee, recommended that the budget be approved as printed. Budget was approved as printed.

**Membership Chair**, Dianne Williams, presented the following awards.

These all are for largest number increase and largest percentage increase in annual, life, and associate members.

**Category I** (1-25 members)

Annual members:

Largest increase in annual members:	First Place: Pennsylvania Second Place: New Mexico
Largest percentage increase in annual members:	First Place: Nevada

Second Place: New Mexico

Largest increase in life members:	(Tie) for First Place: Wyoming and Kansas
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Largest percentage increase in life members:	First Place: Wyoming Second Place: Kansas
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Largest increase in associate members:	First Place: South Carolina Second Place: Alaska
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Largest percentage increase in associate members:	First Place: Missouri Second Place: Alaska
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**Category II** (26-75 members)

Largest increase in annual members:	First Place: West Virginia
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Largest percentage increase in annual members:	First Place: Wisconsin Second Place: West Virginia
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Largest increase in life members:	First Place: Alabama Second Place: South Dakota
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Largest percentage increase in life members:	First Place: Alabama Second Place: Oklahoma
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Largest increase in associate members:	First Place: West Virginia Second Place: Arkansas
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Largest percentage increase in associate members:	First Place: West Virginia Second Place: California
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**Category III** (75+ members)

Largest increase and largest percentage increase in annual, life, and associate members:

Mississippi

**Individual Awards:**

Recruiting member of the year

First Place: Pat Bishop (MS)

Second Place: Connie Myers (MS)

Recognition for member recruiting efforts: Individuals who recruited at least five (5) new members

Kelli Odom (MS)

Vivian Taylor (MS)

Teresa White (MS)

Mandy Fischer (WV)

Pat Kishman (WV)

Lawrence Vance (WV)

Richard Bryant (NM)

**Resolution Chair**, Shirley Bogdan, presented seven (7) proposed resolutions to the members.

2010-1 Thanked the Missouri National Guard Association and Auxiliary for hosting this year's conference.

2010-2 Acknowledged the dedication and hard work of Lucretia Barbee in editing *The Signal*.

2010-3 Recognized Lorraine Miller, Credentials and Rules Chair, for her many years of service.

2010-4 Deep appreciation for Mike Cline for his dedication to EANGUS and the Auxiliary.

2010-5 Thanks and appreciation to Dian Cline for all she had done.

2010-6 Thanks to Paula Carrigan, Chair of Ways and Means, for a job well done and for giving of her time.

2010-7 Thanks to President Vivian Taylor for a job well done.

Resolutions were adopted as presented.

**Ways & Means Chair**, Paula Carrigan, reported that we received two hundred sixty-one (261) items for a total of five thousand four hundred forty-nine dollars (\$5449.00), making this our best year ever. The Country Store made an additional one hundred four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$104.75). The Ways and Means totals increased as silent auction items were picked up, more cookbooks were sold, and more tickets were sold on the amethyst and diamond bracelet.

**Shadow Box Chair**, Dorothy Inglese, reported the proceeds were seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715.00).

**Main Dish and Dessert Cookbook Chair**, Sara Hendricks, reported the profit was three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00).

**The diamond and amethyst bracelet** donated by Jerry and Vivian Taylor brought in nine hundred eighty- four dollars (\$984.00).

**Burden Bear Chair**, Sharon Henderson, reported they had received seven (7) applications to be awarded as following: Irene Pinter (PA)

Helen Denton (FL)  
 Petey Garcia (NM)  
 Paulette Lafferty (MS)  
 Debbie Russell (WY)  
 Angie Kennebeck (IA)  
 Mary Hensell (AZ)

**Unfinished business:** Sara Hendricks, Lifetime Membership Chair, presented Helen Tucker (GA) with the Lifetime Membership Award. She was absent when it was announced at the luncheon.

President Taylor presented Area Director Award to Dianne Williams (GA), Area III. Dianne was not at the luncheon when the awards were presented.

**New business:** Chris Sower, Constitution Chair, presented proposed changes for the duties of Secretary to include minutes of the Executive Board Meetings. This proposal was defeated.

Marlys List, Scholarship Committee member, proposed the rewording of eligibility for grandchildren. This proposal was defeated.

Marie Traxler, Nominations Chair, requested that ballots be destroyed.

Mississippi Auxiliary President, Karen Solots, presented President Taylor a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) Visa card from the Mississippi delegation. It was to thank her for her leadership the past two years and welcome her back home.

Jenny Lainhart, Vice President, presented President Taylor with a clock and a snow globe from the membership. Jenny also thanked her for a job well done.

President Taylor expressed special thanks to the Missouri Auxiliary for their door prize donations and to Susan Jenkins' lia sophia team for their donations of lia sophia jewelry.

Installation of new Officers and Area Directors was performed by Dorothy Inglese.

**Benediction** was given by Sara Hendricks, Conference Chaplain.

**Memorial Service** was conducted by Billie Davis. These are the names that were offered in remembrance: LTM 232 Mary Perdue (AL) September 12, 1994 (Notified 2009)

LTM 261 Louise Harper (IA) 2009  
 LTM 304 Cecila Halaverson (SD) October 05, 2009  
 LTM 252 Mary Stockwell (ME) March 13, 2010  
 LTM 061 Agnes Tupman (MS) March 18, 2010  
 Annual Member Betty Elliott (KS) June 19,2010

The Ways and Means projects and approximate totals at the end of conference were:

Silent Auction:	\$5,500.00
Country Store:	\$105.00
Main Dish Cookbooks:	\$720.00
Dessert Cookbooks:	\$375.00
State Pins Shadowbox:	\$715.00
Amethyst and Diamond Bracelet:	\$1,200.00
Auxiliary Afghan:	\$35.00
Auxiliary Coin:	\$5.00
Donation from EANGUS secretary, Doug Simpson	\$500.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Reed, Secretary 2008-2010

## Thanks, TEAM

- T** - Thanks more than I' ll ever be able to express!  
**E** - Everyone was so kind and helpful during my tenure as president.  
**A** - All of you hold a special place in my heart.  
**M** - May you be blessed as you blessed me!!

Paul, in the Bible, told the church at Phillipi “...I thank God on every remembrance of you...” Hallmark has cards of thanks that enumerate the many ways people impact us. The great writers and wordsmiths share words that invoke warm thoughts in us as we ponder others in our lives. I can' t hope to compete with any of them. I can simply say again, “Thank you!” Thank you for every kindness...cards, phone calls, encouraging e-mails, kind remarks, and material remembrances.

Thanks, EANGUS Auxiliary, for the snow globe, which is on a bureau at home and the desk clock/pen, which is on my desk at work—so that I' m reminded of you all at home and at work. Thanks, Frank, for the lovely Jefferson Cup. Thanks for so many beautiful cards and e-mails that are in a file that I keep in my desk. This was something I learned many years ago from a teacher. She suggested everyone needed one of those files to look through on days when life was especially challenging; it really does help to look back and remember the encouragement of others.

Thanks for working through the years for our National Guard members and families and thanks for continuing to do so. There is no telling the number of lives that you have impacted through the EANGUS/Auxiliary legislative work, scholarships awarded, and communication with other members. EANGUS and the Auxiliary are great organizations and we' re privileged to be able to belong and to work through them for the good of our Guard members and families.

I' m looking forward to serving as Immediate Past President this next 2 years and then finding another avenue of service. Best Wishes, Jenny and TEAM.

May God bless you as you bless others,  
Vivian "Viv" Dean Taylor  
EANGUS Auxiliary TEAM Leader/President, 2008-2010

President Vivian Taylor handing over the EANGUS Auxiliary Gavel to incoming President Jenny Lainhart in St. Louis, MO

The EANGUS Auxiliary Officers and Area Directors for 2010-2012



EANGUS Auxiliary First Timers with President Taylor

EANGUS Auxiliary President Jenny Lainhart 2010-2012



**AREA (DIRECTORS') PAGE – NEWS, CARES/CONCERNS**

Area I NY, RI, MA, NH, CT, ME, VT

Area II – KY, DC, DE, Title 10, MD, NC, OH, VA, PA, W VA

Cares and Prayers for: Jane Semones (KY) has ongoing health problems

Sheila Bandy (KY) Jay and Sheila have a son leaving for Afghanistan. Praise and congratulations to them with a new granddaughter. Sheila has a new email: [Grannieplus3@aol.com](mailto:Grannieplus3@aol.com)

Area III – AL, FL, GA, PR, SC, TN, VI

Care and prayers for: Marie Brabham is home recuperating from her surgery.

Remember Bob Denton and family as they lost dear Helen. We will always remember and cherish our memories of her.

Area IV- AR, KS, LA, MS, MO, OK, TX

Cares and prayers for: Remember Vivian and Jerry Taylor as Jerry's brother, Joe fell ,broke 9 ribs and had a lung collapse.

Billie Davis performing our Memorial Service



Area V – IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI

Area VI – AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY

Cares and Prayers for: Harry and Mary Hensell, Harry took sick at the EANGUS conference. Email them: [h\\_w\\_hensell@q.com](mailto:h_w_hensell@q.com)

Area VII – AK, CA, GM, HI, OR, WA

**Mid-Winter Caucus for 2011**

- Area I
- Area II- Mar 4-6 Charleston, WV
- Area II
- Area IV
- Area V
- Area VI and VII- Feb 18-19 Honolulu, Hawaii



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August 25, 2010

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Dear Friends,

Your leadership in the National Guard designating the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Metro St. Louis is truly appreciated! This donation of \$1,082.20 allows us to continue our mission of providing a "home-away-from-home" to families of seriously-ill children receiving treatment at area hospitals.

As you know, RMHC sites provide a warm, home-like atmosphere where families can eat, sleep, watch TV, or just relax, but most importantly, spend time with each other and with other families in similar situations. In 2010, the Ronald McDonald House will serve more than 1,400 families, and our three Family Rooms will serve more than 5,000 families.

What you may not know is that Ronald McDonald House Charities does not receive funding from state, federal or local government agencies or the United Way. Private contributions, like yours, make up 97% of our budget.

Your contribution to our mission impacts every family who walks through our doors.

Thank you for support!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Harbaugh".

Dan Harbaugh  
President

*Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.  
No goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation.*

Brandon, Mississippi 39047  
(601) 331-7833  
stephanie.raines@eagles.usm.edu

August 28, 2010

Mrs. Marie Brabham  
Scholarship Chairperson  
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary  
3329 Aspen Forest Drive  
Middleburg, Florida 32068

Dear Mrs. Brabham,

I am writing to thank you for your generous \$1250.00 EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.

I am a Sociology major with an emphasis in non profits. I am currently a senior carrying 54 units, and plan to graduate in the spring of 2011. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal. I plan to serve in the Peace Corps upon graduating from the University of Southern Mississippi.

By awarding me the EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie Raines*

Stephanie Raines





# Money Mouth Challenge

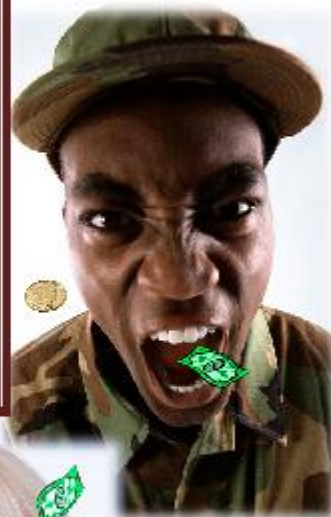
**ARE YOU READY FOR THIS???**

*! Lose weight and raise EANGUS Auxiliary funds at the same time.*

*! 50 weeks 'til West Virginia.*

*! Participate as an individual, or lead a team.*

**PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS!**



**GET STARTED TODAY!!!!**

Email: [sowertuba@juno.com](mailto:sowertuba@juno.com) to request pledge form (FREE). You may pledge as little as \$1 per pound weight loss.

You will receive information on tracking your weight loss.

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PLEDGES AND \$\$\$ WILL BE DUE AT CONFERENCE IN WEST VIRGINIA.



**Good Luck!**





## EANGUS AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2010-2012

President-Jenny L. Lainhart

Secretary- Ute Vance

Vice-President- Judy Wood

Treasurer- Cora Sower

Immediate Past-President- Vivian Taylor

### AREA DIRECTORS

Area I- Vacant

Vacant

Area II- Cathy Hammack 2010-11

Margie Holcomb 2010-12

Area III- Marie Brabham 2009-11

Dianne Williams 2010-12

Area IV- Pat Burchfield 2009-11

Connie Myers 2010-12

Area V- Margaret Greenfield 2009-11

Edna Steinberg 2010-12

Area VI- Suzie Stewert 2009-Dec 31 2010

Vacant

Area VII-Doris O'Connell 2009-11

Marsha Stark 2010-12

### Appointed Positions:

Parliamentarian- Sara Hendricks

Conference Chair- Sheila Bandy

Chaplain- Sherry Blackwell

Sergeant- At-Arms- Starr Boatwright, Mylene Thompson, and Jackye Hargrove

### Committee Chairs

Awards- Sheila Bandy  
Burden Bears- Sharon Henderson  
Constitution- Chris Sower and Teresa White  
Continuity- Brooks Marr and Ann Hart  
Credentials and Rules- Margaret Greenfield  
Family Affairs- VACANT  
Finance- VACANT  
Legislative- VACANT  
Lifetime Member- Vivian Taylor  
Membership Dianne Williams  
Nominations- Lorraine Miller  
Photographer- VACANT  
Public Relations- Vivian Taylor  
Resolutions- Shirley Bogdan  
Scholarship-Marie Brabham  
Ways and Means-  
State Pins Shadow Box- Dorothy Inglese  
Silent Auction- VACANT  
Web Master- Dianne Williams

## Report on items donated by states for 2010 Silent Auction

States that donated items	Number of items donated	Amount earned on items
Alabama	1	19.00
Alaska	4	100.00
Arizona	7	50.00
	plus 2 items (11.00) not picked up	
Arkansas	14	271.00
California	25	460.00
Delaware	donation	100.00
Florida	8	207.00
Georgia	3	39.00
Hawaii	9	98.00
Iowa	3	83.00
Kansas	6	88.00
Kentucky	10	127.00
Louisiana	2	30.00
Massachusetts	3	40.00
Minnesota	3	52.00
Mississippi	73	1,581.00
Missouri	4	140.00
Montana	1	26.00
Nevada	1	11.00
New Mexico	12	154.00
New York	2	60.00
North Carolina	2	39.00
North Dakota	3	20.00
Ohio	donation	50.00
Oklahoma	13	118.00
South Dakota	1	40.00
Tennessee	11	104.00
Texas	2	19.00
Title 10	2	35.00
Vermont	1	26.00
Virginia	1	10.00
West Virginia	4	95.00
Wisconsin	13	317.00
Wyoming	1	26.00
EANGUS Office	1	9.00
Exhibitors	15	721.00

Thanks to Paula Carrigan and Silent Auction Committee and everyone who brought/bought!!!

There was a total of 263 items with only 2 not picked up.

The Call: 10-14

#### **Veteran's Status for National Guard Soldiers & Airmen**

**The Issue:** Certain members of the Guard and Reserve components with 20 years or more service do not otherwise qualify under current law (Title 38) as veterans.

**Immediate Action Required:** Contact your Senators and urge them to personally support prompt Senate action on **H.R. 3787, the Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act**, as passed by the House of Representatives on September 28, 2010.

**Background:** All members of the Selected Reserve – those who regularly train in designated military positions -- volunteer for service to the nation and are liable for activation in its defense. Through no fault of their own, not all career (20-years-or-more of service) National Guard members have been called to serve on federal active duty during their tenure as reserve component members. Twenty or more years of service in the reserve forces and eligibility for reserve retired pay should be sufficient qualifying service for full veteran status under the law. This issue is a matter of honor to those who remained vigilant and ready (for 20 or more years) to defend this nation, but were who never actually called to do so.

**Rationale:** As defined by current law, members of the reserve components who have completed 20 or more years of service are "military retirees" and eligible for all of the benefits received by active duty military retirees upon reaching age 60; yet, they are not considered to be "veterans" if they have not served at least 1 day on federal active duty (other than active duty for training). Reserve component members who have completed 20 or more years of service but who were not on federal active duty status for at least 1 day during their time of service in the reserve components are the subject of this proposed change in the law. For purposes of this discussion, those individuals will be referred to as "non-veteran retirees."

Non-veteran retirees who complete at least a 20-year career in the National Guard/Reserve perform at least 760 days of military duty – inactive duty for training and annual training -- which equals 2 years and 1 month of military service. This would be more than enough to qualify for "veteran" status if this were active duty. However, as the law now stands, it is classified as "active duty for training" or "inactive duty training" and therefore does not count toward "veteran" status.

**Budgetary Issues:** Of primary concern to policy makers is the cost of designating non-veteran retirees as veterans. The intent of this cost-neutral bill is merely to honor and acknowledge the service and sacrifice of our career National Guard members who were never called up to active duty. The bill does not authorize any new or unearned Veterans' benefits to any member of the National Guard or Reserves.

**Summary:** It is ironic that some National Guard members now carrying out a national security mission to protect the integrity of our Southwestern border (on Title 32 orders) may one day qualify for a military pension from the Guard but will not qualify as Veterans of our Armed Forces, as hard as that notion may be to understand or accept. Instead, this is an issue of honor, of acknowledgement by our nation that these individuals who gave 20 years, or more, of service to the nation in the National Guard deserve recognition as veterans. They were in uniform, trained and ready to be sent if needed. It is not their fault that they the nation did not call for their services.

With this legislation we ask that this situation be corrected and that the service and sacrifice of these individuals be recognized by designating them as "veterans".

**Update:** EANGUS and other associations have been working closely in support of Congressman Walz's bill (HR 3787), which passed the House on September 28, 2010. Thanks to Congressman Walz's strong support, along with an amendment to his original bill (that will be added as a new section (107A) in the US Code.) The new language will read as follows : "A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

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