

—Mississippi Strong—

Newsletter of the MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary

September 2019

Each issue of the *Mississippi Strong* newsletter will include membership applications, Calls to Action, and information on upcoming events. Also included in this issue is a summary of the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference and information on the MS NG NCO Association Ways and Means project, the Mississippi State Fair.



EANGUS Auxiliary 2019-2020 Scholarships



USAA Auxiliary scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) was presented to Kylee J. Eubank, Mississippi

EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) was awarded to Lauren Barnett, Mississippi

EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred dollars) was presented to Heather Yenchesky, Wisconsin

Two (2) EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) each were awarded to Ashlyn Casey, Wisconsin and Jackson Daughdrill, Mississippi



48th Annual EANGUS Conference

August 4-7, 2019
Des Moines, IA

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



EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference

The 48th Annual Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Conference and 46th EANGUS Auxiliary Conference was held August 4-7 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa where “20 Years Later, Bigger and Better!” and “Nothing Compares to Iowa” resonated with attendees.

Iowa, ranked the best state to thrive by *U.S. News and World Report* in 2018, and nicknamed the Hawkeye State, is a “great place for job-seekers, new business, and education” according to Governor Kim Reynolds. It has also been listed as one of the safest states in which to live. Iowa’s top exports are corn, tractors, and soybeans. Iowa has over 30,000,000 acres in farmland. Iowa is bordered on the east by the Mississippi River and on the west by the Missouri River and Big Sioux River; this makes Iowa the only U.S. state that has two parallel rivers defining its borders. The motto of the state is, “Our liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain.”

The Iowa State Capitol’s 23-karat golden dome flanked by four smaller domes is a favorite of sightseers; the modified and refined Renaissance style building, built between 1871 and 1886, is one of the most prominent buildings in Des Moines and represents some of the nation’s finest examples of 19th century architecture. The Capitol houses the governor’s offices, legislature, and the old Supreme Court room. EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents were able to tour the Capitol on Saturday morning followed by brunch at the Americana Restaurant on Locust Street.

Golf outing on Friday and registration and silent auction check-in on Saturday preceded the Conference opening on Sunday.

Chapel, First Timers Welcome, Ribbon Cutting, and Joint Session along with Welcome Night at Pappajohn Sculpture Park were features on Sunday. The EANGUS Auxiliary First Timers who were welcomed were: Denise Garcia (NM); Rhonda J. Gorrell (NM); Guinn Osborn (AR); Kathy Kling (PA); Marlene Ayala (AZ); Theresa Toyama (HI); Kelli Toyoma (HI); and Nancy Working (TN). President Kennebeck addressed attendees at the Joint Session. The John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2019; the 4.4 acre Pappajohn Park, located within a major crossroads, features artwork by 24 of the world’s most celebrated artists.

Monday included EANGUS business sessions and committee meetings as well as EANGUS Auxiliary committee meetings and the EC Meeting. On Monday afternoon Vice President Margie Holcomb (VA) conducted State Presidents Training and Joan Gardiner, Marketing, Development, and Operations Director for EANGUS, presented Newsletter Training. The Junior Enlisted Night Out at the Iowa Taproom included food and fun games.

Business continued on Tuesday for EANGUS and the EANGUS Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck called the EANGUS Auxiliary first general session to order. Guests during the two days were: Command Chief Master Sergeant (R) Dick Smith, USAA; Josie Quintana, USAA; MSG (Ret) VaTema M. Ivy, AFEV; Joan Gardiner, EANGUS; and Dean Kennebeck, EANGUS Vice President. USAA provided an Auxiliary Brunch on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 and Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) provided a Continental Breakfast on Wednesday, August 7, 2019. EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents in attendance were: Sara Hendricks (IA); Nancy McDowell (OH); Debra Campbell (OK); Sheila Bandy (KY); Vivian Taylor (MS); Judy Wood (AL); and Immediate Past President Connie Myers (MS). President Kennebeck introduced the Executive Council: Vice President Margie Holcomb (VA); Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS); Treasurer Jessica Lance-Root (AR); Immediate Past President Connie Myers (MS); Area II Directors Shelia Brookins (KY) and Barbara Sizemore (WV); Area III Director Pam Adams (AL); Area IV Director Judith Putman (KS); Area V Directors Cathy Berry (WI) and Edna Steinberg (SD); Area VI Directors Richard Bryant (NM) and Linda Lyon (WY); and Parliamentarian Sara Hendricks (IA). Roll call indicated forty-six (46) delegates, forty-seven (47) proxies; five (5) officers, eight (8) Area Directors, three (3) members, nine (9) guests, and four (4) associate members; these individuals represented twenty-two (22) states.

The **minutes** were approved as published in the Conference Book. The **balance sheet** showed a balance of eighty-three thousand eight hundred three dollars seventy cents (\$83,803.70) on May 31, 2019. The Finance Committee's **audit** of the financial records found the books to be in order. EANGUS Publications Chairman Andy Strauss presented the **Publications Awards** for the Auxiliary to: Category Six, State Auxiliary newsletter—1st place, *Dogwood Blossom* (Virginia Auxiliary) and 2nd place, *Mountaineer* (West Virginia Auxiliary); Category Seven, Area Auxiliary newsletter, *Cadence* (Area II). Committee reports were given by all Committee Chairmen with the exception of Family Affairs (chairman absent, no report) and Resolutions (no report). The total of **legislative** contacts was: fifty-nine (59) letters, four hundred thirty (430) emails, twenty-two (22) phone calls, one hundred eighteen (118) visits/social, and one hundred forty-two (142) responses reported by nine (9) states in four (4) areas. The **Lifetime Membership** Committee report indicated: eight hundred twenty three (823) life members; four hundred forty-three (443) active live members; one hundred sixteen (16) life members not reported by the states; two hundred forty (240) deceased life members; twenty-four (24) ineligible life members (included divorced, non-Guard spouse, and requests for removal); eleven (11) members in the class of 2018; ten (10) members in the class of 2019 through August 6, 2019; and eleven (11) life members were reported deceased since the 2018 Conference. Twenty-seven (27) states submitted membership for 2019; the **membership comparison** showed a total membership of eight hundred forty-eight (848), a net decrease of forty-seven (47) and three hundred forty-six (346) associate members, a net increase of fifteen (15). Through June 2019 there were fifty-five (55) national life associate members.

Area Directors elected for a two-year term were: Area II, Barbara Sizemore (WV); Area III, Stella Cameron (SC); Area IV, Trayce Young (AR); Area V, Cora Sower (WI); and Area VI, Richard Bryant (NM). **Scholarships** were awarded to: Kylee J. Eubank, Mississippi, three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), USAA scholarship; Lauren Barnett, Mississippi, two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); Heather Yenchsky, Wisconsin, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00); Ashlyn Casey, Wisconsin, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); and Jackson Daughdrill, Mississippi, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). The **All Areas Hospitality Night** was held at the Camp Dodge Pool Pavilion on Tuesday evening. The 34th Army Band provided entertainment and pins traded.

The EANGUS Auxiliary presented a **philanthropic** donation of one thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars (\$1,835.00) to *Paws and Effect*. The following **Awards** were presented: President's Award, Dean Kennebeck (IA); Torch Award, Roxanna "Roxie" Barwick (WI); Outstanding Area Director's Award, Richard Bryant (NM); Distinguished Service Award, Debra Campbell (OK). Outstanding States Awards: 1-25 members, New Mexico; 26-75 members, Pennsylvania; 76+ plus members, Mississippi. **Membership Increase Certificates**: largest percentage increase in **total members** for 1-25 members, *West Virginia* and for 26-75 members, *Pennsylvania*; largest percentage increase in **lifetime members** for 1-25 members was a tie between *Tennessee* and *West Virginia*, for 26-75 members the award went to *South Carolina* and for 76+ members it was *Mississippi*; largest percentage increase in **associate members** for 1-25 members, *West Virginia*, for 26-75 members it was *New Mexico*, and for 76+ members the award went to *Mississippi*; and for the largest number of **new lifetime associate members** *Kansas* received the certificate.

Ways and Means totals and donations included: Auxiliary Pins, eighty-five dollars (\$85.00); Silent Auction, five thousand one hundred thirty-three (\$5,133.00); USAA, two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and AFEV, one thousand seven hundred eight dollars (\$1,708.00) for Auxiliary meal functions; phone fine, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); sixty dollars (\$60.00) in donations at silent auction; one hundred dollars (\$100.00) from Alaska.

Nominations Chairman Sondra Monastra (OH) **installed newly-elected Area Directors** in a ceremony that required participation from all officers and attendees in keeping with the motto of Teamwork, Family, and Side by Side, We Stand with Pride. The following **members were memorialized** in the service conducted by Chaplain Shelia Brookins:

- ✓ Patricia "Patty" Joan Kaul (KS)
- ✓ Patricia "Pat" Ann Hollingsworth (MS)
- ✓ Yvonne E. Creaser (WI)
- ✓ Betty Jane Caranci (OH)
- ✓ Shirley Fritz (MO), former annual member
- ✓ Sherry (Curren) Blackwell (SD)
- ✓ Phyllis Jeanette (Westbrook) Arnold (AR)
- ✓ Doris Jean (Brandt) Haas (SD)
- ✓ Elizabeth Annie "Beth" (Varner) Johnson (WA)
- ✓ Shirley Enke, Charter Member (MO)
- ✓ Juaneta P. (Phillips) McLaughlin (VA)

Doorprizes were distributed and President Angela Kennebeck adjourned the EANGUS Auxiliary business meeting at 11:27 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

Conference concluded after business on Wednesday with the All States Banquet and Awards Program. EANGUS Auxiliary President Kennebeck presented the EANGUS Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award to Richard Bryant (NM) and the EANGUS Auxiliary Spouse of the Year Award to Dean Kennebeck (IA). Six (6) CSM Virgil R. Williams scholarships were presented to the following undergraduates: Bailey Danton (LA); Megan Davis (WY); Nathan Jahmig (SD); SrA Victoria Mook (VA); Dana Summers (WV); Lia Suntherland (GA). Patriot scholarship recipients were undergraduates: SrA Nathan Fish (CT); Kristen Martin (AR); SrA Trevor Sik (SD); Dylan Singleton (TN); and Julia Soukup (SD). The Command Sergeant Majors Advisory Council scholarship recipient was undergraduate SGT Jake Hurley (IA). American Intercontinental University scholarships were presented to three (3) undergraduates: Jodi Stenberg (ND); SrA Isaac McMillan (HI); and SFC (Ret) Sharon Roberts (UT). SSgt Mackenzie Vincent, undergraduate (MT) and SSgt Mariah Moody, graduate (NM) received the two (2) American Public University scholarships. Colorado Technical University presented scholarships to undergraduate MSgt Edward Schmitt (WI) and doctorate candidate CMSgt (Ret) Ritchie Stiller (NC). Undergraduate SPC Joshua Allen (AZ) and graduate Amanda Brown-Harvey (OK) received the Grand Canyon University scholarships. Grantham University scholarships were presented to undergraduates TSgt Bradley Smith (WY) and Camilla Walton (UT). The three (3) University of Phoenix scholarships went to graduate students SFC Ethan Dodd (NE), Corrine Hash (SC), and Kimberly Rothenberg (NV).

The 2020 EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference is slated for Little Rock, Arkansas, August 9-12.

The draft minutes from the EANGUS Auxiliary General Sessions will be included in *The Signal*.

EANGUS Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck (IA) is seen presiding at the session. The EANGUS Auxiliary general heard Auxiliary Committee reports; presented scholarships to five young people, Burden Bears to seven, awards to states and individuals, and presented the philanthropic donation of \$1,835.00 to *Paws and Effect*; conducted a Silent Auction and sold Auxiliary pins as its Ways and Means projects; elected Area Directors in five Areas; memorialized the members who died during the year; and made a \$2,000.00 donation to the EANGUS “We Care for America” Foundation, Inc. The EANGUS EC met on Monday and Wednesday and made plans to begin rewriting the Auxiliary awards program, produce an EANGUS Auxiliary handbook, and update the information available on eangusauxiliary.org.



—Photo courtesy of Norie Rose Yoakum

Jerry and Vivian Taylor are pictured at EANGUS Auxiliary Conference on August 7, 2019 admiring the Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award that Vivian received.

—Photos courtesy of Paula Carrigan



The Lifetime Membership Award was first presented in 2003 to Sara Hendricks (IA) and was renamed The Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award the following year.

To date there have been 17 recipients from thirteen states. Mississippi has had 2 recipients: *Ann Hart* in 2009 and *Vivian Taylor* in 2019.

From left: SFC (Ret) Jerry W. Taylor, Vivian D. Taylor, and Sara B. Hendricks for whom the Award is named. Sara also selects the Award winner.



Auxiliary meetings in Burchfield answers roll Auxiliary and accepts Award in the 76 plus Vivian Taylor records the EANGUS Auxiliary and Vivian Taylor, Connie Myers assists Meeting. Pat Burchfield for largest percentage members and associate

Mississippians at work at the EANGUS Des Moines, Iowa. Pat call for the Mississippi the Outstanding State membership category. minutes. Connie Myers, Imm. Past President, Secretary, are sworn in, with the First Timers accepts the certificate increase in lifetime

members in the 76 plus category. Secretary

—Photos courtesy of Kristi Taylor

MS NG NCO Association Wins EANGUS Membership Contest

The Mississippi National Guard (MS NG) NCO Association “brought home the money”! The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) sponsored a membership contest that ran from Valentine’s Day through Independence Day with cash prizes for the top states and individuals enlisting the most new EANGUS members. Mississippi took first place and was awarded the 1st place prize of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). **CONGRATULATIONS** to all those MS NG NCO Association members who worked hard to increase the Association’s membership.



**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 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/

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!

MS NG NCO ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY PAST PRESIDENTS



1970-71—Dot Brown, deceased
Williams, 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
2011-2012—Pat Burchfield
2013-2014—Cathy Adams
2015-2016—Christina Thomas*
2017-2018—Connie Myers
2019-2020—Angelia Carnes

*unable to complete term

1971-72—Doris
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
2012-2013—Pat Burchfield
2014-2015—Cathy Adams
2016-2017—Connie Myers
2018-2019—Angelia Carnes

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.

Lifetime 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.

Associate 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.

Mississippi Auxiliary Associate Lifetime 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.

EANGUS Auxiliary Associate Lifetime Member—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 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
								TOTAL:	\$ _____

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

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

Name (Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

Address (Street and/or P.O. Box) City State Zip Code

Phone Number (Home) (Work or Cell)

Email Address

Spouse

Your Birthday Anniversary

COST OF STATE LIFETIME ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: \$100.00

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

Please mail this application along with application dues to:

Treasurer Pat Burchfield
2443 Dogwalk Road
Tutwiler, MS 38963

Please Make Checks Payable To
MS NG NCO ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

ENLISTED BY _____

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!



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

Date _____ Member ID _____
(Member ID will be assigned)

State Auxiliary Affiliation _____

Name _____

Company/Corporation Name _____
(If applicable)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Signature _____

Hard copy membership applications may be mailed with dues payment to current EANGUS Auxiliary Membership Chair, Judith Putman, 1234 Road 137, Emporia, KS 66801. Please allow 30 days for processing hard copy membership applications.

Make check payable to EANGUS Auxiliary.

FREE email subscription to EANGUS Auxiliary news publication, *The Signal* (if email address is provided).

Check here for hard copy subscription to EANGUS Auxiliary news publication, *The Signal* at a cost of \$25.00 for 11 issues.

The Mississippi Auxiliary currently has nine (9) EANGUS Auxiliary Life Associate Members.

UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS - MISSISSIPPI

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Republications

Democrats

116th Congress

January 3, 2019 - January 3, 2021

Mississippi U.S. Senators



Senior Senator
Roger Wicker

The Honorable Roger Wicker
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510
(202) 224-6253
Fax: (202) 228-0378
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Junior Senator
Cindy Hyde-Smith

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
G12 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510
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330 West Jefferson St, Ste B
Tupelo, MS 38804
P.O. Box 3777
Tupelo, MS 38803
(662) 844-5010
(662) 844-5030 Fax

Jackson Office
U.S. Federal Courthouse
501 East Court St, Ste 3-500
Jackson, MS 39201
(601) 965-4644
(601) 965-4007 Fax
(662) 844-5030 Fax

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

Gulfport Office
2909 13th St
3rd Floor, Ste 303
Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 871-7017
(228) 871-7196 Fax

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

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311 East Jackson Ave, Ste 249
Oxford, Mississippi 38665
(662) 236-1018
(662) 236-7618 Fax

Gulf Coast Office
2012 15th St, Ste 451
Gulfport, MS 39501
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(228) 867-9769 Fax

Mississippi District U.S. Representatives



1st District
Trent Kelly

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Washington, DC 20515
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(202) 225-3549 Fax
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318 North 7th St, Ste D
Columbus, MS 39701
(662) 327-0748
(662) 328-5982 Fax

Eupora Office
855 South Dunn St
Eupora, MS 39744
(662) 258-7240
(662) 258-7240 Fax

Farmington Office
4135 County Rd 200
Corinth, MS 38844
(662) 687-1525
(662) 841-8845 Fax

Hernando Office
2566 Caffey St, #200
P.O. Box 218
Hernando, MS 38632
(662) 449-3090
(662) 449-4836 Fax

Tupelo Office
431 West Main St
Tupelo, MS 38804
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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
- 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/>

Success on this issue... the Air Guard has agreed to provide Tuition Assistance to Airmen; they will be doing a test in several states with hopes of having 100% participation by spring 2020. EANGUS will follow implementation.

EANGUS Legislative Call to Action 2019-4

Protect Veterans' GI Bill Benefits!

Go to EANGUS Legislative Action Center and take Action.



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: <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/army-echoes> Editor's e-mail address: ArmyEchoes@mail.mil

Army Echoes Blog: <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/blog>

Army Emergency Relief: (866) 878-6378; <http://www.aerhq.org>

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

Army Flickr <https://www.flickr.com/photos/soldiersmediacenter/> **Army Homepage:** <http://www.army.mil>

Army Live Blog: <http://armylive.dodlive.mil/> **Army mobile phone apps:** <https://www.army.mil/mobile/>

Army Retirement Services: <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/home>

Army Stand To!: <http://www.army.mil/standto/>

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

Reservations: <http://www.ihgarmyhotels.com>

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>

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/

Legal Assistance Locator (Military): <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/>

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.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

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

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

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 <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/>,

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 <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/>; If overseas, contact the American Embassy/consulate, or visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/foreign/phones.html>.

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.humanarmilitary.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; <https://tricare.mil/homedelivery>

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/>



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: services@EANGUS.org.

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

State Games of Mississippi

Great athletes from all over Mississippi competed in the State Games of Mississippi in June and July. The competition during this 28th year included over 40 sports from archery to barrel racing to bowling to trail run to fencing to martial arts to 22 rifle competition to 3 gun competition.

Featured in first two pictures below is **Carson Myers** who won the Gold Medal in the shooting competition. **Connor Myers** is pictured in bottom two shots; he participated in the archery competition. Connor and Carson are the sons of Chris & Kristi Myers and Crystal Gunn and the grandson of Ricky and Connie Myers.



Carson shown receiving gold medal.



Archery competitors. Connor is on right.



Connor (right) readies his equipment.



Pat & Jerry Burchfield's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration



A few members of their Guard family were able to join the Burchfield family and community friends to celebrate with Pat and Jerry on June 22. Pictured below are from left: Vivian and Jerry Taylor; Charlie Carrigan; David Broadaway; Pat and Jim Bishop; and Paula Carrigan. Everything was lovely and it was a celebration to remember.





Fall equinox arrives on September 23, high school football season is in full swing, school kids have a month of the 2019-2020 school year under their belts, and summer vacations are wrapping up.

Hope your summer was great and you are now ready to buckle down and help your Executive Board work on Auxiliary membership. There's only about 100 days left in which to remind members that membership renewals are due and enlist new members. As in every issue of the *Mississippi Strong* newsletter you can find a list of all the classes of Auxiliary membership and Auxiliary membership forms, pages 6-11. Please help support your Guard spouse/family by joining today.



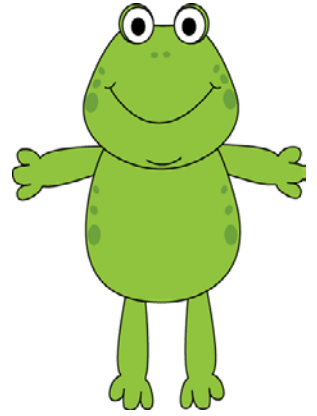
Mississippi State Fair Wednesday, October 02, 2019 through Monday, October 14, 2019

Working the gates and parking at the Mississippi State Fair has been a major Ways and Means project for the MS National Guard NCO Association for years. It takes many volunteers to man the assigned gate and provide parking direction. Please contact Executive Director Ricky Myers at msscml0@gmail.com if you will work during the Fair. Can't work? You can help minimize Association costs by providing food for those who will work. Let Ricky or Connie (nonnie3626@gmail.com) know that you will help with food.

HUMOR

Little Johnny was sitting on the porch talking to his Grandpa, retired Sergeant Major Bill Murray, when the young man asked, “Grandpa, do you know how to make animal sounds?” “I sure do,” the old Sergeant Major replied. “What sort of animal sound would you like to hear?” “How about a toad? Do you know how to sound like a toad?” said Little Johnny. “Sure,” said Grandpa, cupping his hands to his mouth, “croaaak, croaaak, how do you like that?” “Yippeel!” yelled Little Johnny jumping up and down. “We are going to Miami!” “Huh? Why’s that?” said the puzzled Sergeant Major. “Because Grandma said we could go to Miami after you croak!”

—from AUSA “Soldier Today” July 09, 2019



Personal note: here are two of my favorite Scripture verses. I pray they will encourage you today.

—Viv

