



The Signal

Auxiliary
Budget
Report



President Viv's Message

Jerry and I are just back from St. Louis, Missouri where we enjoyed the President's Workshop, Site Visit, and EANGUS Executive Council Meeting. I sent the EANGUS link to all the information that was briefed to my distribution list this morning. Watch the June and July issues of *The Signal* for even more on Conference. Most attendees are staying in the Hyatt Regency Riverfront, 315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis; the phone number for the Hyatt is 314-655-1234 if you need to make your reservations. You can find a comprehensive list of the hotel amenities on-line at Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront.

Again, many thanks to EANGUS for distributing *The Signal* via the web...I heard from several folks while in St. Louis that they really liked the format and content of the EANGUS Auxiliary newsletter.

I briefed the attendees at the EANGUS President's Workshop on the initiatives of the Auxiliary: **Membership**—annual membership was up by 7.6%. The Auxiliary still has huge potential for growth...the Auxiliary has only about 4% of the number of members in EANGUS. **Legislative** grass roots efforts; **Communication**—monthly issues of *The Signal*, more e-mails than you can imagine, phone calls, visits, and attendance at Area Meetings; **Scholarships**—4, one at \$1,250 and 3 at \$1,000 each (one of those provided by USAA); **Mentoring**—much time spent with members answering questions, providing references, encouraging growth; **Support for We Care for America Foundation and state organizations that assist Guard members.** I recognized the EANGUS Auxiliary Vice-President, Jenny Lainhart, who was in attendance with her husband, Bob, and the EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director and Legislative Chairman, Connie Myers, who was in attendance with her husband, Ricky.

Remember the deadline for applying for the EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship is approaching. All applications must be in Marie Brabham's hands not later than June 30. Encourage folks from your state to apply for the **EANGUS Auxiliary scholarships.** If, after reading the applications, you still have questions please contact EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Committee Chairman, Marie Brabham, at sassyat52@aol.com.

This is an election year and we need nominees for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Please send nominations forms to Marie Traxler; you can contact her at sidmarie@sbcglobal.net. I'd like to put photos and bios of nominees in *The Signal* so send those in as soon as possible. **I hope you saw the photo and brief bio of Jenny Lainhart in the March issue of *The Signal*. Jenny has announced her candidacy for EANGUS Auxiliary President.** As noted above, Jenny attended the President's Workshop with her husband, Bob, and let attendees know that she was running for president. Remember, everyone, to submit your paperwork to the committee chairman, Marie Traxler.

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President Viv's Message Continued

There are also Area Director positions in each Area to be filled. Consider service in your Area.

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. I know this reminder is becoming repetitious but surveys show that sometimes folks need to read something three times before it registers. Thanks for your help!

States—now is the time to think of nominating individuals for the EANGUS Auxiliary Awards: Distinguished Service Award, Meritorious Service Award, and Spouse of the Year Award. **Deadline for awards nominations is June 1**. That means that I have to receive the awards nominations not later than June 1, so e-mail or mail them to me to arrive by that time.

E-mail is really best so that I can save the nominations and then e-mail them all to our EANGUS Auxiliary Executive Board members who will vote on the recipients. The deadline is not an arbitrary one for after the vote by the Executive Board we have only about 5 weeks to order and receive the awards to transport to Conference in St. Louis. Through May 17 I had nominations from only one state.

The chart of awards was included on page 6 in the February issue of *The Signal*. The points system for EANGUS Auxiliary Outstanding State Award and for the Outstanding Area Director's Award was printed on page 11 of the January issue of *The Signal*.

I've sent to my distribution list the entire EANGUS Auxiliary history. Thanks to those of you who carefully read the history and found some corrections (adding an "s", deleting an "s", deleting "by", Dekowski rather than Kewowski, etc.). I will make all corrections and will resend after Conference when the 2010 history pages are completed. Please send me anything you see that needs to be corrected.

Continue to pray for our members who are struggling with flooding, tornados, and other weather issues. Please also continue to pray for Lucretia Barbee, her mom, and their entire family.

Congratulations to Jay Bandy on his retirement from the National Guard! Sheila was able to attend the retirement ceremony with Jay.

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.

Continue working to make the EANGUS Auxiliary bouquet big, beautiful, and showy!!!

God bless you as you bless others,
Vivian



Prayer and Praise



- OK-Arden "Ardie" Dean Dykens, 65, Altus, passed away Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK. Please pray for this family
- OK- Debra Campbell's Nephew Corey Kirkpatrick
- OK-Marge Walsh in her continuing battle with cancer
- MS- Nathan Cooley and his family
- Pray for our Troops
- Pray for our Country and it's leaders
- Pray for the National EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in St. Louis, Missouri
- Pray for storm and other natural disaster victims throughout our country and for the mighty group of volunteers that are working each day to support them

The History of 'A P R O N S'



I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a pot-holder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the menfolks knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States

HELP! GOT No responses, come on I know you are out there!!!
 You know we talk about our Guard family and that includes our soldiers and airmen and families. EANGUS Auxiliary is a spouse organization so we know that our spouses are Guard members but how many others in our families are Guard members? Drop us a note and let us know if you have multiple Guard members (or other service members) in your family. We want to put this in the June issue of *The Signal*. This could be interesting and I bet we will be surprised at how many are out there!

Viv & Lucretia

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Notes from Wisconsin

The WNGEA Auxiliary just celebrated its 30th annual state conference. We were honored to have Jean FitzPatrick, our first president, join us at our Friday and Saturday meetings. Other past presidents attending: Kathy Serrahn, Adele Cywinski, Jane Rohloff, Shirley Spitz, Cindy Stansfield and Peg Thome. Along with Jean, other original charter members attending were Jane Rohloff, Barbara Sedgwick and Roxanna Barwick. Jane Rohloff conducted the installation of officers. Auxiliary President is Shirley Spitz, Vice President Delaine Reis, Treasurer Marie Trazlwer and Secretary Roxanna Barwick. It was fun to get together with old friends and make new friends this year. It was great to reminisce. The silent auction raised \$805.00.



Oklahoma State Conference

Auxiliary Members

James Heston, Lu Barbee, Cathy Pulver



More Oklahoma Auxiliary Members at State Conference:

Ted Newbury, Cherry & Ron Moseley



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

2:24 PM

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Accrual Basis

EANGUS AUXILIARY

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through March 2010

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	Jan - Mar 10	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Membership Dues	7,616.00	7,650.00	-34.00	99.6%
Scholarship Donations	3,373.00	3,300.00	73.00	102.2%
Interest income	47.56	400.00	-352.44	11.9%
Silent Auction Income	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
Ways & Means Income	128.02	5,000.00	-4,871.98	2.6%
Total Income	11,164.58	19,350.00	-8,185.42	57.7%
Expense				
Officer's expenses	636.50	7,100.00	-6,463.50	9.0%
Mid Year Exec. Board meeting	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
Area Directors	450.00	6,300.00	-5,850.00	7.1%
National Conference Expenses	0.00	2,175.00	-2,175.00	0.0%
Scholarship awards	0.00	4,250.00	-4,250.00	0.0%
Committees	79.92	2,725.00	-2,645.08	2.9%
"Signal" newsletter	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
Operations	7.00	100.00	-93.00	7.0%
Other Types of Expenses	352.37			
Total Expense	1,525.79	25,350.00	-23,824.21	6.0%
Net Ordinary Income	9,638.79	-6,000.00	15,638.79	-160.6%
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Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States

States -- please remember, after your State Conference, to send the list of your officers to EANGUS Auxiliary President Taylor and Secretary Reed. President Taylor needs an up-to-date list not later than **June 15** for inclusion in the Auxiliary Conference Book.

Why is Spouse Appreciation Day So Awkward?

It is the most awkward holiday ever invented. The military means well. After all, the research says that spouses are the #1 determinant of retention, thanks. So why do I cringe every time some admiral or general falls all over himself trying to thank us?...[More](#) Control Click to read more, GREAT article

Don't Let the GI Bill Confuse You (or Your Loved Ones) Any Longer

The GI Bill can be transferred to family members - spouses, children or any combination of the two. The rules of the GI Bill can be confusing and make you want to rip your hair out, but Military.com's Post 9/11 GI Bill user's guide - 'Understanding the Post 9/11 GI Bill' can help clear the confusion. Download it now....[More](#)

NDAAs: \$24 Billion Base Funding for Guard

Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and Rep. Buck McKeon, R-Calif., the committee's ranking member, introduced the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 last week as [H.R. 5136](#). The NDAA is the annual law required to sanction the operations of the Defense Department.

As introduced, the bill authorizes more than \$24 billion in base funding for National Guard personnel, operation and maintenance, and military construction. It also includes an increase of 920 Army Guard nondual-status technicians, a high priority for NGAUS. [Read NGAUS' letter to the armed services committees.](#)

The House Armed Services Committee is expected to begin the formal process of modifying and amending the legislation, commonly referred to as markup, in late May. The Senate companion legislation has not yet been introduced.

NGAUS has actively engaged the various members of the armed services committees throughout the spring, holding more than 100 meetings with committee members and staff. We will closely monitor H.R. 5136 as it moves through the legislative process.

Child Care Assistance Programs for National Guard Families

Locating quality child care can be a challenge for any parent, but even more so for National Guard Service Members who are about to deploy. For the spouse of a deployed Guard Service Member who may be looking at a reduced income and a greater need for child care support, the process can be even more overwhelming. Financial assistance and help locating quality child care in their communities is available for National Guard Members about to deploy, thanks to a partnership between the Army and the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA).

NACCRRA administers reduced-fee child care programs for the Army. We help National Guard Families find affordable child care that meets their unique needs. There are a number of child care assistance programs available for Guard Families. These programs include:

Operation Military Child Care (OMCC) is for Families of deployed Guard Service Members in support of:

- Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)
- Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)
- Operation Noble Eagle
- Global War on Terror (GWOT)
- Overseas Contingency Operations

Operation Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN) is for Families of geographically dispersed active Guard Service Members.

Wounded, Ill or Injured Program is for Families of Guard Soldiers who are assigned to a Warrior in Transition Unit or injured and receiving in-patient or out-patient medical care for extended periods.

Survivors of Fallen Warriors Program is for Families of Soldiers who died on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

What are the eligibility requirements?

Activated/Mobilized/Deployed National Guard
Active Duty National Guard (AGR) serving under Title 10 or Title 32
Army Technicians
Must be on current Military Orders

Is there an application process?

Yes, you may either complete an online application at www.naccrra.org/militaryprograms or download an application and fax to 703-341-4103.

What supporting documentation is required?

A copy of current Military Orders
Two of your most current Leave and Earning Statement (LES)
A month's worth of your spouse's pay stubs
A copy of your spouse's current school schedule if attending school
Full-time – 12 credit hours
Part-time – 6 credit hours
Less than 6 credit hours not eligible

Choosing a Child Care Provider

All child care providers must be state licensed and have an annual inspection.
AGR members must select child care providers that are nationally accredited if using a child care center, or CDA if using a Family Child Care Home.

Call our Child Care Aware® hotline at 1-800-424-2246 to get help and answers to any of your questions. Our consumer education specialist will help you with your application. Help you find child care in your community to meet your needs. Tell you which programs you will qualify for, collect your documents and walk your provider through the application process and collect their documents

Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States



SDNGEA Auxiliary New Officers for the ensuing year

Photo from Area V Newsletter



Bonnie Moser, past WNGEA President & new WNGEA President Jim Cieslewicz, presented the Auxiliary a plaque for their support and congratulating the Auxiliary on its 30th annual state conference to Delaine Reis

Photo from Area V Newsletter

Attention: Election Year EANGUS Auxiliary Officers & Area V Director Position

Planning on running for office? Complete your application and return to Marie Traxler, Nominations Chair. Along with your completed applications, please submit a brief biography and a recent picture. If you have any questions email Marie Traxler at sidmarie@sbcglobal.net Return to your forms **not later than 01 August 2010** to:

Marie Traxler EANGUS Auxiliary Nominations Chair
PO Box 86

Whitewater, WI 53190-0086:

Free Museum Admission

This summer, more than 600 museums in all 50 states are offering free admission to military personnel and their families from Memorial Day, May 31, 2010, through Labor Day, September 6, 2010 to show their appreciation for those who are serving this nation.

<http://www.arts.gov/national/bulestarmuseums/index.php>



Past Auxiliary President Karen Bekaert receiving a clock from our SDNGEA Past President Gary Kafka for a job well done!

Photo from Area V Newsletter



Jane Rohloff conducted the installation of officers: 2010-2012 WNGEA Auxiliary Officers Shirley Spitz, President; Delaine Reis, Vice President; Roxanna Barwick, Secretary; and Marie Traxler, Treasurer

Photo from Area V Newsletter

See you in St. Louis

EANGUS Auxiliary Crossword Trivia ANSWERS

ACROSS:

- 1 ---- THESIGNAL----- Auxiliary Newsletter
 3 ---- JODELIA ----- Who was the Auxiliary member that gave us our motto, "Side By Side, We Stand With Pride"
 6 ---- NANCYMCDOWELL- What EANGUS Auxiliary President had the same initials as EANGUS President Nate Monastra (they served at the same time)
 7 ---- MINUTEMANUPDATE What does MMU mean?
 9 ---- SHEILABANDY ----- Immediate EANGUS Auxiliary Past President
 13 --- HAWAII----- 5th Annual Auxiliary Conference State
 14 -- CALIFORNIA ----- 41st EANGUS Conference State
 15 -- SUPPORT----- Purpose of EANGUS Auxiliary
 17 -- THEGATEWAYARCH What St Louis landmark was built in 1965 as a monument to the first pioneer who settled west of Mississippi River
 22 --- MARYGALBERTH----- What EANGUS Auxiliary President has the same initials as a popular, sporty foreign car?
 25 -- PATREED ----- EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary
 26 -- MIKECLINE----- Executive Director
 27 -- NEWPATRIOT ----- EANGUS Quarterly Magazine
 28 -- WESTVIRGINIA ----- 40th EANGUS Conference State
 29 -- MISSISSIPPI----- What state has had the largest number of our National Auxiliary Presidents
 30 -- ROGERHAGAN----- EANGUS Vice President

DOWN:

- 2 ---- AUGUST1973----- Month and Year decision made to form National EANGUS Auxiliary
 3 ---- JENNYLAINHART ----- Auxiliary Vice President
 4 ---- CONNIEMYERS----- Recipient of the Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award in Rochester
 5 ---- AUGUST ----- Month EANGUS National Conference is usually held
 8 ---- AUXILIARYMOTTO -- What is "Side By Side We Stand With Pride"
 10 --- CORASOWER----- EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer
 11 -- FRANKLEVER----- EANGUS President
 12 -- VIVIANTAYLOR ----- EANGUS Auxiliary President
 15 -- SARAHENDRICKS----- Name the Auxiliary President that named the Auxiliary Newsletter "The Signal"
 16 -- DIANEZUMATTO ----- Name of our new EANGUS Legislative Director
 18 -- MISSOURI ----- 39th EANGUS Conference State
 19 -- MILWAUKEE----- What city was the 1980 National Conference
 20 -- HYATT ----- Host Hotel for 39th EANGUS Conference
 21 -- CAPWIZ----- EANGUS members identify and communicate with legislators on important issues here
 23 -- BRYANBIRCH ----- EANGUS Chief of Staff
 24 -- THECALL----- Legislative Alert

Senior Corner: Brooks Marr Senior Contributor



INFLAMMATORY BREAST CANCER – SILENT KILLER

This type of breast cancer does not show up on a mammogram, but can be diagnosed using MRI. The initial symptoms are often mistaken for a bug bite. Because it does not initially look threatening the mortality rate is high. One of our Delta Kappa Gamma members was dead about a month after the condition was diagnosed. Symptoms of inflammatory breast cancer include: one breast becoming much larger than the other one (often suddenly); warmth and swelling in the breast; redness or pinkness that may look like an infection; itching or pain in the breast that will not go away; dimpling of the skin that may look like the skin of an orange; ridges or thickened areas of skin; nipple discharge; change in areola color; a bruise that does not go away. For more information visit the following web site and be sure you have your sound on

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3s9_UrVtc6c
 For even more information visit the Susan G. Koman women's cancer web site <http://www.5komen.org/KomenNewsArticle.aspx?id=7674&terms=inflammatory+AND+breast+AND+cancer+AND+symptoms>

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FW: Retiree Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, How do you determine whether or not a retiree should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the retiree and ask him or her to empty the bathtub"

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup.

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

ARE YOU GOING TO PASS THIS ON, OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE ?

Passed on from Ann Hart to Brooks who just had to share!

VETERANS Websites

Persian Gulf Registry

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1003

This program is now referred to as Gulf War Registry Program (to include Operation Iraqi Freedom) as of March 7, 2005:

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1232

Persian Gulf Registry Referral Centers

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1006

Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 1999, Annual Report To Congress

http://www1.va.gov/resdev/1999_Gulf_War_Veterans'_Illnesses_Appendices.doc

Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 2002, Annual Report To Congress

http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/gulf_war_2002/GulfWarRpt02.pdf

Phase I PGR

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1004

<http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublic%0d%0aation.asp?pub_ID=1004>

Phase II PGR

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1005

Policy Manual Index <http://www.va.gov/publ/direc/eds/edsmps.htm>

Power of Attorney

http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch03.doc

Project 112 (Including Project SHAD) <http://www1.va.gov/shad/> Prosthetics Eligibility

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=337

Public Health and Environmental Hazards Home Page <http://www.vethealth.cio.med.va.gov/>

Public Health/SARS <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/SARS/>

Publications Manuals

<http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?Pub=4>

Publications and Reports

http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/pubs_individual.cfm?webpage=gulf_war.htm

Records Center and Vault Homepage <http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/default.html>

Records Center and Vault Site Map <http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/sitemap.html>

REQUEST FOR AND CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION FROM CLAIMANT'S RECORDS

<http://www.forms.va.gov/va/Internet/VARF/getfo>