

# *49<sup>th</sup> Annual Mississippi Air National Noncommissioned Officers Association Conference Minutes*

22 APRIL 2017

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** At 0840 hours the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Noncommissioned Officers Association meeting was called to order by President SFC (Ret) Leroy Matthews at the Hilton Hotel, 1001 County Line Road, Jackson, Mississippi.
- 2. POSTING OF COLORS:** The 41st Army Band performed as the colors were posted by the 154<sup>th</sup> Regiment (RTI). The Army Flag was posted by PFC Debra Pope. The Air Force Flag was posted by SRA Andrew Sciafani. MSgt Mitch Kaiser posted the POW/MIA Flag to honor those who have been Prisoners of War or who are Missing in Action.
- 3. NATIONAL ANTHEM:** Performed by Mrs. Jan Hemphill and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President SFC (Ret) Leroy Matthews.
- 4. INVOCATION:** Moment of silence for our deceased presidents and our guard members on active duty and their families. Invocation was led by Chaplain MSG Robert A. "Allen" Clark.
- 5. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** Recognition of guests was conducted by Vice President Air CMSgt Lynn Cole. Distinguished guests were Major General Janson D. Boyles (Adjutant General, State of MS), Major General William Hill (Asst AG Air), Major General (Retired) Cris Crisler, General Gregory Kennedy (Asst AG Army), General Todd Wall (Chief of Staff), General Clint Walker (Director of the Joint Staff), Brigadier General John Rhodes (66<sup>th</sup> Troop Commander), Colonel Mike Nabors (186<sup>th</sup> ARW Commander), Colonel Paul Drake (CRTC/VAC Commander) Colonel Tommy Tillman (172<sup>nd</sup> AW Commander), Colonel David Barton (JFH – G1), Colonel Kerry Goodman (Comdr 154<sup>th</sup> RTI), Colonel Mark Kleinpeter (Director of Staff, Air), Colonel Mike Cleveland (Camp McCain Commander), Lt Col Allen McDaniel (Executive Director NGAM), Warrant Officer Bobby Wayne Tanksley (State Command Chief Warrant Officer), CCMSgt Robbie Knight (ANG State Command Chief), CSM John Raines (Senior Enlisted Leader, State of MS), Retired Commander Ladner (representing Congressman Palazzo), past presidents of the association, the retirees, and the members of the NCOA Auxiliary.
- 6. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Secretary McKinion made administrative announcements. Hospitality Rooms are on the Penthouse level of hotel and will be open after the banquet. If you have any announcements, please bring them to Secretary McKinion. Motion sheets are on the corner of the rostrum by the secretary. If you make a motion, please fill one out. Speakers/committee chairs, please leave a copy of your report with the secretary for the minutes. Auxiliary Silent Auction is in Diplomat I and II and usually closes at 2PM. The minutes of last years meeting can be found on pages 9-16 of the program for your review.
- 7. ADDRESS:** The Senior Enlisted Leader of the Mississippi National Guard, CSM John T. Raines. CSM Raines stated that he was glad to talk to the members and their families that were in attendance. He brought special attention to the family and the spouses that took care of things while the military members were performing their jobs. He explained his title. He stated that we had over twelve thousand members in the National Guard; therefore, there should be more members in attendance at the

conference. If we just had one tenth of the members at conference, then we would outgrow all the facilities in Mississippi for hosting conferences. Challenged attendees to go back and encourage others to attend. He then introduced The Adjutant General Major General Janson Boyles.

**8. ADDRESS: The Adjutant General of the State of Mississippi, MG Janson Durr Boyles.** He stated that his wife could not be in attendance due to having to be with a close personal friend in dire need. He was glad to have Colonel Nabors from the 186<sup>th</sup> ARW at his side in Jackson so that he could talk Air Guard issues. Appreciated Lt Col Allen McDaniel's and Major General (Ret) Cris Crisler's attendance, interest, and involvement with this association by attending today. Important to the foundation of the guard. Requested his commanders and sergeant majors to stand. This association is important to the commanders and should be important to the enlisted. The Chief of Staff level of the Army and Air Force understand that we are a joint force. He attended a meeting where General Mark Milling, ASAU speaker, stated that we cannot function without being a joint force. Following those same ideas he has selected as his ATAG, Colonel Mike Nabors. Col Nabors will be in the office with him everyday so that he can have Air Force input on a daily basis. We need to be a ready force in this unpredictable world. He discussed how the 155 would be going overseas next year to participate in the European posture. Readiness is our Number One priority. Ensure that our soldiers are trained, they are equipped, ensure they are given the opportunity to play on a team, given the opportunity to mentor other airmen and soldiers, and that they are rewarded for what they do. General Mark Milling stated that we must defeat the myths about warfare. We must understand that it takes years (of training and personnel) to be able to deploy overseas. We cannot just use cyber warfare, have to have boots on the ground and aircraft in the air. The fights are not short, cannot just go in and out. Cannot win wars just be sending in small groups and enabling others. It takes more to win an enduring war. Readiness is the key. Take your jobs seriously because we have to be ready.

**9. ADDRESS: Mississippi National Guard NCO Auxiliary President/EANGUS Auxiliary President Connie Myers.** She thanked us for this time to address the body. She welcomed our friends from Louisiana, President John Harris, and the Area IV Auxiliary Director that were in attendance. She also welcomed Danny and Susan Stuart who were originally from Mississippi and now live in Montana. She stated that she told us last year that the auxiliary was going through a change and the theme of the auxiliary was "Building Bridges". She had the Auxiliary Board stand up. Auxiliary President Myers stated that April is the month of the military child. If anyone needs money for college, the auxiliary gives away scholarships. They were unable to give away their scholarships because the spouses were not members of the auxiliary. You have to be a member for two years. There are also EANGUS Auxiliary scholarships that are available to be given out. EANGUS Auxiliary President Connie Myers has asked for the states to increase their membership by five. She needs our help in this matter because the Mississippi Auxiliary needs to increase their membership. She asked for all spouses to attend the auxiliary meeting even if they are not a member. Asked for everyone to shop the silent auction and also purchase one of the purple Auxiliary shirts. She stated we should be proud of our President Matthews because he has been the hardest working president. She said he was the Energizer Bunny in disguise.

President Matthews thanked Auxiliary President Myers and the Auxiliary for their outstanding support of the association. On behalf of the NCO Association, President Matthews presented the Auxiliary a check for \$4500.00 for their hard work during the State Fair and the Haunted Trail Project.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Secretary McKinion made the announcements: Make sure you go by the registration table and pick up your prepurchased tickets for the banquet. Support the Auxiliary Silent Auction in Diplomat I and II. They have some really great items this year. Hospitality Rooms are on

the Penthouse Level and will be open later tonight. Make sure and visit our vendors during the lunch break or any other breaks. Please bring any announcements to me. President Matthews stated that everyone needs to go to all the vendors and get their vendor bingo cards initialed so they could qualify for the drawing for prizes.

**AUXILIARY MEMBERS DISMISSED at 1015 hours**

**BREAK: 1015 HOURS**

**BUSINESS SESSION RECONVENED: 1030 HOURS**

**11. ROLL CALL OF UNITS:** Secretary McKinion performed the Roll Call of Units. All units were present and/or accounted for. A quorum was determined to be present.

**12. READING AND/OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Secretary McKinion stated that the minutes were printed on pages 9 -16 of the Conference Program. She also asked that if there were no changes, the minutes be accepted as printed. Past President Terry Hill made the motion to accept the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference minutes as printed. Past President Scotty Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**(1) CONTINUITY COMMITTEE REPORT:** Continuity Chair MSG (Ret) Linda Marble made the report. She stated that there were approximately 50 in attendance at the Retiree Breakfast and Meeting held this morning at 0700, 12<sup>th</sup> floor Penthouse. MG Boyles addressed the attendees. Encourage everyone to notify retirees to come and remain members. This was a committee report and needed no motion. Continuity Committee Report was approved by the membership.

**(2) NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chairperson MSG (Ret) Linda Marble gave the report. She stated that she had received the following nominations for office:

Treasurer: CSM (Ret) Keith Ales  
Secretary: SMSgt (Ret) Gail McKinion  
Vice President Army: CSM Darrell L. Masterson  
Vice President Air: CMSgt Lynn R. Cole  
President: SFC (Ret) Nickie White

This is a committee report and needed no motion. The Nominations Committee Report was approved by the membership.

President Matthews opened the meeting to nominations from the floor:

Treasurer: No motions from the floor. Motion to close nominations and accept CSM (Ret) Keith Ales as Treasurer by acclamation was made by CMSgt (Ret) Ricky Myers and seconded by Past President SMSgt Terry Hill. Motion passed.

Secretary: No motions from the floor. Motion to close nominations and accept SMSgt (Ret) Gail McKinion as Secretary by acclamation was made by CMSgt (Ret) Ricky Myers and seconded by Past President Scotty Cole. Motion passed.

Vice President Army: No motions from the floor. Motion to close nominations and accept CSM Harry "Rocky" Carnes as Vice President by acclamation was made by MSG (Ret) Linda Marble and seconded by SSG Brad Pickett.

Vice President Air: No motions from the floor. Motion to close nominations and accept CMSgt Lynn Cole for Vice President Air by acclamation was made by Past President SMSgt Terry Hill and seconded by Past President Larry Odom. Motion passed.

President: 1SG Jeffery Ethridge was nominated from the floor for president by CSM John Thomas and seconded by SGM Brown. CSM Sylvester Tatum was nominated from the floor for president by SGM Brown and seconded by CSM John Thomas. Motion to close nominations from the floor was made by Past President Terry Hill and seconded by Past President Scotty Cole. Motion passed.

President Matthews thanked all the candidates for their desire to run for office in this great Association. He then gave each of the three nominees for President 3 minutes to speak to the body. He stated that there would be no second speeches and we would vote by secret ballot at 1515 this afternoon. He had them speak in alphabetical order. 1SG Jeffery Ethridge, CSM Sylvester Tatum, and SFC (Ret) Nickie White each made a speech for President.

President Matthews thanked the Sergeant at Arms and his team for their outstanding efforts during the conference. SSG Cody Odom, SSG Brock Christian, PFC Christian Odom.

**(3) CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS REPORT:** Conference Chair CMSgt (Retired) Ricky Myers gave his conference arrangements report. He stated that we had 239 registered for the banquet tonight. We have 75-100 day guests who will not be at the banquet. This was more than in the past but we need more to attend. We had 50 participate in the golf tournament, 67 in the bowling tournament, and 31 in the fishing tournament. Mandatory that you bring your ticket to the banquet to get in and indicate what meal you prefer. The silent auction will close at 2:00 pm. He asked for four volunteers to help on the arrangements committee for next year. Please see him after the meeting. No motion needed. Report accepted by membership.

**(4) TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer CSM (Ret) Thomas "Keith" Ales stated that his audited report is in the Conference Program on pages 30-34. He then highlighted some items from the report. He stated that we had an increase of \$20,844.00 as of the audit in June. It costs around \$30,000.00 to put on a conference. He asked the members to take the programs to the advertisers and let them know we appreciate their business because we get around \$4000.00 for the program. Need to get our AFLAC representative into the units because we make money off of AFLAC and it is a good insurance. We made \$17,966.XX on the State Fair which is the most we have ever made. We need workers for the fair. We have given up Gate 14 but still need workers for Gate 10. The Haunted Trail is our new project. It was neglected for several years but we still made \$11,192.00 (\$18,2XX.XX minus expenses). We gave out 10 scholarships. Our membership is down again and needs to be increased. We have 5367 members (E1-E4) paid by NGAM. We need to increase the E5-E9 membership. Sonny Montgomery Foundation donates \$5000.00 that we use for numerous activities; send Sonny Montgomery award winners to EANGUS conference, KIDS AT, Best Warrior Competition, etc. Pick up your banquet meal tickets that you have already purchased if you have not done so. SFC (Ret) Nickie White made the motion to accept the report and Past President SMSgt Terry Hill seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**(5) ARMY MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Vice President Army CSM Rocky Carnes gave the report. He stated that we currently have 8446 eligible for membership in the Army and 5268 that are actual members. That is 68% of total enlisted. NGAM pays for the E1-E4 members. We need to bridge the gap with the E5-E6, but we still have E7-E9 that are not members and this needs to be addressed. We had 12 units that had 100% membership this year: Det 1 Company D 106th, Troup A 1<sup>st</sup> 98<sup>th</sup> CAV Regiment, HHB 2nd 114<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, Company C 2<sup>nd</sup> 198<sup>th</sup> CAV, Det 1 Company C 2<sup>nd</sup> 198<sup>th</sup> CAV, 367<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company, 287<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company MAC 890<sup>th</sup>, 859<sup>th</sup> Vertical Company 890<sup>th</sup>, Company First Battalion 185<sup>th</sup> Aviation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinance Battalion, 102<sup>nd</sup> MPAD, and the 972nd Trial Defense Team. Want to thank the Officers Association for their support in our membership by paying for E1-E4. This was a committee report and needed no motion. Report was approved by the membership.

**(6) AIR MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Vice President Air CMSgt Lynn Cole gave the Air Membership report. 100% Certificates will be given out during the Air Guard Breakout; therefore, those units will be recognized at that time. Currently the 172<sup>nd</sup> AW has 977 eligible personnel and 60% are members. The 186<sup>th</sup> ARW has 866 eligible personnel and 85% are members. Team Gulfport has 311 eligible personnel and 87% are members. This is a total of 2154 eligible personnel and a 75% overall membership. This was a committee report and needed no motion. Report was approved by the membership.

**(7) BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT:** No by-law changes were submitted; therefore, there is no report.

**(8) RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:** There were no resolutions submitted; therefore, there is not a report.

**(9) PRESIDENTS REPORT:** President Matthews did not give a formal report.

**14. ARMY MEMBERSHIP AWARDS:** Four Army Membership Awards for the Battalion SGM's and higher, for reaching the highest membership in 3 divisions (light, medium, heavy) and the highest membership in the Brigade division.  
Awards were presented by Vice President Army Harry "Rocky" Carnes

Light Division: 0-250 Enlisted Members  
CSM Douglas Crow  
185<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion  
82.3% Membership

Medium Division: 251- 500 Enlisted Members  
CSM Craig D. Payne  
112<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion  
79.2% Membership

Heavy Division: 501-1300 Enlisted Members  
CSM John Kregg  
223<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Battalion  
91% Membership

Army Guard Brigade Division

CSM Marc Greco  
168<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade  
89.7% Membership

**RECESS FOR LUNCH : 1150 HOURS**

**RECONVENE FROM LUNCH: 1300 HOURS**

**15. ADDRESS: President National Guard Association of Mississippi (NGAM), Colonel Mark Kleinpeter .** It was a pleasure to be here since both associations work well together. He wanted to stress attention to details. It is the fundamentals that get things done. Mississippi has the highest membership in both associations. It is vital for the leadership of both associations to emphasize the importance of membership of these associations. Need to nurture this culture. We have a huge number of retirees in this state but we are not using them to their full potential. Mentoring is near and dear to his heart. Mentor others and request mentorship for yourself if you are not receiving it from your commanders. Members need to support professional military organizations and the NCO Association is one that you really need to support. He feels like what this organization has done for its members is not really getting across to military personnel that are not members of the NCO Association. Need to encourage your personnel to take the NGAM insurance especially since it pays off so quickly when the money is really needed. Part of readiness is to “be prepared “ and having insurance is part of being prepared and will give you peace of mind.

**16. ADDRESS: President of The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, Command CMSgt (Retired) John Harris.** President Harris is also the Executive Director of the Louisiana Enlisted Association. He stated that he appreciated being invited to speak at our conference. Without Mississippi there would probably not be an Enlisted Association. Mississippi has more members than the entire East Coast seaboard states combined. Virgil Williams from Mississippi was the driving force in creating the National Enlisted Association. He stated that EANGUS has officially moved into the National Guard Memorial Building in Washington DC, 8<sup>th</sup> floor suite, Suite 880. The Officers Association and the Enlisted Association are now able to work more closely together to accomplish tasks. Scott Bousum is your Legislative Director. He used to work at the Senate Armed Services Committee and the House Armed Services Committee; therefore, he is very well connected in Washington DC. SSLI (insurance through the officers association) also pays more quickly than SGLI. Finances at EANGUS are currently good. Changed some of their contracts for the betterment of EANGUS; such as the printing contract - new contract that is better for the expenditure of funds. Title 5 conversion – long time coming – conversion is starting soon. Individuals have to fulfill their current service contract before converting to Title 5. Might start getting bonuses. Still can't get Tricare Reserve Select if you convert to Title 5. EANGUS is working on the language to try and get Tricare Reserve Select. He would like to see traditional guardsmen be able to get Federal Health Insurance because Tricare doctors cannot be found in some places. You need to get the EANGUS USAA credit card. We lost all of our LA soldiers to active duty for the flood during the EANGUS Conference. But, other states pitched in to make it a success. We raised over \$82,000 in three days at conference to help LA soldiers and airmen during the flooding in August 2016. EANGUS will be turning 50 years old in 2021 and he would like to see Mississippi host the 2021 EANGUS National Convention. EANGUS is doing a complete revision to the bylaws and he would like Mississippi to support the bylaw revision that is underway. He would like to see a junior enlisted at large position on the EANGUS board. He would like to see one Area Director Army, one Area Director Air, and one Junior Enlisted Director. He would like to see monthly payments on dues made available. He appreciates Mississippi's commitment to EANGUS.

President Matthews thanked EANGUS President Harris for coming and stated that he felt like EANGUS might not have lasted if John Harris had not stepped in as President of EANGUS.

## **PRESIDENT MATTHEWS RELINQUISHED THE ROSTRUM TO STATE CCMSGT ROBBIE KNIGHT**

### **17. AIR AWARDS PROGRAM:**

Command CMSgt Robbie Knight stated that he would also be representing the Mississippi Air National Guard Chiefs Group as well. Their goal as Chiefs is to mentor and deliberately develop to the highest level of readiness to ensure mission success of our junior enlisted airman, NCOs, and Senior NCOs into better wingman and leaders and warriors.

Major General Boyles, Major General Hill, President Leroy Matthews handed out the awards.

**2017 Airman of the Year (E1-E4):** Awarded to SRA Amy Sharp - 172<sup>nd</sup> AW. Escorted by Col Berry Blanchard and Wing Command Chief Johnny Gressett. Individual was given a certificate for ribbon, \$100.00 from the MS ANG Chiefs Group, Eagle Trophy, Command Chief Knight's Coin.

**2017 NCO of the Year (E5-E6):** Awarded to SSgt Theodore Sutto - 238<sup>th</sup> ASOS. Escorted by Col Mike Nabors (186<sup>th</sup> ARW Comdr), 238<sup>th</sup> ASOS Commander and Wing Command Chief Ron Arthur. Individual was given a certificate for ribbon, \$100.00 from the MS ANG Chiefs Group, Eagle Trophy, Command Chief Knight's Coin

**2017 Senior NCO of the Year (E7-E9):** Awarded to MSgt John J. Altievers Jr. - 186<sup>th</sup> ARW. Escorted by Col Mike Nabors (186<sup>th</sup> ARW Comdr), Maj Vaughn Threatt (186<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Comdr) and Wing Command Chief Ron Arthur. Individual was given a certificate for ribbon, \$100.00 from the MS ANG Chiefs Group, Eagle Trophy, Command Chief Knight's Coin.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant of the Year:** Awarded to MSgt Joshua Shearer - 172<sup>nd</sup> AW. Escorted by Col Berry Blanchard and Wing Command Chief Johnny Gressett. Individual was given a certificate for ribbon, \$100.00 from the MS ANG Chiefs Group, Eagle Trophy, Command Chief Knight's Coin.

**Charles L. Sullivan Leadership Award (E1-E9):** (Given in memory of Charles L. Sullivan who was a military pilot, Clarksdale Mississippi Attorney, District Attorney, businessman, Brigadier General, served as the Assistant Adjutant General of the Mississippi Air National Guard, and 24<sup>th</sup> Lt Governor of the state of Mississippi. He was killed in a plane crash.) Awarded to SMSgt William Morgan. Escorted by Col Mike Nabors (186<sup>th</sup> AW Comdr), Maj Vaughn Threatt, and Command Chief Ron Arthur. Individual was given a trophy, a traveling plaque to hang in the unit, \$100.00 from the MS ANG Chiefs Group, Command Chief Knight's Coin.

## **STATE CCMSGT ROBBIE KNIGHT RELINQUISHED THE ROSTRUM BACK TO PRESIDENT LEROY MATTHEWS**

**18. G.V. "SONNY" MONTGOMERY PATRIOT LEADERSHIP AWARDS (ARMY and AIR):** (G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Foundation makes this award possible. Based on leadership in the military and in the community. Sonny Montgomery had a huge impact on the MS Guard and the U.S. Military. Without his efforts the educational assistance program that we have in the military would not be existence. That is why it is named the Montgomery GI Bill. He attended conferences and had a vision

of what our Association could and should be.) This award is one of the highest honors to be received. Awards were presented by Major (Ret) Fred Sullivan, representative of the Montgomery Foundation, and President Matthews. Mr. Sullivan stated it was an honor to attend and support the members and retirees and their families. Sonny loved Mississippi and the men and women who served in the guard. Thank you for supporting the guard.

**PRESIDENT LEROY MATTHEWS RELINQUISHED THE ROSTRUM TO VICE PRESIDENT ARMY ROCKY CARNES**

G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Patriot Leadership Award Army is awarded to SFC Kyle P. James. SFC James was escorted by his commander and CSM.

G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Patriot Leadership Award Air is awarded to SMSgt Larry Hinton. SMSgt Hinton was escorted by Col Paul Drake (CRTC/BAC Comdr) and Command Chief Lynn Cole.

Each individual was given the award, NCO Association will pay their way to the next EANGUS Conference if they wish to attend. The MS NCO Association also gave each winner a framed heritage print.

**VICE PRESIDENT ARMY ROCKY CARNES RELINQUISHED THE ROSTRUM BACK TO PRESIDENT LEROY MATTHEWS**

**BREAK – 1430**

**RETURN FROM BREAK - 1440**

**19. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS:**

Scholarship Chair/President SFC (Ret) Leroy Matthews gave the report. This year there were a total of 22 applicants submitted. Six were ineligible because of membership issues. The 16 applicants were submitted to Dr. Keith Schaffer, Adjunct Professor of Delta State University and Mississippi Director of AdvancED Mississippi for ranking. The winners are listed as follows:

<u>WINNER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>SCHOLARSHIP</u>
Madison Rebecca Barkley	SFC Marcus E. Barkley	Annual Scholarship
Hunter Lee Moore	SSG Billy Moore	CMSgt James Barnhill Scholarship
Haley Carol Necaise	MSgt Thomas Murphy	SMSgt John Messer Scholarship
Thomas A. Riddle	SGT Thomas A. Riddle, Jr.	1SG Buck Hildreth Scholarship
Austin Lee James	MSG Clifford James	MSG Joe Davis Scholarship
Tanner Patrick Dean	SGM Carl P. Dean II	SGM Connie B. Freeman Scholarship
Haylee Dawn Riley	MSgt Chris Thomas	USAA Scholarship
Rylan James Moore	SFC David Moore	CMS James E. Maske Scholarship
Taylor Jean Kelly	MSG Hugh R. Kelly	SSG Jason Rogers Scholarship
Neely Ann Murrah	SMSgt Jeffery S. Murrah	SGM Jack Pickett Scholarship

**RELEASED TO ARMY AND AIR BREAKOUTS/DISTRICT CAUCUSES AT 1450  
RETURN FROM ARMY AND AIR BREAKOUTS AT 1550**

**20. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:** The meeting hall was cleared of all non-voting personnel. Ballots were cast. SFC (Ret) Robert "Nickie" N. White was elected. CMSgt (Ret) Ricky Myers made



the motion to destroy the ballots. CMSgt Lynn Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ballots were destroyed.

**21. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**22. NEW BUSINESS:** There was some discussion about Mississippi hosting the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in 2021. We would need at least 750 rooms. Mississippi does not have a viable facility to host a large conference. A lot of members are interested in Mississippi hosting the conference due to a show of hands. Idea will be discussed at next board meeting.

**23. DRAWINGS:** Multiple drawings for prizes were held.

**24. RESULTS OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Treasurer:	CSM (Ret) Thomas “Keith” Ales
Secretary:	SMSgt (Ret) Gail McKinion
Vice President Army	MSG Harry “Rocky” Carnes
Vice President Air	CMSgt Lynn Cole
President	SFC (Ret) Robert “Nickie” White
Continuity Chair	MSG (Ret) Linda Marble
District 1B	MSG Eddie L. Taylor
District 2B	MSG Joseph S. “Shane” Cook
District 3B	SSG Paul Lampton
District 4B	SSG Shayne A. Burns
District 5B	SSG September D. Wallace
District 7B	TSgt Melissa Herron
District 8B	MSgt Charles H. “Hank” Fairchild

Executive Director CMSgt (Ret) Ricky Myers performed the swearing in of the new officers of the Association.

**25. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** For all of the board members (including the new), there will be a board of directors meeting tomorrow morning at 0900 in the Cabana. Attire is civilian clothes. In addition, would like to remind everyone Church Service will be held in the Cabana starting at 0730. Anyone who is interested can attend both the church service and the board meeting. The No Host social will be tonight at 1800 in Imperial Hall B, there will be a cash bar. The unit's dinner will begin at 1900 in Gallery B & C. Bring your ticket to the banquet. The unit's dinner will be followed by a dance, Salon A, after the banquet. All Directors please remain after this meeting is complete. There will be a rehearsal at 1700 hours for the flag bearers. Please check with the auxiliary if you have any items you haven't picked up yet.

**26. BENEDICTION:** Chaplain MSG Robert A. “Allen” Clark

**27. RETIREMENT OF COLORS:** Retirement of the colors was conducted by the 154<sup>th</sup> Regiment (RTI).

**28. ADJOURNE SINE DIE:** Motion to adjourn was made by MSG (Ret) Linda Marble and seconded by MSgt Marvin Windham. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 1635 hours by President Matthews.

Respectfully submitted  
SMSgt (Retired) Gail McKinion  
MS National Guard NCO Assn Secretary