# —Mississippi Strong—

# Newsletter of the MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary

**July-August 2019** 

Each issue of the *Mississippi Strong* newsletter will include membership applications, Calls to Action, information on upcoming events, and in this issue the EANGUS Auxiliary scholarship information is printed for the final time. Remember that June 30 deadline.



# Mississippi Statesman Dies



Former United States Senator from Mississippi, Senator Thad Cochran, died recently of renal failure. Cochran was born on December 7, 1937 in Pontotoc, Mississippi. His mother was a math teacher and his father was a principal. Cochran was an Eagle Scout and Valedictorian of his Byram High School class. He earned varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball, and tennis. He worked as a carhop, clerked at a grocery store, cleared rights of way for a construction company, and worked with his father and brother on the family dairy farm. At Ole Miss he was the student body vice president and received a bachelor's degree in psychology. After service in the Navy he returned to Ole Miss and earned a law degree in 1965. His first year of law school, he won the Frederick Hamel Memorial Award for the highest scholastic average, and as it turned out, he had the third-highest grade point average of any student graduating in the 1960s. He married Rose Clayton on June 6, 1954. Thad and Rose were married for 50 years and they had 2 children, son Clayton of New Albany and daughter Kate of Hattiesburg. Rose died after a lengthy illness in December 2014. In 2015 Mr. Cochran married Kay Webber, a longtime assistant.

Emily Langer, in The *Washington Post*'s obituary, wrote, "Thad Cochran, a Mississippi Republican who brought Southern gentility to Washington and Washington largesse to the South over nearly four decades in the U.S. Senate, where he was a past chairman of the powerful Appropriations Committee, died May 30 at a nursing home in Oxford, Miss. He was 81."

Mr. Cochran spent nearly half a century on Capitol Hill, first as a House member representing a district that included Jackson from 1973 to 1978 and later in the Senate. By the end of his career, "The Almanac of American Politics" described the white-haired Mr. Cochran as a politician who "personifies an all-but-vanished breed of Southern Republicans—amiable to all, conservative but not rigidly so, a devoted institutionalist, and a proficient procurer of funding for his poor, rural state."

His conservative record was tempered by aisle-crossing positions, perhaps most notably his forceful support for the food-stamp program. In the halls and chamber of the Senate, he became known for his understated style. John M. Bruce, chairman of the political science department at the University of Mississippi, said in an interview, "What Cochran has done is be decent to people, even when he disagrees with them, and that's worth something."

Associated Press writer Emily Wagster Pettus wrote, "In the Washington political scene of bombast and big egos, Republican Thad Cochran of Mississippi wielded power with a quiet, gentlemanly demeanor. He played piano in his Capitol Hill office and dashed off handwritten notes of thanks or congratulations to constituents." He became known as "Gentleman Thad" and "The Quiet Persuader", cultivating loyalty and respect from his staff and from politicians inside and outside his home state. Cochran's final chief of staff, Brad White, stated, "I've never known a more powerful man, nor a more humble man—a true Southern gentleman who loved the great state of Mississippi."

Cochran focused on economic development and education. Mississippi's Gulf Coast ports, state university initiatives, public schools, defense, agriculture, airports, highways, bridges, health centers, fire and police departments, conservation efforts, and more, including catfish research, benefitted from his influence on the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee. He helped secure \$87 billion in Hurricane Katrina relief for Gulf States, including a bailout of Mississippi homeowners without flood insurance. Katrina hit on Monday, August 29, 2005. On Tuesday Cochran toured the Coast and on Wednesday he told then-Governor Haley Barbour, "You figure out what you need and I'll try to get it for you." Barbour said, "His attitude and approach exemplified the person he was. He had his ego totally under control. This was about how to do the best for the people of Mississippi and our country. He approached everything that way."

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The 75th Anniversary of D-Day was commemorated on Thursday, June 06, 2019 in Normandy, France, where,

Planes—sporting red, white, & blue smoke—perform a fly past during the ceremony marking the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day held at the American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, Normandy, France. (AP Photo/Thibault Carnus)

in 1944, a pivotal WWII battle allowed the Allied forces to gain a stronghold in Europe, leading to the defeat of troops from Nazi Germany. President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump were joined by French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife, Brigitte, at the flyover ceremony.



## 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 <a href="https://eangusauxiliary.org">https://eangusauxiliary.org</a> 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 <a href="https://eangusauxiliary.org">https://eangusauxiliary.org</a>
Scholarship tab or in *The Signal*.

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:** 

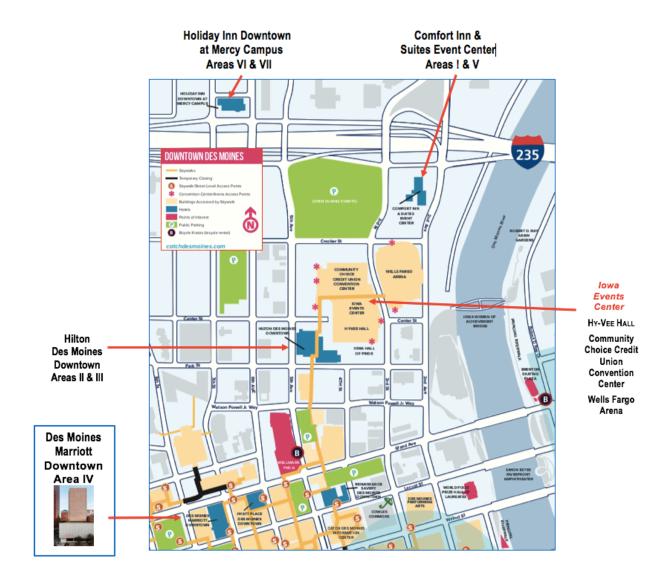
https://eangusconference.org/2019-conference- registration/

Hotel Reservations: <a href="https://eangusconference.org/hotel-reservations/">https://eangusconference.org/hotel-reservations/</a>

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

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

# 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.







# Information reprinted from *The Signal*.

Travel Dates: Saturday, August 3, 2019 & Thursday, August 8, 2019.

Hotel rates will be available 3 days prior to Conference & 3 days after Conference (\$120 plus taxes).

**Conference Registration:** This is <u>crucial</u> to meal count. Please register today, don't delay.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> Conference registration will increase from \$150 to \$200; \$225 at Conference. Professional Development registration is \$125. Register online at EANGUS.org

#### HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS

Reservations are to be made through the eangusconference.org; choose your Area tab. Or, call 1-800-451-2625. Do <u>not</u> call hotels directly.

## Final cutoff July 10th, 2019.

**Hilton**—435 Park St, Areas - 2, 3; connects to Convention Center. Parking \$25 per day.

**Comfort Inn**-929 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Areas - 1, 5; walking distance from Convention Center. Free parking.

**Marriott-** 700 Grand Ave - Area 4; Skywalk to Convention Center. Parking \$25 per day.

**Holiday Inn**-1050 6<sup>th</sup> St, Areas - 6 & 7 walking distance to Convention Center. Free Parking.

Hospitality rooms will be in the Area Hotels.

Hotel cancellations up to 48 hours in advance.

Friday—Golf Tournament 8:00 a.m.
Contact <a href="mailto:dean.kennebeck@gmail.com">dean.kennebeck@gmail.com</a>
Saturday—Exhibitors will set up in the
Ballroom. EANGUS General Session
is next door to the Exhibitors.
Auxiliary Silent Auction in the
Ballroom with the Exhibitors. Take
SA items to the Ballroom on Saturday.

A **blood drive** will be conducted.

**Hilton Hotel**—all rooms have refrigerators.

**Comfort Inn**—All rooms have microwave & refrigerators. Free breakfast.

Marriott—all rooms have refrigerators, & a Starbucks in the lobby.

**RV** sites:

SaylorvilleLake@usace.army.mil 515.984.6925

#### **PARKING:**

To eliminate parking fees, you can park at <u>Des Moines Air Base 132 Wing</u>, 3100 McKinley Ave and be transported to the hotel if you plan to leave your vehicle parked. There will be transportation to and from the base on Saturday and Thursday only.

# HANDICAP REQUEST:

Dean Kennebeck has a few scooters. Please send requests to dean.kennebeck@gmail.com if you have special needs.

# **EANGUS Auxiliary Past President's Social: Saturday**

2:00 p.m. at the Americana

\*Immediately after Capitol Tour; transportation will be provided. R.S.V.P—Connie Myers nonnie3626@gmail.com NLT July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

#### Monday

**EANGUS General Session** continues. **Auxiliary committees** meet in Iowa Events Center.

Auxiliary Executive Board & Finance Meeting will be held in President's Suite in the Hilton.

Auxiliary State Presidents need to credentialize delegates: Events Center – Auxiliary General Session Lobby Area

Please bring door prizes to Auxiliary General Session Room.

#### **FREE NIGHT:**

Jr. Enlisted event—Iowa Tap Room **Bring straw hats for the Hoedown.**Transportation, if needed, provided by Hotel Shuttle. Enjoy Des Moines. Lots of shopping, pubs, fast food, fine dining.

#### Wednesday

EANGUS General Session—final day.
EANGUS Auxiliary General Session—final day. Auxiliary Board Meeting will be in President's Suite. EANGUS & Auxiliary
Awards Banquet; President's Reception—

**Events Center** 

Awards Banquet: Semi-formal dress; Military Uniform or Suit & Tie.

**Thursday**—transportation to the airport and/or the Airbase to pick up POV. Hotel Shuttles will be available.

Iowa State Fair August 8th-18th!!!

Travel Safe. See you in Little Rock, Arkansas in 2020

## Iowa Host State Conference

Chair: Dean Kennebeck, EANGUS
Vice President dean.kennebeck@gmail.com
515-971-3687

Joe Steele <u>joeandcjsteele@gmail.com</u> 563-320-0964

#### Sunday—

All areas will Caucus in the Events Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor rooms Chapel service—EANGUS and Auxiliary

**Ribbon Cutting**—front of Exhibitor Area

**First Timers**—EANGUS—meet in General Session.

Auxiliary—meet in Auxiliary General Session.

Auxiliary joins EANGUS in opening General Session. Special seating—look for purple ribbons. Dress code: Business Casual.

Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck speaks to the membership.

Welcome Night- outdoor event located at Pappajohn Sculpture Park. Theme: "Nothing compares to Iowa" Bring sunscreen. Weather: Hot and Humid.

Tuesday—Auxiliary General Session begins.

All Area Hospitality Night—Camp Dodge Pool Pavilion.

Request forms must be submitted by July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Mailing/Shipping EANGUS National Conf.

ATTN: Your Caucus/Full Name W12 7105 NW 70<sup>TH</sup> Ave Camp Dodge Johnston, IA 50131

**Note:** All items shipped need to be properly marked on the outside of the box if refrigeration/ freezer is required. No box will be opened prior to the convention.

All conference information will be on the EANGUS app.

Auxiliary questions: Sheila Bandy EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator grannieplus3@gmail.com 502-773-4055

#### 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? <u>ANSWER</u>: Push the cork into the bottle and shake out the coin.

Which is faster, hot or cold? <u>ANSWER</u>: Hot, because you can easily catch a cold.

What runs all around the yard without moving? ANSWER: Fence.

What is broken when you name it? ANSWER: Silence.

Where is the only place that yesterday always follows today? <u>ANSWER</u>: In the dictionary. What is often returned but never borrowed? ANSWER: Thanks.



# MS NG NCO ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY PAST PRESIDENTS

19/0-/1—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

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 1995-96—Vivian D. Taylor 1998-99—Shirley A. Ritter, deceased 1997-98—Barbara McCay 2000-2001—Pearleen Pearce 1999-2000—Janet McCullum\* 2001-2002—Phyllis Barranco, deceased 2002-2003—Karla Dickens 2003-2004—Pat Burchfield 2004-2005—Christina Ammons 2005-2006—Gloria Cooley 2006-2007—Connie Myers 2007-2008—Danna Davis 2008-2009—Florence Wright 2009-2010—Pat Bishop 2010-2011—Karen Solots 2012-2013—Pat Burchfield 2011-2012—Pat Burchfield 2013-2014—Cathy Adams 2014-2015—Cathy Adams 2015-2016—Christina Thomas\* 2016-2017—Connie Myers 2017-2018—Connie Myers 2018-2019—Angelia Carnes 2019-2020—Angelia Carnes \*unable to complete term

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# Different Classes of Membership for the Auxiliary

Annual Member—Your spouse must be a member of the MS NG NCO Association. The annual membership is \$13.00.

<u>Lifetime</u> Member—Your spouse must be a Lifetime member of the NCO Association and you must be a current annual member of the Auxiliary. The cost is figured on your age.

<u>Associate</u> Member—You do not have to have anyone in the Guard. This membership shows your support of the Guard, the NCO Association, and the Auxiliary. There are no voting privileges and you cannot hold an office. Cost is \$10.00 for Mississippi and EANGUS Auxiliary associate membership.

<u>Mississippi</u> <u>Auxiliary</u> <u>Associate</u> <u>Lifetime</u> Member—The rules are the same as for an Associate Member, except it is for Mississippi Auxiliary Lifetime only and there will be no more dues. Cost is \$100.00.

<u>EANGUS</u> <u>Auxiliary</u> <u>Associate</u> <u>Lifetime</u> <u>Member</u>—The rules are the same as for the Mississippi Auxiliary Associate Lifetime Member, except it is for the National Organization only and there will be no more dues. Cost is \$100.00.

Lifetime membership is good for both the Auxiliary and the individual. Please inquire if there is something you don't understand. Any Officer would be happy to help you!

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

Card Number assigned by MS Auxiliary treasurer							
Applicant's Name: Last		First	First		Maiden		
Street Add	lress or Post Off	ice Box					
City		State	2	Zip Code			
Phone Nu	mber:	(l	nome) _		(work or cell)		
Spouse's N	Name		Rank	Unit			
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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		2018November					
			Date of Ap	plication	lication		
Name	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	(Maiden na	me, plea	ase)	
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City, State							
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		Mail this applic	cation along with applicable dues to:				
	Vivian T	aylor, LTM Chai	rperson, PO Box 101, Clara, MS 39324	-0101			
Date recei	ved 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 I	NCO AssociationYE	S NO			
Spouse MS NG NCO Association Me	embership Number				
Did Spouse join NCO Association C	On-Line?YES	NO			
CHECK ONE BELOW – LEVEL CHE	CKED WILL INDICATE DUES				
NEW ANNUAL MEMBER	RENEWAL MEMBER	ASSOCIATE MEMBER			
\$13.00	\$13.00	MS AUXILIARY ONLY \$5.00 □			
ASSOCIATE MEMBER MS AUXILIA	RY AND EANGUS AUXILIARY	\$10.00			
LIFE MEMBER EANGUS	LIFE MEMBER STATE	LIFE MEMBER (BOTH			
(STATE ONLY) \$6.00	(EANGUS ONLY) \$9.00	STATE & EANGUS) $\square$			
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:	MAKE CHECK	S PAYABLE TO:			
TREASURER PAT BURCHFIELD MS NG NCO ASSN. AUXILIARY 2443 DOGWALK RD, TUTWILER, MS		SSOCIATION AUXILIARY			



### EANGUS Area IV 2020 Mid-Winter Annual Meeting January 17-19, 2020 Austin, Texas

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 B	adge:			
Title/Position:		State:	_	
Address:			-	
		Zip Code:	-	
Telephone:	Cell Phone:	E-Mail:		
Will you have a spous	e or guest attending?	Yes No		
Spouse/Guest Name t	o Appear on Badge:			
Conference Fee: \$75.	00 per person			
	\$75.00 = Total \$ 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/

Questions can be directed to: Theresa Billeck-Zuniga, 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!

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January 3, 2019 - January 3, 2021

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# 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
- Solution in the second 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



#### **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: <a href="https://eangus.org/legislative-calls-to-action-2/">https://eangus.org/legislative-calls-to-action-2/</a>

#### **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 of 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/



#### Contact Information from Army Echoes Feb-May 2019 edition

Arlington National Cemetery: (877) 907-8585 https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/#/

Armed Forces Retirement Home: (800) 422-9988; https://www.afrh.gov/

Army & Air Force Exchange Service: www.shopmyexchange.com

Army Echoes: <a href="https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/army-echoes">https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/army-echoes</a> Editor's e-mail address: <a href="mailto:ArmyEchoes@mail.mil">ArmyEchoes@mail.mil</a>

Army Echoes Blog: <a href="https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/blog">https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/blog</a> Army Emergency Relief: (866) 878-6378; <a href="https://www.aerhq.org">http://www.aerhq.org</a>

Army Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/USArmy

Army Flick <a href="https://www.flickr.com/photos/soldiersmediacenter/">https://www.army.mil</a> Army Homepage: <a href="http://www.army.mil/mobile/">http://www.army.mil/mobile/</a> Army Live Blog: <a href="https://armylive.dodlive.mil/">https://armylive.dodlive.mil/</a> Army mobile phone apps: <a href="https://www.army.mil/mobile/">https://www.army.mil/mobile/</a>

Army Retirement Services: <a href="https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/home">https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/home</a>

Army Stand To!: <a href="http://www.army.mil/standto/">http://www.army.mil/standto/</a>

Army Lodging Program: (877) 711-8326; http://www.pal.army.mil

Reservations: <a href="http://www.ihgarmyhotels.com">http://www.ihgarmyhotels.com</a>

Army Twitter: https://twitter.com/USArmy/ Army YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/usarmy

**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

Commissary: http://www.commissaries.com

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

 $\textbf{DS Logon:} \ \underline{https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/}$ 

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: <a href="www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl">www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl</a> **Legal Assistance Locator (Military):** <a href="http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/">http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/</a>

Long Term Care Insurance: (800) 582-3337 http://www.ltcfeds.com/

MyArmyBenefits: https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/

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.armv.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: <a href="http://soldiers.dodlive.mil/">http://soldiers.dodlive.mil/</a>

Space-Available Travel: <a href="http://www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site">http://www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site</a>
Soldier for Life on Facebook: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/CSASoldierForLife">www.facebook.com/CSASoldierForLife</a>

Survivor Benefit Plan: <a href="https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/survivorbenefit-plan">https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/survivorbenefit-plan</a>

Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act: <a href="http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/usfspa">http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/usfspa</a>

**U. S. Army Retired Lapel Button and Badge:** Type "Soldier for Life" into the search box at

https://www.shopmyexchange.com

**Veterans Service Records** — Replace DD Form 214, awards:

Retired 4/1/1996 or later: Visit <a href="https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/">https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/</a>,

Click on "Army White Pages" at the bottom, then log in. Next click on "Click Here to Access Your Army Record."

Retired 3/31/1996 or earlier: Call Human Resources Command at (888) 276-9472 or visit

https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records National Personnel Records Center (Military

Personnel Records); 1 Archive Drive. St. Louis, MO 63138-1002

DFAS (800) 321-1080 (M-F, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST) http://www.dfas.mil/ myPay (888) 332-7411;

https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx Retiree/Annuitant web page http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html Social

Security (800) 772-1213 <a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov">http://www.socialsecurity.gov</a>; If overseas, contact the American Embassy/consulate, or visit <a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov/foreign/phones.html">http://www.socialsecurity.gov/foreign/phones.html</a>.

Medicare (800) 633-4227 http://www.medicare.gov TRICARE https://tricare.mil/

**Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator:** 

https://tricare.mil/bcacdcao, or nearest military treatment facility TRICARE East: (800) 444-5445; https://www.humanamilitary.com/east/; AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IL, IA (Rock Island area), IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MS, MO (St. Louis area), NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX (except El Paso area), VT, VA, WI, WV,

TRICARE West: (844) 866-9378; https://www.tricare-west.com; AK, AZ, CA,

CO, HI, ID, IA (except Rock Island, IL area) KS, MO (except the St. Louis area), MN, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OR, SD, TX(areas of Western Texas only), UT, WA, WY

TRICARE Overseas: (888) 678-1207; http://www.tricare-overseas.com

TRICARE for Life: (866) 773-0404; TDD (866) 773-0405) https://tricare.mil/Plans/HealthPlans/TFL.aspx

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery: (877) 363-1296; <a href="https://tricare.mil/homedelivery">https://tricare.mil/homedelivery</a>

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

TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan: (888) 838-8737; https://www.trdp.org/

US Family Health Plan: http://www.usfhp.com

**Armed Forces Recreation Centers** https://www.armymwr.com/



# EANGUS AUXILIARY LIFE NATIONAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Life National Associate Membership may be issued to individuals who support the objectives of the ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES (EANGUS) AUXILIARY but do not otherwise qualify for annual or lifetime membership. A national life associate member shall not be a voting delegate, eligible for scholarships, or qualified to hold office in the AUXILIARY. Dues are \$100.00 (one hundred dollars). This is a onetime non-refundable payment.

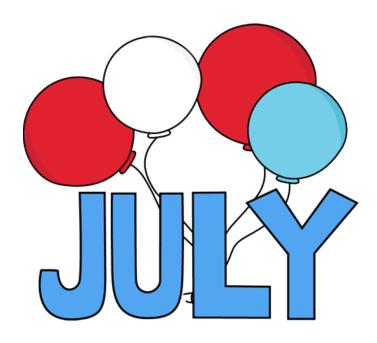
#### **Request for Life National Associate Membership**

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Mem	copy membership applications may be mailed with dues payment to current EANGUS Auxiliary abership Chair, Judith Putman, 1234 Road 137, Emporia, KS 66801. Please allow 30 days for essing hard copy membership applications.
Mak	te check payable to EANGUS Auxiliary.
	E email subscription to EANGUS Auxiliary news publication, <i>The Signal</i> (if email address is ided).
	Check here for hard copy subscription to EANGUS Auxiliary news publication, $\textit{The Signal}$ at a cost of \$25.00 for 11 issues.

# MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY STATE ASSOCIATE LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Individuals who support the objectives of the Auxiliary but do not otherwise qualify to join as annual or lifetime members, we invite you to join as a state associate lifetime member. Currently the Mississippi Auxiliary has fourteen (14) State Associate Lifetime Members. The Mississippi Auxiliary appreciates your support!



# Happy Independence Day!!!

Independence Day is a very special day for all Americans. It's the federal holiday commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain and were now united, free, and independent states. It's our day to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy in this great nation, our history, government, and traditions.

Yes, the United States has problems. Would I want to live anywhere else? Absolutely not! So, as you and your family celebrate with special gatherings, barbecues, fireworks, and programs, take time to be thankful to live in a free nation.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."—Ronald Reagan

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

—Thomas Jefferson

With freedom comes responsibility. So, yet again, we thank all those who have fought and continue to fight for our freedom. God bless you and God bless America!



Operation VetCare is a project of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) which is the official association of the National Guard. Because EANGUS represents every enlisted Guardsman, and because the EANGUS Board and staff are all current or former members of the Guard, these leaders have decades of experience in knowing what people need and how to help when people face a crisis.

Operation VetCare is a program to help veterans, active duty soldiers, and military families who face special challenges as a result of their services in all branches of the US armed forces.

If you are a qualified veteran in need of assistance (or if you know of someone who is qualified) you may receive an application by emailing EANGUS at: <a href="mailto:services@EANGUS.org">services@EANGUS.org</a>.

The assistance provided is on a case by case basis. Guardsmen from your area may be able to assist you with emergency home repairs, car repairs, or similar "hands-on" help. For families facing a temporary, service-related crisis the help provided may be Walmart or Target gift cards that can be used to purchase food, clothing, and other necessary items.

Operation VetCare is a new service of the EANGUS and funds are currently limited. As the program grows, the plan is to help MANY more families.



The EANGUS "We Care for America" Foundation, Inc. (WCFA) offers the opportunity to apply for an emergency grant (referred to hereafter as the "National Guard Soldier and Airman Emergency Relief Fund") to a current or former National Guard member who is in good standing and is an EANGUS dues paying member (Life, Annual, or Associate) who has faced a catastrophic financial hardship and/or personal property loss.

The WCFA SOP and Application are available at eangus.org.

-Information on VetCare and WCFA reprinted from the EANGUS website