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President Viv's Message

All our Christmas decorations have been taken down and stored for another year and I have done lots of before-and- after-Christmas shopping for bargains for gifts for Christmas 2010.

As I shopped, I also remembered to pick up items that I will put in our Silent Auction at Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. I'd like to have

some time to make something but that's looking like a pipe dream at

this point! Join me in putting back some things to bring with you to St. Louis. We're all going to have to **work extra hard** to make the Silent Auction in 2010 as successful as the one in 2009 which, with the donations from states, Boutique, and Cora's Corner, raised more than ever before with a total over \$4,900. States and individuals provided such great items and everyone got into the spirit of bidding on their favorite items. Sheila Bandy and her crew did an absolutely outstanding job of manning the Silent Auction. Paula Carrigan is our Ways and Means Silent Auction Chairman for the Silent Auction in St. Louis, so I look for another truly excellent year.

I've received reports from our Board members on how they have been assisting state leaders with Auxiliary work in the states in their areas. I hear enthusiasm in most cases tinged with a little frustration when their communications are not answered. Please take a moment from your busy day to respond to your Area Directors and let them know what's going on in your state Auxiliary. They are in place to help you; utilize them!

You are going to enjoy meeting CSM Jim Crosby at our meeting in St. Louis. CSM Crosby is with the Kansas National Guard and is serving at FOB Mehtar Lam. One of the e-mails from Area IV Director, Connie Myers, about Nathan Cooley and Ronald McDonald House (RMH) and the EANGUS Auxiliary's collecting pop tabs for RMH really resonated with CSM Crosby. He began an effort to collect pop tabs on FOB Mehtar Lam and set up collection points in the dining facility along with Nathan's picture. He encouraged other soldiers, airmen, and Marines on the FOB to get involved, as well. Connie recently received the first shipment of tabs from FOB Mehtar Lam, which will be sold with proceeds taken to Conference in St. Louis to go, along with all other states' pop tabs revenue, to RMH. Remember to sell your pop tabs prior to Conference and bring the proceeds to St. Louis. You'll remember that we voted to do that at Conference in Rochester. Remember, too, that if your state Auxiliary would like to make a RMH donation we are requesting that you **send it prior to Conference** to Cora Sower so that we will be able to present one check to the RMH representative on Wednesday morning during Conference. If you send it prior to June 15 I will be able to list state donations in the Conference Book.

I'll report, in the February issue of *The Signal*, on our trip to Casa Grande, Arizona to attend the Areas VI & VII Meeting. Then in early February we will be attending the Area II Meeting in Baltimore and on the weekend of Valentine's Day we will attend the Area IV meeting in Baton Rouge. We'd appreciate your prayers for safe travel and good Area Meetings. Later we'll be going to Area III Meeting in South Carolina. We will miss Area V this year since it is on the same weekend as Area III but we surely did enjoy our visit with them last year.

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President Viv's Message Continued

Main Dish Cookbooks will be available for purchase at Area Meetings. Thanks, more than words can say, to Sara Hendricks, Chairman, for putting together the recipes that were sent in from all the areas. She e-mailed the Main Dish Cookbook to me and I have duplicated and bound 77 Main Dish Cookbooks with which to start. I'll let you know how many we sold in Areas VI & VII. After I see how they are selling I'll know how many more I'll need to re-produce. All we sell will be total profit as the materials and printing have been donated.

As you will remember, membership lists and dues were due to the EANGUS Auxiliary by December 31 with a grace period through January 31. Those states that have cc'ed me what they sent to our national treasurer, Cora Sower, have all shown an increase in their membership! The following are examples of what I've seen. Wisconsin showed a 314% increase in **annual** members, going from 7 annual members in 2009 to 22 annual members in 2010 and a total of 71 annual and lifetime members, for an overall increase of 29.1%. West Virginia's report showed 39 annual members, 3 lifetime members, and 33 associate members; in 2009 they had 15 annual members, 2 lifetime members, and 21 associate members. Ute Vance and others working case lot sales paid off in more ways than one! Their increase in **annual and lifetime members** was 141.2%. These additional members will help when West Virginia hosts EANGUS/EANGUS Auxiliary in Charleston in 2012. [You can see a bit about Charleston at www.cityofcharleston.org.] Arkansas picked up an additional 9 annual members, 1 more lifetime member, and 10 more associate members; that's an 18.2% increase in annual and lifetime members. Mississippi had a total of 222 annual and lifetime members and 101 associate members, which is up from 181 annual and lifetime members and 76 associate members in 2009.

In the approved 2010 budget we added \$50 under the Awards Committee for monetary membership awards. The state that shows the **largest percentage increase** in the total of annual and lifetime members and the state that shows the **largest numbers increase** in the total of annual and lifetime members will each receive a \$25 check from EANGUS Auxiliary to their state Auxiliary to be presented at Conference in St. Louis. I can hardly wait to see Cora's master spreadsheet on membership sometime in February/March after she has time to input all the membership numbers from the states!!

Increased membership allows us to do more in our *Side by Side* efforts for EANGUS...more members means more scholarship dollars; more members means more folks responding to the CALLS as issued by EANGUS; more members means more mentors for new members; more members means a larger pool from which to draw leadership for now and the future; more members means more folks to communicate the message of EANGUS. Well, anyway, I think you get the picture. Membership continues to be the engine that drives the Auxiliary train and, to really mix my metaphors, helps to make our EANGUS Auxiliary bouquet big, beautiful, and showy!!!

Remember you can reach me at the toll-free number (1-800-230-8221); phone me at work (601-735-9413); or e-mail me at vividean@aol.com. Thanks to every single person who takes the time to call, write, and e-mail. Your communication is vital. You have a wealth of ideas and suggestions for improvement. Your Board listens and we try to implement measures to ensure that the Auxiliary is the best it can be. Sometimes it does take a little time and sometimes there are misunderstandings but, with a little patience and work, we do get there.

This is an election year for the Auxiliary. As I told you all at the beginning of my term and throughout the past 17 months, I am going to be a one-term EANGUS Auxiliary president. I am humbled and flattered by the requests I've had from many of you for me to seek another term but, as I have told each of you, I have many hats that I wear at home, church, work, MS Auxiliary, MS Family Readiness, Wayne Association WMU, MS WMU, and other state and community work. To say that I have stayed super busy these past months is really an understatement. If you remember, I served as EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary for 2 years and EANGUS Auxiliary Vice-President for 2 years. By God's grace, when I complete my 2 years as EANGUS Auxiliary President and 2 years as EANGUS Auxiliary Past President that will be 8 years as an EANGUS Auxiliary officer. I look forward to possible service as an Area Director and maybe another tenure as Secretary in the future.

Please contact our Nominations Committee Chairman, Marie Traxler, if you are interested in running for an office. Please, please make your decision early enough for us to include information about you and your qualifications in upcoming issues of *The Signal*. We want the membership to get to know you prior to our arrival at Conference in

Prayer and Praise



- OK-Debra Campbell's Nephew Corey
- OK-Prayer for Marge Walsh, Lucretia's friend in Chicago cancer has returned.
- MS-Adrian Pearce is recovering from surgery. He still has not been able to drive or do much. So I am sure that he feels like he is in jail. It would be nice if you call or send he and Pearlean a card to let them know we are thinking about them.
- MS-Paulette McLeod is recovering from surgery She said she felt real good that she could now do things that she had not done in a long time. She also felt like decorating her house for Christmas.
- MS-Nathan Cooley is doing really great but still has a lot facing him, so we need to continue to pray for him and his parents.
- MS-Myrtle Blackwell is doing great after her hip surgery and is getting around good. The last time she went to the doctor he told her he would see her in 6 months.
- MS-Jennifer Litchfield (Gloria & Don Cooley's daughter) is in CCU at Rush Hospital in Meridian with double pneumonia. Gloria said that she is showing a little improvement.
- MS-Josh (Gloria & Don's Grandson that lives with them) has the flu.
- MS-Debbie Sanders (Shirley Ritter's daughter) has problems with her arm and they think it is Car-pal Tunnel Syndrome. She has had tests run and will go back after the first of the year to find out what they are going to do.
- National-We especially need to keep all of our Deployed Soldiers, Airman and their families in our thought and prayers this time of year.
- MS-Teresa and Nickie White have a new grandson. When it was born, it had to be put on oxygen. I talked to Nickie at the Board Meeting and he said that he was doing good now and was breathing on his own
- CA Dec 17th Bart Inglese has had a stroke and is in the hospital. They do not know the severity yet and they are keeping him sedated. Dorothy has asked for your prayers. Her children are with her. She will keep her phone message up to date for us to keep informed on his condition. Her phone is 760-868-6611 email = dinglese61@uia.net address - P. O. Box 290516, Phelan, CA 92329-0516 Marsha Stark
- CA-UPDATE 12/31 I just called Dorothy and Bart Inglese's house and the message on the machine said. "Bart got to go home on Christmas Eve" and he is having to have bed rest for 6 weeks and on Monday, Dorothy woke up with a real bad cold. So, please continue to pray for Bart and Dorothy. We know the Lord can heal both of them.
Ann
- NM-Wanted to let you know that Lorraine Miller's mother passed away on December 18 after a short illness. The funeral was held in Kansas where she lived. Our condolences go out to Lorraine and Leon and their family. If anyone would like to send a card you can mail it to her and Leon at 13842 53rd. Dr. Yuma, Arizona 85367 or can call her at 1- 928-342 3947 Petey Garcia
- WI-Ray and Carol Kolata family – Ray's father passed away Christmas.
- WI-Dick and Susan Lieven's son Matthew broke his leg skiing in Colorado and
- WI-Mark and Shirley Spitz are proud grandparents again. Jacob Daniel was home in time for Christmas with the family.
- OK-Carolyn and I are asking for a Prayer Request for Cody Horner from Tulsa, Okla. As you can see, this request has come down from Carolyn's family. Little Cody has been taken to the burn center in Cincinnati with 2nd degree burns from hot grease spill. We need a nation wide prayer from our EANGUS family for little Cody who is about 1 1/2 years old. Al and Carolyn Hoxie
- OK– Gray Eagle RAYMOND E. PHILPOTT passed away on January 16, 2010. Keep the Philpott family in prayer.

Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States

I hope this story blesses your heart as it did mine. Ute Vance

There were several such stories when my husband and son were in Iraq with the same unit/Brigade in 2003-2005. The 150th is scheduled to return to West Virginia this coming February. Our soldiers' families work hard on collecting items to be distributed to the Iraqi children, from shoes, to toys, to school supplies. Making friends with the Iraqi people is the very best way for our soldiers to stay safe, and for all of our soldiers to be able to come home finally. Stories like these keeps the families going and motivated. Even though this deployment is coming to an end, do pray for the soldiers and families of the 150th as this is the second Christmas in a row they won't be able to celebrate together (after already missing 2003 and 2004 as well).

Thank you, Ute

First Lt. Jason Hickman, of Greenville, W.Va., proudly holds Noor Hassam Oudah during a celebration in her honor, Dec. 9. The one-year-old, known as "Baby Nourah," was born blind with congenital cataracts. Hickman spearheaded a campaign, raising over \$5,000 for her surgery through donations from Soldiers of the 150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, and their families and friends. Baby Nourah received surgery through the Khalidi Medical Center in Amman, Jordan, Nov. 15, three days



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Outward Bound, a 45-year old non-profit outdoor, adventure-education organization, is looking for OEF and OIF Veterans, interested in participating in fully- funded reintegration wilderness expeditions. Adventures are physically, mentally and emotionally stimulating and work to build the self-confidence, trust, and communication skills necessary to successfully return to their families and communities following war time service. Goals of the program are to provide a positive outdoor experience for military veterans that will enable them to experience the healing benefits of the natural world and benefit from quality environmental education.

Who: Available to all OEF or OIF Veterans who were deployed to Iraq and/or Afghanistan, pending medical screening

What: A 5-7 day Wilderness Expedition: may include backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing, dog sledding, sailing, sea kayaking and white water rafting

When: Dates available year-round

Where: Wilderness locations include: California, Colorado, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Alabama, and Florida

How: What sets Outward Bound apart is that the goal is personal growth. The wilderness and the skills learned to deal with it are simply a vehicle for growth.

Cost: All expenses paid! Veterans will not be responsible for cost of expedition including round-trip stateside transportation to course site. Funding provided by the Military Family Outdoor Initiative Project, a joint project of the Sierra Club and The Sierra Club Foundation.

To Enroll: Please call 1-866-669-2362 ext 8387 (VETS) sit <http://www.outwardbound.org/>>



"Each One Reach One" raise your hand and find a new Auxiliary Member for 2010! Together we CAN!

President Viv's Message Continued

Committee Chairmen, please keep in mind that you need to have your report to me for inclusion in the Conference Book not later than June 15. Thanks for your help!

States, please begin to think of nominating individuals for the EANGUS Auxiliary Awards: Distinguished Service Award, Meritorious Service Award, and Spouse of the Year Award. Deadline for nominations is June 1. More info will follow soon.

Let me encourage all of us in this New Year to treat other folks as we would want to be treated. We all make mistakes; let's be gracious and help to correct mistakes. Remember, too, that our EANGUS Auxiliary leaders are all volunteers. I can't even begin to estimate the hours your EANGUS Auxiliary Board members spend on trying to help states to carry out the mission of the Auxiliary. It takes me hours and hours and hours every week just to answer e-mails. I suppose all I am trying to say is be kind to others. "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." Proverbs 15:1

I really do try but often fall far short of the teachings found in Proverbs. That was one of my new year's resolutions...to speak softly. I'll continue trying! You pray for me as I pray for you.

Okay, I'm going to quit talking, now. I know I had a lot to say this time, which is because there's a lot going on in the beginning of a New Year.

May God bless you as you bless others,
Vivian

Prayer and Praise Continued

- WI-Continued thoughts & prayers for Jacob Daniel, grandson of Shirley Spitz, who will be undergoing surgery on February 9th and again in March.
- WI-Adele Cywinski for continuing health issues
- MS-Pearleen Pearce and family in your prayers. Pearleen's brother, Roland Leroy Cook, 69 years old, passed away January 29, 2010.
- OK-Gray Eagle member, Larry Harwig passed away on 10/21/09, keep his family in prayer.
- Someone has said if Christians really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Did you know that during WWII there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace? There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. If you would like to participate: Every evening at 9:00 PM Eastern Time (8:00 PM Central) (7:00 PM Mountain) (6:00 PM Pacific), stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for a return to a Godly nation. If you know anyone else who would like to participate, please pass this along.
- MS-1/23/10-Ruth Murphy, Danna Davis's Mother is in ICU. They carried her to the hospital thinking she had pneumonia but turned out to be a very infected gallbladder. They are planning to do surgery but don't know when. You can reach Joe's cell #601-672-4294 or Danna's cell601-201-7748. Please remember Mrs. Murphy, Danna and Joe in your prayers.
- MA-Shirley Bogdan, Massachusetts, welcomes her first great grandchild on January 16th, 2010
- MS-I would like request prayer for my son-in-law, Andrew Nicolson. Yesterday, he was on a job repairing an overhead garage door and the tension cable on the door broke and cut the end of his right index finger off. He was taken to the emergency room but the end of his finger could not be saved. All prayers for his recovery will be appreciated. Al Hoxie
- Please remember Brooks Marr in your prayers. Brooks is having out-patient sinus surgery on Monday 1/18/10. You can e-mail her at marrb@bellsouth.net

Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States Continued

New Website for the Defense & Veterans Brain Injury Center

With traumatic brain injury being one of the leading diagnoses of combat injuries, the Defense & Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC) has launched a new website to provide useful content and assistance to those service members affected. The site provides information about TBI from the military health perspective, and offers resources to Soldiers, Veterans, Families and providers in need of assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/12/BrainInjuryCenter>

Applications Available Now for Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) 2010 Scholarship for Military Children

Scholarship applications are now available in commissaries worldwide and online through a link at <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/12/DeCA2010Scholarship> and directly at <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/12/DeCA2010Scholarship2>. Since the program began in 2000, it has awarded \$7.3 million in scholarships to almost 5,000 children of Servicemembers. Only dependent, unmarried children, younger than age 21 (age 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university), of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military members, and survivors of the Fallen may apply for a scholarship. Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already be attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2010, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Applicants should prepare to submit an essay on the following topic: "You can travel back in time; however, you cannot change events. What point in history would you visit and why?" Applications must be submitted to a commissary by close of business February 17, 2010. Each commissary with qualified applicants will have at least one scholarship awarded. To learn more, go to <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/12/DeCA2010Scholarship3>

Tests Widen for Streamlined Disability System

The Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that the test of a streamlined system for examining and evaluating disabled veterans will be expanded to an additional six U.S. bases beginning in January 2010. The new locations offering the Disability Evaluation System (DES) pilot program will be Fort Hood, TX; Fort Benning, GA; Fort Bragg, NC; Fort Lewis, WA; Fort Riley, KS; and Portsmouth Naval Medical Center, VA. The expansion will bring the total number of facilities using the pilot to 27. For further information, go to <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/12/DisabilitySystem>

Reserve Retirees Face Longer Wait for TRICARE

TRICARE coverage for reserve retirees, called "gray area" retirees because they are eligible for, but not yet receiving, retirement benefits, was authorized effective October 1, but everyone expected it would take six to eight months to implement, based on the amount of time it has taken for other TRICARE changes. Military and veterans associations were surprised when a TRICARE official said it could actually take 11 to 18 months before enrollment takes effect. For more information, go to <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/12/Retirees>

The American Association of School Administrators' Toolkit Supports Military

Some two million U.S. military children have experienced the deployment of one or both parents deployed since 2001. Understanding the challenges facing military Families and the resources available to assist military children is essential to meeting their unique educational needs. The American Association of School Administrators (AASA) has released a toolkit on Supporting the Military Child to help school leaders meet the needs of children whose parents are deployed or in transition. This free, online resource is available on the AASA website at <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/news/2009/12/Toolkit>.



Merry Christmas from Deborah and Jody Ward, MS

NEW Email Address: Billie Davis MS I had to change my address. davisbjs1152@yahoo.com

SAFETY ALERT:

IF YOU ARE DRIVING AT NIGHT AND EGGS ARE THROWN AT YOUR WINDSHIELD.

DO NOT OPERATE THE WIPER AND SPRAY ANY WATER BECAUSE EGGS MIXED WITH WATER BECOME MILKY AND BLOCK YOUR VISION UP TO 92.5% SO YOU ARE FORCED TO STOP AT THE ROADSIDE AND BECOME A VICTIM OF ROBBERS. THIS IS A NEW TECHNIQUE USED BY ROBBERS.

PLEASE INFORM YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES. Alabama DOT

Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the State Cont.



Pictures from The Southern Belle Newsletter shared with me.

Nebraska

State Conference

usually last weekend in April

North Dakota

State Conference

March 12-13, 2010

Holiday Inn - Fargo Hotel and Conference Center Fargo, ND

South Dakota

State Conference

April 23-24, 2010

Ramkota Hotel Rapid City, SD

Wisconsin

State Conference **April 23-25, 2010** Crowne Plaza Hotel

Madison, WI

The 3,200 Soldiers from the 32nd Infantry

Brigade Combat Team and six other Wisconsin Army National Guard units started returning home the first week in January and will continue throughout January after a one year deployment, seven months in Iraq. Delaine Reis' son returned home from Iraq. For a detailed account of the 32nd Brigade's deployment see:

<http://dma.wi.gov/deployment>



Merry Christmas from the Jim and Pat Bishop Family



Gulfport Air Auxiliary

Illinois

State Conference

April 23-25, 2010

Embassy Suite Hotel Peoria, IL

Indiana

State Conference

April 23-25, 2010 French Lick, IN

Iowa

State Conference April 23-25, 2010

Best Western Starlite Village Fort Dodge, IA

Michigan

State Conference

May 14-16, 2010 Marriott at Eagle Crest

Ypsilanti, MI

Minnesota

State Conference

April 23-25, 2010

Country Inn & Suites Mankato, MN 56001

Carol Benda's two sons are stationed in Iraq as of December 11. One is there for 1 tour (home around middle of Feb.) and the other 2 tours (home around middle of April) for now.

President Signs Veterans Health Act

President Barack Obama recently signed the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009 into law.

[More](#)

Social Security Benefits Wounded

W a r r i o r s
Many veterans don't realize that Social Security benefits for Wounded Warriors differ from Department of Veterans Affairs administered benefits. [More](#)

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Deal of the Week: Great Deals for Servicemembers

The Military.com Discount Center has thousands of exclusive discounts and coupons for servicemembers and their families. Save on flights, car rentals, motorcycles, books, and hotels. Browse Now.

<http://shock.military.com/DC/DealIndex.jsp?ESRC=mr.nl>



Starting from the left is Matt, Jordan, (granddaughter/friend), Sam (son), Mallory granddaughter), Cody (grandson), Ann & David Hart.

Give a Day Promotion

Disney Parks is recognizing and inspiring both individuals and families who give their time to help make communities better in 2010.

The "Give A Day. Get A Disney Day." campaign aims to engage one million people in service through **volunteer** incentives, new resources to support project development and **volunteer** leader tools. Also available are self-organizing tools to help people create their own service projects at home and in their own neighborhoods.

Volunteers in Canada, Puerto Rico and the United States who serve at a participating organization beginning on **January 1, 2010**, will receive a free one-day admission ticket to a Disney theme park at either Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, or Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California.

For the FAQ and additional information, please visit the "Give A Day. Get A Disney Day" Web site. www.GiveADayGetADisneyDay.com >

The online FAQ will include:

- Program Terms & Conditions
- General Questions
- Questions About Sign Up
- Questions About Volunteering
- Questions About Volunteer Activity Verification
- Questions About Redeeming your Voucher

Information from National Guard Family Programs
Paula Sumrall Branch Chief, Vol and Child/Youth Program

NOTE from President Viv
Please SHARE!

I will be taking Main Dish Cookbooks to each Area Meeting with me. They will be \$5.00 each. There are 37 pages of recipes from all over the U.S. on 8 1/2 X 11 paper bound with card stock. I'll make some more to have at EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in St. Louis, based on the number I sell during the spring at Area Meetings. We certainly don't want to have any left in inventory.

I will also be taking tickets for an amethyst and diamond tennis bracelet in 10K gold. The price on the bracelet was \$295 plus tax. Jerry and I purchased the bracelet at Belk and we've donated it as an EANGUS Auxiliary fundraiser. Tickets will be \$3 each or 4 for \$10. Drawing for the bracelet will be in St. Louis on August 11.

You may assist me by letting folks in your Areas know about the availability of the Main Dish Cookbooks and the tickets for the tennis bracelet. I'd appreciate that.

Thanks,
Viv

From Kolwicz, Thaddeus Lt Col
(thaddeus.kolwicz@us.army.mil). Please reply to thaddeus.kolwicz@us.army.mil for all correspondence related to this email.

To: SFPD, NGB-FP Administrator, WFPC, NGB-FP Staff In All States and Territories

I am pleased to announce that a WI ARNG Spouse was chosen amongst all of the services and components to attend the State of the Union Address with First Lady Michelle Obama!

Janell Kellett, wife of WI ARNG Major Michael Hanson, has a long record of volunteer successes. For 2009 Janell was chosen as the Wisconsin National Guard Volunteer of the Year. Additionally under Janell's leadership, the 32nd Brigade was selected for the prestigious 2009 Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Award--all of this while Major Hanson was deployed to Iraq. Janell also served as Battalion Volunteer for the 2nd Battalion, 128th Infantry, when that unit won the same DoD award in 2006.

We received many wonderful packages, Janell's package clearly stood out as it met all of the criteria asked for. DoD and the White House obviously agreed--I cannot overstate how much of an honor it is for a National Guard spouse to be selected for this over all others. Congratulations to Janell Kellett!

Mr Baird and I want to thank all of you who submitted your wonderful spouses for this honor. They all were truly deserving.

NOTE from Connie Myers about this honor: Congratulations to Wisconsin! But not really surprising that a National Guard spouse would win this honor. Along side every successful military member is a support system. Whether it is family member, friend or even a mentor and they do not stand behind -- they stand proudly along side! Take a minute and thank your support system :)

NOTE from Lucretia, hope this lady is an WI Auxiliary member if not she needs to be recruited and encouraged to bring her friends!

**"People think about what they don't want and attract more of the same."
— From the movie *The Secret***

Senior Corner: Brooks Marr Senior Contributor

Subject: hotel/motel scam

Can't be too careful these days!

This is kind of scary if only because of how simple it is. Reading this, I could have been caught. I'll bet this works all too often.

You arrive at your hotel and check in at the front desk. When checking in, you give the front desk your credit card (for all the charges for your room). You get to your room and settle in. Someone calls the front desk and asked for (example) Room 620 (which happens to be your room). Your phone rings in your room. You answer and the person on the other end says the following, 'This is the front desk. When checking in, we came cross a problem with your charge card information, please re-read me your credit card number and verify the last 3 digits numbers at the reverse side of your charge card.'

Not thinking anything you might give this person your information, since the call seems to come from the front desk. But actually, it is a scam! It is someone calling from outside the hotel/front desk. They ask for a random room number. Then, ask you for credit card information and address information. Sounding so professional that you do think you are talking to the front desk.

If you ever encounter this problem on your vacation, tell the caller that you will be down at the front desk to clear up any problems. Then, go to the front desk and ask if there was a problem. If there was none, inform the manager of the hotel that someone called to scam you of your credit card information acting like a front desk employee.

Olevia Jane Lyon
Family Readiness Asst MSARNG



DoD announces top family readiness groups

Sun, 05 Dec 2010
10:52:00 -0600

The Department of Defense announced recently its top Guard and Reserve family readiness groups for 2009, and the awardees include an Army Guard group from Wisconsin and an Air Guard group from Minnesota...

Jack Harrison
Director, Office of Communications
And Public Affairs

C a n c e l l e d ! ! !
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T o A L

It is with regrets that I have determined to cancel the **2010 Legislative Workshop** due to the lack of participation as of this date. We have only 9 members registered and I feel waiting until February I we will not see that many more sign up for this event. I can't justify spending funds without the support from the states and it would make us look weak on Capitol Hill. In the past we have had a good indication by this time on how many would be attending and then we would get our last minute attendees'. It is also hard for me to justify spending our funds if we do not get a minimum of 40 to 50 participates. For those individuals that did sign up for the Workshop Online we will be refunding your credit card ASAP. And to those that mailed in a check for the Workshop we will be sending you a refunded check.

Don't forget to cancel your Hotel Reservations at the Hampton Inn.
March 7-11, 2010 (Cancelled)
Hampton Inn & Suites Alexandria Old Town Area South
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National Guard Family Program Volunteer Awards 2010.

Please remember that specific details about the volunteer's contributions must be listed. It is not sufficient to say that they are loved by everyone and are always present at activities. Be specific!

Deadline for submission is March 15. There will not be an extension. March 15 is the absolute cut-off date. Applications received after that date will not be considered. The National Guard Regional Volunteer Team (NGVRT) will meet to determine this year's award recipients. Awards will be presented at the National Volunteer Conference and Youth Symposium in New Orleans.

Nominations or questions should be sent to Paula Sumrall at paula.sumrall@us.army.mil. You may also request the packet to fill out for your submission.

Paula Sumrall
Branch Chief, Volunteer and Child/Youth Program
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Accrual Basis

EANGUS AUXILIARY Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2009

	Jan - Dec 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Membership Dues	8,332.00	10,150.00	-1,818.00	82.1%
Scholarship Donations	4,170.00	3,600.00	570.00	115.8%
Miscellaneous Donations	1,978.49			
Interest Income	295.13	300.00	-4.87	98.4%
Silent Auction Income	4,906.75	2,300.00	2,606.75	213.3%
Ways & Means Income	2,330.46	5,000.00	-2,669.54	46.6%
EANGUS Donations	219.78			
Total Income	22,232.61	21,350.00	882.61	104.1%
Expense				
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00			
Officer's expenses	4,193.64	7,500.00	-3,306.36	55.9%
Mid Year Exec. Board meeting	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%
Area Directors	2,975.00	5,950.00	-2,975.00	50.0%
National Conference Expenses	1,499.67	2,475.00	-975.33	60.6%
Scholarship awards	3,250.00	4,250.00	-1,000.00	76.5%
Committees	2,081.28	2,675.00	-593.72	77.8%
Philanthropic	839.25			
"Signal" newsletter	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
Operations	3.91	400.00	-396.09	1.0%
Non Budgeted Expenses	170.00			
Other Types of Expenses	522.00			
Total Expense	18,034.75	26,350.00	-8,315.25	68.4%
Net Ordinary Income	4,197.86	-5,000.00	9,197.86	-84.0%
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EANGUS AUXILIARY

Account Balances - December 31, 2009

Checking	\$ 2,716.23
Money Market Savings	\$41,157.78
Honey Pot	\$ 167.22
Total	\$44,041.23

Here is a report of our budget through Dec. 31.

The following states have submitted 2010 dues. I am currently checking lists and processing checks. It will take some time, as many states have had changes.

SD, PA, WV, MN, MS, WI, KS, KY, AL, NE, CA, OK, AR, SC, GA, FL, WY, ND, NM, OH, MT, ND, TN, IA, *LA, MA, NC, VA. AZ asked for an extension. will be sending out arrears letters soon.

EANGUS Aux. Treasurer Cora Sower

EANGUS AUXILIARY OUTSTANDING STATE AWARD

Outstanding State Award Categories:

1-25 members 26-75 members 76+

POINT SYSTEM:

30 points – Donation to the Scholarship Fund by December 31.

15 points – State newsletter sent to EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary/Awards Chair.

20 points – State newsletter sent to EANGUS Auxiliary President.

15 points – New state officers' list sent to EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary/Awards Chair by Awards deadline of June 1.

20 points – New state officers' list sent to EANGUS Auxiliary President.

15 points – State Conference dates sent to EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary/Awards Chair two months prior to State Conference.

20 points – State Conference dates sent to EANGUS Auxiliary President two months prior to State Conference.

15 points – Any State Auxiliary and/or State Association recognition, award, or certificate presented to any State Auxiliary member and/or State Auxiliary organization. EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary/Awards Chair must receive documentation of recognition, award, or certificate.

50 Bonus Points – Each State Auxiliary that pays Membership Dues and sends Membership Roster to the EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer postmarked on or before December 31.

EANGUS AUXILIARY OUTSTANDING AREA DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Eligible Persons – Area Directors

Criteria – Contribution, achievements, service to the EANGUS Auxiliary and the respective Auxiliaries within the states they represent.

Selection Method – POINT SYSTEM

50 points – Charter/bring back a dormant state.

20 points – Area Director newsletters sent to EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary/Awards Chair. 25 points – Area Directors newsletters sent to EANGUS Auxiliary President.

30 points – Quarterly reports submitted to EANGUS Auxiliary President.

25 points – For each state conference attended (documentation required to include copy of registration and/or receipt of hotel accommodations).

25 points – For attendance to EANGUS/EANGUS Auxiliary Area Caucuses/Mid-Winter Conferences (documentation required as above).

25 points – For attendance at EANGUS/EANGUS Auxiliary-related meetings i.e. Legislative Workshop, Membership/Leadership Workshop, EANGUS Auxiliary Board Meeting, etc. (documentation required as above).

Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States

2010 Military Fatherhood Award

From Grabow, Greg MAJ (greg.grabow@us.army.mil). Please reply to greg.grabow@us.army.mil for all correspondence related to this email.

I wanted to give you a quick heads-up that next week we will open up our nomination process for the 2010 Military Fatherhood Award .

You can nominate a great military dad you know starting at 12pm on January 19. We're only accepting the first 600 nominations, and we received our maximum amount in just a few days last year, so make sure you submit your nomination as soon as the form opens!

Thanks, and best of luck,
Tim Red
Director of Military Programming

Mail Call!

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Karol J Yox
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Operation PurpleR Family Retreats Winter 2010 Locations Announced

It is difficult on the entire family when a loved one is deployed, but the time after that father, mother, husband, or wife returns home is often the most challenging of all. Recognizing this, the National Military Family Association is offering two Operation PurpleR Family Retreats in early 2010. These free, four-day retreats are set in a National Park using nature's classroom, where families will have opportunities to strengthen and renew relationships, explore their natural surroundings, and participate in fun, family-focused activities.

Operation Purple Family Retreat participants will be paired with highly specialized field science educators and staff members who will guide families through various activities such as nature hikes, canoeing, campfires, outdoor exploration, arts and crafts, and challenge activities. Families will have opportunities to communicate, work as a team, and reconnect while exploring and learning about the environment.

The schedule includes structured activities which will highlight areas of strength and resilience in the family and promote family growth. Families will work together to strengthen their relationship through problem solving, goal setting, and communication activities implemented by the FOCUS Project (Families Overcoming Under Stress), a resiliency-building program designed for military families and children facing the multiple challenges of combat operational stress during wartime.

These retreats are open to service members and their families who have experienced deployment within the last 15 months. Service members must have been home for at least 3 months prior to the beginning of the retreat. Families who attend will receive a \$200 stipend per family upon arrival to the retreat site to cover cost of travel. The retreats are free thanks to support from the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Foundation.

For information on Operation Purple Family Retreats and to apply, please visit: www.militaryfamily.org/retreats. <http://www.militaryfamily.org/retreats>>