

# —Mississippi Strong—

## Newsletter of the MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary June 2019

Sometimes it takes multiple readings for information to sink in. In each issue of the *Mississippi Strong* newsletter you will find membership applications, Calls to Action, information on upcoming events, and below in this issue the EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship information is printed again. We expect the Mississippi applicants to do well again this year.

### USAA and EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarships

The program includes one USAA Scholarship and four EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarships. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of: (1) eligibility; (2) scholastic achievement, character, leadership and need, and (3) availability of funds for the current year and the number of applicants.

**Who is Eligible?** Annual and Life EANGUS Auxiliary Members, Spouses and Unmarried children/step children, grandchildren/step grandchildren (up to age 26).

Criteria/Application can be downloaded at <https://eangusauxiliary.org> Scholarship tab, or in *The Signal*.



### EANGUS Auxiliary 2019-2020 Scholarships

**One (1) USAA Auxiliary scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars)**

**One (1) EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 (two thousand dollars)**

**One (1) EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars)**

**Two (2) EANGUS Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) each**

Again, Criteria/Application can be downloaded at <https://eangusauxiliary.org> Scholarship tab or in *The Signal*.

**Please send to MS Auxiliary scholarship chairman Pat Burchfield by May 31 for review.**

**Chairman Burchfield's address is 2443 Dogwalk Road, Tutwiler, MS 38963.**

**Deadline postmark date for submission to EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman: June 30.**



## 48th Annual EANGUS Conference

August 4-7, 2019  
Des Moines, IA

Iowa Events Center - 730 3rd Street, Des Moines, IA

### Conference Registration:

<https://eangusconference.org/2019-conference-registration/>

**Hotel Reservations:** <https://eangusconference.org/hotel-reservations/>

**Area IV Hotel - Des Moines Marriott Downtown**  
Hotel Reservations Area IV – **BOOK ON-LINE** at

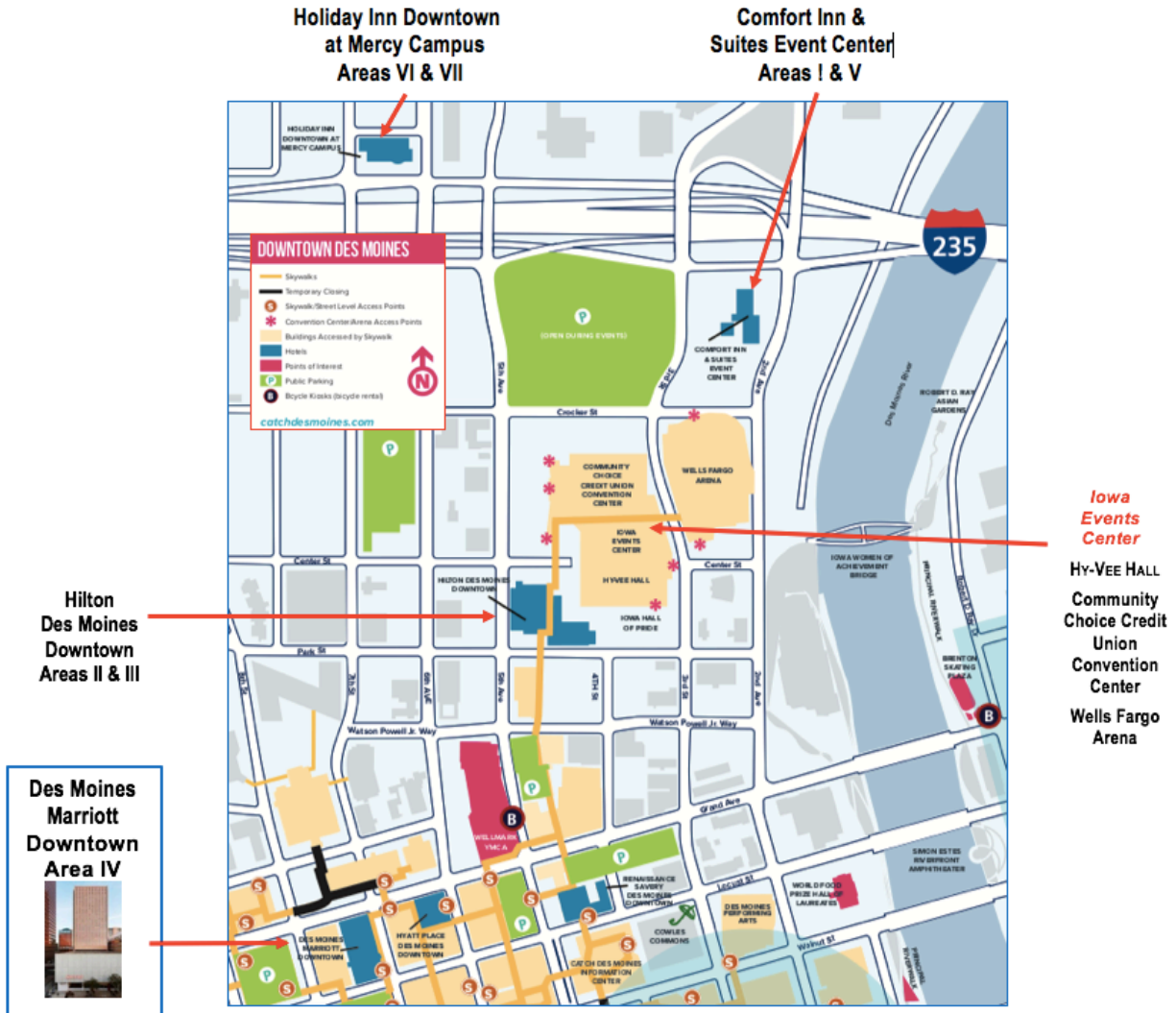
<https://mmxreservations.com/fer/#/desmoines?groupCode=area4&eventId=5195>

### 2019-2020 Mississippi Auxiliary Board



Auxiliary Board members for 2019-2020 year: l-r, Billie Davis, Parliamentarian; Kandice Netto, Director at Large; Connie Myers, Immediate Past President; Pat Burchfield, Treasurer; Angelia “Angie” Carnes, President; Vivian Taylor, Secretary; Sherry Clark, District I Junior Director; and Elaine Jackson, District IV Senior Director.

# Des Moines Events Map



## Des Moines International Airport

(5 Miles from Hilton; Driving Time 15 Minutes)

**Directions** - Head west on Cowles Drive, Continue on Fleur Drive, Take Thomas Beck Road and SW 8th Street to Park Street in Des Moines, Turn Right onto Park Street.

## MS AUXILIARY PAST PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST ATTENDEES



Left to right front row: Billie Davis, 1980-81; Pat Burchfield, 2003-04, 2011-12, 2012-13; Pat Bishop, 2009-10; Paula Carrigan, 1987-88.

Left to right back row: Dianne Sullivan, 1975-76; Angie Carnes, current; Connie Myers, 2006-07, 2016-17, 2017-18; Vivian Taylor, 1995-96; Ann Hart, 1984-85.

The Mississippi National Guard NCO Association Auxiliary was established during an organizational meeting in 1969. Sixty-six (66) spouses met and elected officers. The Auxiliary's first conference was in 1970 with Dot Brown as President. Through the years the Mississippi Auxiliary has accomplished much. Dedicated spouses have supported and enhanced the Mississippi National Guard NCO Association through: grass roots response to legislative matters; 20 years of monetary support for the MS NG Summer Youth Camp and ongoing volunteers support; working with the MS NG NCO Association on its ways and means projects; supporting EANGUS "We Care for America" Foundation, Inc.; providing support for Gold Star Families Memorial project, Camp Shelby Chaplain's Well Food Pantry, Ronald McDonald House, Fisher House, *Paws and Effect*, Jackson VAMC Freedom Foods Food Pantry, and more; providing scholarships for eligible children of Auxiliary members; and providing avenues for leadership development.

### RIDDLE ME THIS

If you were to put a coin into an empty bottle and then insert a cork into the neck, how could you remove the coin without taking out the cork or breaking the bottle?

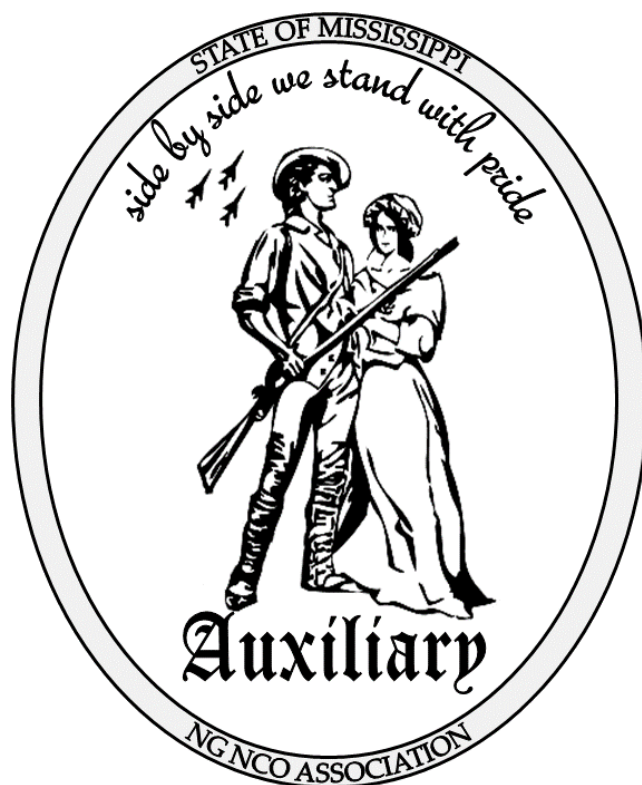
Which is faster, hot or cold?

What runs all around the yard without moving?

What is broken when you name it?

Where is the only place that yesterday always follows today?

What is often returned but never borrowed?



## MS NG NCO ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY PAST PRESIDENTS

1970-71—Dot Brown, deceased  
1972-73—Virginia Brown, deceased  
1974-75—Ruth Ann Crawford  
1976-77—Delores Ford, deceased  
1978-79—Beverly Hurst  
1980-81—Billie Davis  
1982-83—Dot Brown, deceased  
1984-85—Ann Hart  
1986-87—Paulette McLeod, deceased  
1988-90—Brooks Marr  
1991-92—Mildred Geary, deceased  
1993-94—Doris J. Hoxie, deceased  
1995-96—Vivian D. Taylor  
1997-98—Barbara McCay  
1999-2000—Janet McCullum\*  
2001-2002—Phyllis Barranco, deceased  
2003-2004—Pat Burchfield  
2005-2006—Gloria Cooley  
2007-2008—Danna Davis  
2009-2010—Pat Bishop

1971-72—Doris Williams, deceased  
1973-74—Agnes Tupman, deceased  
1975-76—Dianne Sullivan  
1977-78—Dot Dudley, deceased  
1979-80—Elwanda Keith  
1981-82—Beverly Lee, deceased  
1983-84—Judy Harris  
1985-86—Dot Pee, deceased  
1987-88—Paula Carrigan  
1990-91—Ancia Lowery  
1992-93—Danna Davis  
1994-95—Linda B. Bishop, deceased  
1996-97—Suzie Stewart  
1998-99—Shirley A. Ritter, deceased  
2000-2001—Pearleen Pearce  
2002-2003—Karla Dickens  
2004-2005—Christina Ammons  
2006-2007—Connie Myers  
2008-2009—Florence Wright  
2010-2011—Karen Solots

2011-2012—Pat Burchfield  
2013-2014—Cathy Adams  
2015-2016—Christina Thomas\*  
2017-2018—Connie Myers  
2019-2020—Angelia Carnes  
\*unable to complete term

2012-2013—Pat Burchfield  
2014-2015—Cathy Adams  
2016-2017—Connie Myers  
2018-2019—Angelia Carnes



Celebrating all dads on your special day, June 16.

“The imprint of the father remains forever  
on the life of the child.”

—Roy Lessin

“Anyone can be a father, but it takes a lot to be a daddy.”

—Unknown

**MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD  
NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY  
STATE LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Card Number assigned by MS Auxiliary treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: Last                      First                      Middle                      Maiden

Street Address or Post Office Box

City    State    Zip Code

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (home)                      \_\_\_\_\_ (work or cell)

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Army Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Air Guard \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name    Rank    Unit

EANGUS Auxiliary Lifetime Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost of Lifetime Membership:** An annual member may become a lifetime member by payment of a fee of **\$10.00** plus the annual dues that apply until the applicant reaches the age of **65**. This is a non-refundable payment. After the age of 65, no dues are required, only the \$10.00 fee. If the applicant is not a lifetime member of the EANGUS Auxiliary and does not become one, the applicant would have to continue to pay annual EANGUS Auxiliary dues.

Date application received by MS Auxiliary treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Date received by MS Auxiliary Executive Council \_\_\_\_\_

**LIFETIME DUES SCHEDULE**

<u>Current Age</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Current Age</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Current Age</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Age 65 or over	\$10.00	51	\$94.00	37	\$178.00
64	\$16.00	50	\$100.00	36	\$184.00
63	\$22.00	49	\$106.00	35	\$190.00
62	\$28.00	48	\$112.00	34	\$196.00
61	\$34.00	47	\$118.00	33	\$202.00
60	\$40.00	46	\$124.00	32	\$208.00
59	\$46.00	45	\$130.00	31	\$214.00
58	\$52.00	44	\$136.00	30	\$220.00
57	\$58.00	43	\$142.00	29	\$226.00
56	\$64.00	42	\$148.00	28	\$232.00
55	\$70.00	41	\$154.00	27	\$238.00
54	\$76.00	40	\$160.00	26	\$244.00
53	\$82.00	39	\$166.00	25	\$250.00
52	\$88.00	38	\$172.00	24	\$256.00



**Enlisted Association of the National Guard  
 of the United States Auxiliary**  
**SPOUSE MUST BE AN EANGUS LIFETIME MEMBER**  
**APPLICANT MUST BE CURRENT STATE & EANGUS AUXILIARY MEMBER**

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

2018--November

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name (Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden name, please)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City, State

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Age Date of Birth State Affiliation State Verification

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Name Phone number

\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address

Army \_\_\_\_\_ Air \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime number assigned by EANGUS for Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

**COST OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

An annual member may become a life member by payment of **\$25.00 plus the annual dues which apply until the applicant reaches the age of 60**. This is a nonrefundable payment. After age 60, no dues are required. Application must be accompanied by verification of eligibility from the treasurer of the state of which the applicant is an annual member.

Year of birth	_____	+	60	=	_____	-	_____	=	_____ ( )
							Current Year		
								X	\$ 7.00
								=	_____
								+	\$ 25.00
								<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

A Life Member card number will be assigned by the LIFE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this application along with applicable dues to:

**Vivian Taylor, LTM Chairperson, PO Box 101, Clara, MS 39324-0101**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date received by EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$

*-- Side By Side We Stand With Pride --*

November 2018



**MS NG NCO ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE:(NCO) \_\_\_\_\_ RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ ARMY: \_\_\_\_\_ AIR: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Current Member of MS NG NCO Association \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Spouse MS NG NCO Association Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Did Spouse join NCO Association On-Line? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**CHECK ONE BELOW – LEVEL CHECKED WILL INDICATE DUES**

NEW ANNUAL MEMBER  
\$13.00

RENEWAL MEMBER  
\$13.00

ASSOCIATE MEMBER  
MS AUXILIARY ONLY  
\$5.00

ASSOCIATE MEMBER MS AUXILIARY AND EANGUS AUXILIARY \$10.00

LIFE MEMBER EANGUS  
(STATE ONLY) \$6.00

LIFE MEMBER STATE  
(EANGUS ONLY) \$9.00

LIFE MEMBER (BOTH  
STATE & EANGUS)

It is understood that by acceptance of this application and membership dues, I will be a member in good standing with the Mississippi National Noncommissioned Officers Association Auxiliary. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Auxiliary and that violation of the same is cause for revocation of membership.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION TO:  
TREASURER PAT BURCHFIELD  
MS NG NCO ASSN. AUXILIARY  
2443 DOGWALK RD, TUTWILER, MS 38963

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
MS NG NCO ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY



**EANGUS Area IV 2020 Mid-Winter  
Annual Meeting  
January 17-19, 2020  
Austin, Texas**  
[www.ngat.org/Eangusmidwinter2020.htm](http://www.ngat.org/Eangusmidwinter2020.htm)

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

This registration is for attendance only. Registration fee covers Fri welcome reception/hospitality, Sat breakfast tacos, Sat lunch, Sat dinner, Sat hospitality. You must book your hotel room through the hotel.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name to Appear on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have a spouse or guest attending? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Spouse/Guest Name to Appear on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Fee: \$75.00 per person

Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please make checks payable to National Guard Association of Texas or NGAT)*

#### **MEETING HOTEL**

Holiday Inn Austin Midtown – \$89.00 single/double a night \* Plus applicable taxes  
6000 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, TX 78752

**Reservations can be made by calling: 512-451-5757 or 888-300-6273**

Use Group Name: **EANGUS**

**Hotel Rate is valid until December 28, 2019**

**Registration and payment must be received no later than January 5, 2020.**

**Registrations can be mailed to:  
National Guard Association of Texas  
ATTN: Theresa Billeck-Zuniga  
3706 Crawford Ave  
Austin, TX 78731-6308**

#### **AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION**

Ride Share Available: Uber, Lyft, Ride Austin, Wingz  
Super Shuttle: [www.supershuttle.com/locations/austin-aus/](http://www.supershuttle.com/locations/austin-aus/)

*Questions can be directed to: Theresa Billeck-Zuniga, [tbz@ngat.org](mailto:tbz@ngat.org)*

*Check out our website for updates on the Annual Meeting. <http://www.ngat.org/eangus.php>*

**EXHIBITORS PLEASE REGISTER ON EXHIBITOR'S REGISTRATION FORM!**

UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS – MISSISSIPPI

Updated 2-18-2019

Republications

Democrats

116th Congress

January 3, 2019 - January 3, 2021

Mississippi U.S. Senators



Senior Senator  
Roger Wicker

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555 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510  
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Junior Senator  
Cindy Hyde-Smith

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P.O. Box 3777  
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Jackson, MS 39201  
(601) 965-4644  
(601) 965-4007 Fax  
(662) 844-5030 Fax

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321 Loshier St  
PO Box 365  
Hernando, MS 38632  
(662) 429-1002  
(662) 429-6002 Fax

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3rd Floor, Ste 303  
Gulfport, MS 39501  
(228) 871-7017  
(228) 871-7196 Fax

**Jackson Office**  
190 East Capitol St, Ste 550  
Jackson, MS 39201  
(601) 965-4459  
(601) 965-4919 Fax

**Oxford Office**  
311 East Jackson Ave, Ste 249  
Oxford, Mississippi 38655  
(662) 236-1018  
(662) 236-7618 Fax

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2012 15th St, Ste 451  
Gulfport, MS 39501  
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1st District  
Trent Kelly

**Washington, D.C.**  
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(662) 258-7240 Fax

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Tupelo, MS 38804  
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(662) 841-8845 Fax

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Greenville, MS 38701  
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263 East Main St  
Marks, MS 38646  
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**Greenwood Office**  
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106 Green Ave, Ste 106  
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641 Main St, Ste 142  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 552-3246  
(601) 552-3452 Fax

## EANGUS Priorities for the First Session of the 116th Congress



- Reserve Component medical readiness/ TRICARE Reserve Select expansion (S164/HR613)
- Early retirement credit under 12304b orders
- Issue a DD214 upon separation or discharge from a Reserve Component similar to Active Duty
- Urge the Air National Guard to fund Federal Tuition Assistance for all ANG members
- Tax incentives for employers to hire members of the Guard
- Tax deductions for drill weekend travel
- Allow TSP contributions outside of 401(k) threshold
- Improved mental health care access and treatment for members of the Guard
- Amend Title 38 of the United States Code to recognize Guardsmen's ADT, ADSW, & AD
- Support for Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility & Transfer of Education Benefits



## Legislative Action Center



### EANGUS Legislative Call to Action 2019-1

#### TRICARE Reserve Select Expansion to Eligible Federal Employees

**ISSUE:** Federal Employees eligible for TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) are forced to utilize more expensive healthcare offered on the Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan (FEHBP)

**BACKGROUND:** The membership of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S. believes that Reserve Component (RC) servicemembers should be able to choose whatever health care provider is best for their military readiness and for the care for their families regardless of who their employer may be. RC members who are Federal employees are not given a choice to provide continuity of care in the TRICARE program during the complete mobilization cycle (before, during and after) due to restrictions in Federal law. This continuity of care can be achieved by removing the restriction.

Federal employees eligible for FEHBP coverage and TRS must accept health care coverage under FEHBP. FEHBP, managed by the Office of Personnel Management, provides a wide-range of health insurance coverage using a robust network of providers. However, TRS is a more affordable option for RC servicemembers compared to options offered by FEHBP. For example, the widely utilized Blue Cross Blue Shield Basic Option rate costs \$159.74 per month for self only and \$384.02 per month for self and family in calendar year 2019. TRS coverage during calendar year 2019 cost \$42.83 per month for self only coverage and \$218.01 per month for member and family coverage.

In January 2019, Senator Daines (R-MT) and Senator Manchin (D-WV) introduced S. 164 and Representative Garamendi (D-CA) and Representative Kelly (R-MS) introduced H.R. 613 to resolve this issue. During the 115th Congress, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) scored similar legislation; CBO estimated a \$173 million mandatory spending increase, and a savings of \$1.2 billion discretionary. The costs are associated with removing as many as 113,000 RC servicemembers currently utilizing FEHBP and putting those servicemembers into TRS managed by the Department of Defense (DOD). If all 113,000 servicemembers opted into TRS, DOD would realize \$1.2 Billion in discretionary savings during a time when readiness and training are the highest priorities of each of the Services. ]

**Take Action:** The EANGUS National Office requests that members please take a few minutes out of your day to message your delegation in Washington, D.C. to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 613 and S. 164.

#### ANSWER THE CALL FOR ACTION:

<https://eangus.org/legislative-calls-to-action-1/> - **CLICK** on Call to Action 2019-1

### EANGUS Legislative Call to Action 2019-2

#### Military Student Identifier

**ISSUE:** With the 2015 adoption of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA– Public Law 114-95), military-connected students are now recognized as a distinct subgroup. The ESSA stipulates that the new subgroup includes students with a parent who is a member of the Armed Forces (defined in section 101(a)(1)(4) of title 10, United states Code) on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(5) of such title).

Over 80% of military-connected pupils attend US public schools. Students with parents/guardians who serve full-time in the military move and change schools frequently. In addition, they experience separations from a parent/guardian due to their parents' service to the U.S. Military. The Military Student Identifier (MSI) provides educators with critical information to personalize attention to military dependent children. Unfortunately, the current law directs the military student identifier only towards the children of active duty families, leaving out the nearly one-half million children of the Reserve Component, both National Guard and Reserves.

**TAKE ACTION:** The EANGUS National Office requests that you please take a few minutes out of the day to message your delegation in Washington, D.C. to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 1896, the Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Act.

**Answer Call to Action:** <https://eangus.org/legislative-calls-to-action-2/>

### **EANGUS Legislative Call to Action 2019-3**

#### **The Air National Guard should not be denied Federal Tuition Assistance**

The men and women of the Air National Guard do not receive the same benefits as their brothers-and-sisters-in-arms in the Army National Guard. Some states offer TA in the absence of the Federal program, unfortunately, State programs vary and relying on them can disadvantage Airmen who are in States where resources are marginal or nonexistent. The Air National Guard requires Servicemembers to attain at least an Associate degree to be promoted to the ranks of E-8 or E-9. Without Federal Tuition Assistance this policy might force soldiers to take out private loans or use their GI bill if their state does not offer Tuition Assistance.

**TAKE ACTION:** The EANGUS National Office requests that you take a few minutes to tell your representative how important it is that the men and women of the Air National Guard receive the same benefits as every other branch of the Military.

**Answer Call to Action:** <https://eangus.org/legislative-calls-to-action-3/>



## **Ten Good Reasons to Join and Remain a Member of the EANGUS Auxiliary**

The EANGUS Auxiliary is:

- A strong voice to Congress which addresses the needs of the National Guard/Reserve.
- An organization that binds National Guard families by encouraging their involvement in legislative grass roots alerts.
- An organization, through support of EANGUS, which maintains a continuing representation for Guard members in Washington, D.C.
- An organization that has a scholarship program which helps with scholarships for members, spouses, children, and grandchildren.
- An organization that sets state and national objectives and coordinates activities which help to accomplish those objectives.
- An organization that stresses communication between leaders and members. *The Signal*, the Auxiliary's national newsletter, is published by the EANGUS Auxiliary President. Area Directors and State Presidents also publish newsletters for members. These publications inform, educate, motivate, and inspire members.
- An organization that coordinates its overall activities through elected Officers and Area Directors who represent the seven geographic areas of the United States.
- An organization that coordinates national activities through annual conferences held at locations throughout the United States.
- An organization that responds to needs as one, though thousands of miles separate members.
- An organization that strives for better incentives to attract and retain members.

## Time to Get Down to Work

Another MS NG NCO Association and Auxiliary State Conference has come and gone. Auxiliary Officers and Directors were elected and now it is “time to get down to work”. Each Officer has specific duties as outlined in the Constitution. Directors’ duties are also listed in the Constitution and a Guideline for District Directors was also developed years ago to assist Directors in accomplishing their work. Those Guidelines are found below.

### MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY GUIDELINES FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Do not volunteer or accept the nomination to be a District Director unless you are genuinely interested in promoting the Auxiliary. Being a District Director takes work and time. However, the results, knowledge, and satisfaction you receive are rewarding.

1. Read the Constitution. If there is anything you do not understand, ask questions of your Junior Director, Senior Director, or an Officer.
2. Be knowledgeable about the NCO Association and the Auxiliary. If you are asked what the Auxiliary does, be able to answer. If you do not have the answer to a specific question, tell the asking person that you will get an answer and let them know. THEN DO IT!
3. Work as a Senior/Junior Director Team and coordinate your work within your District.
4. Attend all Board of Director Meetings. Meetings are customarily held quarterly. The President will notify you of the time and place for the Board Meeting. Prepare and submit a written report to the Board of your activities. Report would include at least these items:
  - o Legislative activity... letters written, emails/texts sent, phone calls made, responses received from legislators.
  - o Membership recruitment efforts... letters written, phone calls made, face-to-face solicitations, members sponsored.
  - o Events attended... Conference, Board Meetings, unit visits, Family Days, Retiree events, and others.
  - o Correspondence with Board members and other Auxiliary members... get well cards, sympathy cards, thinking of you cards, phone calls, texts/emails, etc.
  - o Donations... silent auction, services donated, etc.
5. Promote the Guard, the NCO Association, and the Auxiliary. Be cheerful and enthusiastic. Smile. Introduce yourself to people as a Mississippi Auxiliary District Director.
6. Promote membership within your District. By virtue of office, you are a member of the Membership Committee. Get to know the Auxiliary Director at Large and work with her/him on membership.
7. Disseminate information from the EANGUS Auxiliary President, EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Directors, and Mississippi Auxiliary President to the members in your District. Be creative. You can share through email, website, Facebook, and other avenues.
8. Be active legislatively. The Auxiliary has a Legislative Chairman who will keep you informed on issues and provide information on making contacts. Remember to also notify the Chairman of legislative responses.
9. Communicate, between Board of Directors Meetings, with the President and Director at Large, on your activity in the District, to express concerns, and/or to ask for help or information.
10. Set up a file and keep a copy of all outgoing/incoming correspondence.



Left to right: Auxiliary President Angie Carnes; Tony L. Bailey, Jackson VAMC; and Association President SFC Tommy Morgan.

Past President Connie Myers shared a spark that turned into a great project for the MS NG NCO Association and Auxiliary when she saw a Facebook posting about the VA's Freedom Foods Food Pantry at the Jackson VAMC. She took the idea to MS NG NCO Association President Tommy Morgan and Auxiliary President Angie Carnes and, with their blessing and support, the race was on to get foods to the 2019 Conference. There was even money sent from out-of-state to purchase foods and, as you can see, there were many hundreds of items given worth hundreds of dollars. Many thanks to every person who contributed to this special project!

### **LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT CLOSES MAY 31**

Remember that Mississippi Auxiliary Legislative Committee Chairman Taylor will be sending in the Mississippi Auxiliary legislative report the day following the close of the reporting year which is May 31. If you have made legislative contacts and received responses that you have not yet reported to Chairman Taylor, please send that information to her immediately.




General James McConville is shown during his hearing on Capitol Hill on May 2 as members of the Senate Armed Services Committee considered his nomination to become the Army's next chief of staff. Sitting behind the General were his wife, Maria, an Army veteran herself, and four family members, all active duty soldiers. The couple's eldest son, Michael, an Army Captain who flies Apache helicopters, sat beside his mother. The McConvilles' son-in-law, Staff Sergeant Ryan Nanzer, an Army Ranger, was next, sitting beside his wife Army Captain Jessica Nanzer, who sat beside her brother, Ryan.

Americans who serve in the military now comprise less than 1% of the population. This picture seems to confirm Pew research data that indicates that uniformed service members are increasingly likely to come from a military family, more so than from members of the general public. Seventy percent of veterans have an aunt or uncle with military experience, half have parents who served, and 43% have siblings who did.

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Have a wonderful summer spent with your favorite things: spending days at the playing ball outside with pool, climbing mountains, lounging in the hammock, swing or tire swing, or

**Happy Summer**



full of special moments folks, doing your favorite beach, fishing in the pond, friends, splashing in the climbing trees, barbecuing, swinging on the porch reading a great book.

**Everybody!!!**



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**Armed Forces Retirement Home:** (800) 422-9988; <https://www.afrh.gov/>  
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**Casualty Assistance Checklist for Retired Soldiers:**  
<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/docs/Post/CasualtyAssistanceChecklist.pdf>  
**Chief of Staff, Army Retired Soldier Council:**  
<https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/csa-retired-soldier-council>  
**Combat-Related Special Compensation:** (866) 281-3254 opt.4; <https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/CRSC>  
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**Concurrent Retired & Disability Pay:** (800) 321-1080,  
<https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/disability/crdp.html>  
**Consumer Financial Protection Bureau:** (855) 411-2372 <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/>  
**Death — Report a Retired Soldier's Death:** Call HQDA Casualty Operations Center, (800) 626-3317; from overseas, call (502) 613-3317 collect.  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Reporting%20A%20Death>  
**DS Logon:** <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/>  
**Funeral Honors (Military):** Army Coordinator: (502) 613-8218  
<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwp/entitlements.jsp>  
**ID Card Facilities:** (800) 538-9552; Nearest facility: [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs/](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs/)  
**Legal Assistance Locator (Military):** <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/>  
**Long Term Care Insurance:** (800) 582-3337 <http://www.ltcfeds.com/>  
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Help Desk: (888) 721-2769 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST Monday - Friday);  
**Survivor Outreach Services:** (855) 707-2769, <https://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/personal-assistance/survivor-outreach>  
**Reserve Component Retirements** (888) 276-9472  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Reserve%20Component%20Retirements>  
**RC Application for Retired Pay:** Human Resources Command; ATTN: AHRC-PDR-RCR; 1600 Spearhead Division Ave.; Dept 482; Ft Knox, KY 40122-5402; (888) 276-9472; download the application from:  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/Default.aspx?ID=13664>  
**Soldiers Magazine:** <http://soldiers.dodlive.mil/>  
**Space-Available Travel:** <http://www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site>  
**Soldier for Life on Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/CSASoldierForLife](http://www.facebook.com/CSASoldierForLife)  
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<https://www.shopmyexchange.com>  
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<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records> National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records); 1 Archive Drive. St. Louis, MO 63138-1002  
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**TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery:** (877) 363-1296; <https://tricare.mil/homedelivery>

**TRICARE Network Pharmacy:** (877) 363-1303; <https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml>

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## HISTORY

The National Guard is the oldest military force in the Department of Defense and celebrated its 382<sup>nd</sup> birthday on December 13, 2018. The Guard traces its lineage to the Massachusetts militias that defended their settlements and colony against attack.

In a move that would create the first militia on the North American continent, the Massachusetts General Court in Salem issued an order on Dec. 13, 1636, requiring all able-bodied men between 16 and 60 years old to create a standing Army for protection.

With that order, what we now know as America's National Guard was born. The idea was simple: Establish an Army of citizen-soldiers who could be called upon to fight when needed.

In 1636, that meant defending Massachusetts Bay. Today, it means answering the call of both state and nation, deploying overseas and responding to natural disasters in the assistance of friends and neighbors.

The men and women of the Army and Air National Guards train regularly, generally two days a month with a longer training annually.

That training means they are ready at any moment to join our active-duty forces overseas or to put their civilian lives on standby to do their state's bidding at home.

Service for the Guard may not be a full-time job, but its demands require a lifestyle of commitment and sacrifice.

The National Guard today stands as a community cornerstone, just as it did in 1636.

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