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Newsletter of the MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary

January-February 2020

n this jam-packed issue of the *Mississippi Strong* newsletter you will find: MS NG NCO Association/Auxiliary Conference information; date for EANGUS State Presidents/Legislative Workshops; minutes from EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus Meeting; membership & scholarship information and forms; seasonal highlights; information on TRICARE and much more. Please send any information for the newsletter to wivtay7@aol.com. Thanks for your assistance!

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MS NG NCO Association/Auxiliary State Conference March 27-29, 2020

Camp Shelby, Mississippi



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The annual Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) State Presidents/Legislative Workshops and Storm the Hill Event will be held on February 9-11, 2020. We welcome members of your state association and members nationwide in Washington, D.C., to help kick-off EANGUS National Office advocacy efforts for the 116th Congress. The EANGUS National Office staff will host guest speakers, panel discussions, breakout sessions, and receptions during the workshop.

Feb 08: Travel for State Presidents

Feb 09: State Presidents Workshop at Courtyard Marriott

Feb 09: Travel for Legislative/Ice Breaker Social for all

Feb 10: **Legislative Workshop** at Reserve Officers Association (ROA)

Feb 11: Hill Visits/Congressional Reception at Rayburn House Office Building - Room 2075, Gold Room

Feb 12: Travel



Registration

\$25 – State Presidents Workshop

\$100 – Legislative Workshop Early Bird until 20 December

\$150 – Legislative Workshop after 20 December. No refunds after 20 January, 2020

For complete details and to register online go to eangus.org under Events.

"For those who have fought for it, freedom has a taste the protected will never know." —unnamed Australian, quoted by SMA Glen E. Morrell, USA Ret.



The <u>U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)</u> wants to restrict Veterans from transferring their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to their families. Join us in helping Congress protect Veterans' rights!

HELP PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO TRANSFER THE POST 9/11 GI BILL

The Department of Defense has indicated they wish to further limit and deny service members and veterans the right to transfer their education benefits to their families. The Post 9/11 GI Bill Transferability Entitlement Act (TEA Act) in the Senate and House has been introduced as a response to DoD's intention to limit education benefits, and will ensure that transferring education benefits becomes an entitlement for all military families.

Please join us by reaching out to your Senator and member of Congress to vocalize your support for S. 2327 and HR. 5522, the Post 9/11 GI Bill Transferability Entitlement Act (TEA Act).

Answer The Call

https://eangus.org/legislative-calls-to-action-2/?vvsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f70270%2fRespond

Letter

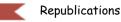
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I believe military families should have the ability to use their earned benefits as they see best, and I no longer want to see military families denied the benefits they were promised. I encourage you to support the TEA Act and fulfill your promise to protect veterans and their families.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET MS AUXILIARY LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN VIVIAN TAYLOR KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE RESPONDED TO CALLS TO ACTION AND WHEN YOU RECEIVE RESPONSES FROM LEGISLATORS. THANKS!!!

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EANGUS AREA IV AUXILIARY MEETING AREA IV MID-WINTER CAUCUS, AUSTIN, TEXAS HOLIDAY INN AUSTIN MID-TOWN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

Draft Minutes for Approval

Call to Order

EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director Judith Putman (KS) called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Invocation

EANGUS Area IV Auxiliary Director Trayce Young (AR) read Scripture related to the death of Lazarus and the delayed arrival of Jesus and noted that the purpose of Jesus went from healing to resurrection. She further stated that individuals needed to be willing to wait on Jesus. She led in prayer.

Rules to Govern Conference—The Rules to Govern Conference had been printed in The Voice of Area IV newsletter and EANGUS Area IV Auxiliary Director Judith Putman had copies available at the Auxiliary meeting.

RULES TO GOVERN CONFERENCE EANGUS AUXILIARY AREA IV MID-WINTER CAUCUS

- The governing documents for the 2020 EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Caucus shall be the Constitution and Bylaws of the EANGUS Auxiliary.
- 2. The presiding officer shall be the Director of the Area who is in the second year of his/her term.
- 3. The Area IV Directors shall appoint persons to serve in the various Caucus Committee capacities deemed necessary to effectively conduct the business of the Area IV Caucus.
- 4. At this Area IV Caucus, the voting body shall consist of each accredited member in attendance.
- 5. "Accredited member" is defined as one who meets the membership and dues qualifications.
- 6. Any member in attendance may speak on a subject under discussion.
- To be recognized, Stand, Address the Chair, Give your name and state. 7.
- 8. A timekeeper shall be appointed by the Area IV Directors for the Caucus. Members are limited to speaking twice on a motion, the second speech being in the nature of a rebuttal or new information on the motion. The mover of the motion is allowed three minutes, other speeches are limited to two minutes, debate to ten
- 9. A second to a motion must come from a state other than the one which proposed the motion.
- 10. Voting shall be by voice vote, except in the event of an undetermined vote and then voting shall be by ballot.
- 11. The election of the Secretary and Treasurer for EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV shall be held biannually at the Area IV Caucus preceding the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference at which the election of EANGUS Auxiliary officers is held... even years—2016, 2018, 2020, etc.
- 12. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the Parliamentary authority except where it is in conflict with the EANGUS Auxiliary Constitution, or with standing or special rules established by a General or Special Conference.

Roll Call of States

Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS) called the roll: Arkansas, 1 (Area IV Auxiliary Director/Arkansas Auxiliary President Trayce Young); Kansas, 3 (Area IV Auxiliary Director Judith Putman, Delores Edwards, and Judy Smith); Louisiana, 2 (LANGEA Auxiliary President and past Area IV Auxiliary Director Kim Clay and LANGEA Auxiliary Vice President Tammie Riggs); Mississippi, 5 (EANGUS Auxiliary/Mississippi Auxiliary Immediate Past President Connie Myers, EANGUS Auxiliary/Area IV Auxiliary/Mississippi Auxiliary Secretary Vivian Taylor, EANGUS Area IV Auxiliary Treasurer/past EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director Paula Carrigan, EANGUS Auxiliary past Area IV Director/Mississippi Auxiliary Treasurer Pat Burchfield, and past Mississippi Auxiliary District Director Willa Ales); Missouri, 0; Oklahoma, 0; Texas, 0. There were eleven (11) members present for the Area IV Auxiliary Meeting.

Minutes

Secretary Vivian Taylor (MS) indicated that the minutes had been sent by email following the 2019 Mid-Winter Caucus, again in January 2020, and had also been published in The Voice of Area IV newsletter. She also had a printed copy available at the January 18, 2020 meeting. Connie Myers (MS) moved that the minutes be approved as last published; Delores Edwards (KS) seconded. Motion carried.

Introduction of First Timer

Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association (LANGEA) Auxiliary President Kim Clay introduced first timer Tammie Riggs, Vice President of LANGEA Auxiliary.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Paula Carrigan (MS) presented the Treasurer's Report for the period July 16, 2019 through January 14, 2020. \$1,761.45 Beginning Balance Income

January-February	Mississippi Strong		2020
Silent Auction	\$	0.00	
EANGUS "We Care for America" Found	dation donations \$	0.00	
Donations		0.00	
Total Income	<u>\$</u> \$	0.00	
Expenses			
EANGUS "We Care for America" Found	dation, Inc. donation \$	0.00	
Area Director reimbursement	<u>\$</u>	0.00	
Total Expense	\$	0.00	
Ending Balance	\$ 1,7	61.45	
The Treasurer's report was filed for the record	1.		
Proposed Budget			
Treasurer Paula Carrigan (MS) presented the	proposed budget		
Income	11		
Silent Auction		\$ 400.00	
Miscellaneous donations		\$ 25.00	
EANGUS "We Care for America" Found	dation, Inc. donations	\$ 100.00	
Reserve money		\$ 325.00	
Total Income		\$ 850.00	
Expenses			
Area Directors (2) expense		\$ 400.00	
EANGUS "We Care for America" Found	dation, Inc. donation	\$ 100.00	
1/2 Silent Auction proceeds to Arkans	sas Auxiliary for		
use at 2020 EANGUS/Auxi	liary Conference	\$ 200.00	
Area IV Secretary & Treasurer Mid-	Winter registration reimburse	ment <u>\$ 150.00</u>	
Total Expenses		\$ 850.00	

Connie Myers (MS) moved the budget be approved as printed. Delores Edwards (KS) seconded motion. Motion carried.

State Reports

Arkansas—The Enlisted Association of the Arkansas National Guard (EAANG) Auxiliary President Trayce Young reported the following for 2019:

- ✓ Forwarded a copy of the winter edition of *The Voice of Area IV* to membership on January 7.
- ✓ Conducted an Auxiliary Board Meeting on January 14.
- ✓ President Trayce Young and Board member Angela Lechner attended the Mid-Winter Conference held in Springfield, Missouri.
 - Attended the general session of the Area IV Caucus.
 - Attended the Area IV Auxiliary meeting.
- ✓ President Trayce Young worked the Enlisted Association booth at MEDCOM February 2-3 and used this time to recruit new members for the Association and the Auxiliary.
- ✓ Conducted an Auxiliary Board Meeting on February 17.
- ✓ President Trayce Young and Board members Guinn Osborne and Angela Lechner attended the Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. February 25-28.
- ✓ President Trayce Young worked the Enlisted Association booth at MEDCOM March 9-10. Used this time to recruit new members for the Association and the Auxiliary.
- ✓ Conducted an Auxiliary Board Meeting on March 10.
- ✓ EAANG/Auxiliary Conference held in Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 12-14. Area IV Auxiliary Director, Mrs. Judith Putman, was the Auxiliary's special guest.
 - Attended the general meeting of the Auxiliary.
 - Discussed the importance of the legislative efforts—shared how to use VoterVoice.
 - Addressed the general meeting of the EAANG to provide updates on the Auxiliary and to encourage more spouses to join the Auxiliary.
- Auxiliary members worked the concession stand at the Arkansas Travelers' baseball game on April 27.

- ✓ Completed the State Chapter Information Sheet on May 2 and forwarded it back to Mrs. Judith Putman, Area IV Director.
- ✓ Board members Guinn Osborne and Angie New worked the Enlisted Association booth at MEDCOM on May 4. This time was used to recruit new members for the Association and the Auxiliary.
- ✓ Conducted an Auxiliary Board Meeting on July 1.
- ✓ Had a bake sale at MEDOM, Camp Robinson, on July 13 to raise funds for the EAANG Auxiliary.
- ✓ Forwarded a copy of *The Voice of Area IV* to all members on July 27.
- ✓ President Trayce Young, Treasurer Jessica Lance-Root, and Board member Guinn Osborne attended the annual EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference held in Des Moines, Iowa, August 4-7. Board member Angie New's husband was the 2nd place prize winner for the EANGUS Membership Drive.
 - Attended the EANGUS opening session.
 - Attended all Auxiliary meetings.
 - Went to the First Timers meeting.
- New member, Amy Burkhart Harris, joined the Arkansas Auxiliary on August 22.
- ✓ BBQ was catered to a group of soldiers at Camp Robinson on October 4. The Auxiliary helped with set-up and then served the soldiers.
- ✓ Conducted an Auxiliary Board Meeting on October 6.
- ✓ Issues of *The Signal* were sent to all Auxiliary members each month as they were received.
- ✓ Legislative alerts were emailed to all Auxiliary members as they were received.
- ✓ Scholarship alerts were emailed to all Auxiliary members as they were received.
- ✓ Encouraged Auxiliary members to enter recipes for the EANGUS cookbook.
- ✓ Arkansas had two Board members to resign due to new assignments for spouses: Secretary Elizabeth Esau's husband had become an officer. Board member Guinn Osborne's husband took a Title 10 position in Washington, D.C. Although EAANG Auxiliary had these changes, the Auxiliary was hopeful that all members would remain productive and that the EAANG Auxiliary would continue to thrive.

There was discussion on the Auxiliary working MEDCOM and whether that presence had led to gaining new Auxiliary members. President Young stated she thought a couple of new members had been recruited during those times. LANGEA Vice President Riggs noted that that would probably not work in Louisiana due to space and time constraints. Each state would need to evaluate such opportunities.

Kansas—EANGUS Area IV Auxiliary Director Judith Putman read the report for Kansas Auxiliary.

State Conference—The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kansas (EANGKS) Auxiliary held its annual meeting on April 27, 2019 in Manhattan, Kansas at the Four Points Sheridan Hotel in Manhattan, Kansas. The meeting was called to order by President Floyd Parks with the following members present: Delores Edwards, Andrea Holt, Judith Putman, Sandy Sadowski, and Karyl Stevens.

The Auxiliary awarded two (2) scholarships in the amounts of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for one and the other for four hundred dollars (\$400.00). The recipients of the scholarships were Madison Smith, Celina, Texas, granddaughter of Judy Smith and Kyleigh Kasper, Hays, Kansas, granddaughter of Carol Roush. There was a discussion on changing the distribution for the scholarships offered by the Auxiliary. It was decided to offer three (3) scholarships in the amounts of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for 2020.

Judith Putman reported that the Auxiliary needed to get legislative contact numbers up and instructed all those present on how to sign up with VoterVoice to read and respond to legislation.

There was discussion of needing information on the Auxiliary website. It was decided to post all forms on this website. President Floyd Parks appointed a new committee to handle this with Sandy Sadowski as the webmaster.

Election of Officers: Andrea Holt was elected Treasurer.

The silent auction was very successful, with many wonderful donations from vendors and supporters. It was reported later the silent auction raised eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) to add to the scholarship fund.

The Auxiliary once again joined with the retirees in hosting a hospitality room. Lots of good food and conversation were enjoyed.

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Area IV Mid-Winter—The Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus was held at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri. In attendance from Kansas were EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Director Judith Putman, Delores Edwards, and Sandy Sadowski.

EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference: The EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference was held in Des Moines, Iowa. EANGKS Auxiliary members who attended were Delores Edwards, Judith Putman, Sandy Sadowski, and Judy Smith. The EANGKS Auxiliary received recognition for the most new lifetime associates recruited during the period. A donation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) was made to EANGUS "We Care for America" Foundation, Inc. by the EANGKS Auxiliary at the Conference. On All States night Dorothy and Toto, along with the Tin Man, made their appearance again this year to represent Kansas. They brought new this year the Cowardly Lion who was well received by all. The Auxiliary expressed appreciation and thanks to Nichole Salle, Kenneth Boice, and Eugene Bradly for their creativity and efforts to give the evening some extra enjoyment.

On August 5th President Floyd Parks resigned. Sandy Sadowski was appointed to finish out his term. The current officers for Kansas are: President, Sandy Sadowski; Vice President, Vacant; Treasurer, Andrea Holt; Secretary, Vacant. Membership—Andrea Holt, Treasurer, submitted the membership list and dues to the EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer as of December 31, 2019.

Louisiana—LANGEA Auxiliary President Kim Clay reported the Auxiliary had:

- ✓ New officers—Tammie Riggs, Vice President; Artie Hickman, Secretary; and Jenna Lee, Treasurer.
- ✓ Sent State Chapter Information sheet to EANGUS Auxiliary Officers and Area IV Directors.
- ✓ Worked on membership, but was still a struggle.
- ✓ Successful 2019 Conference.

<u>Mississippi</u>—Secretary Vivian Taylor had emailed the report to all attendees and had a copy available at the meeting. State Conference—The MS NG NCO Association and Auxiliary met for annual Conference April 12-14, 2019 at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. The Conference was a celebration of 50 years of the MS NG NCO Association (1969-2019). Many Association Past Presidents were in attendance, some who had not been at Conference for a number of years, and they were recognized at the joint session on Saturday morning. The Auxiliary Past Presidents in attendance were also recognized during the joint session. The Conference included the standard events—golfing, fishing, bowling, hospitality rooms, Friday night catfish/chicken meal, Saturday morning Retiree Breakfast, business sessions and break outs, Awards Banquet, Sunday morning chapel service, etc. The planned corn hole tournament was cancelled.

Eight Auxiliary Past Presidents—Pat Bishop, Pat Burchfield, Paula Carrigan, Billie Davis, Ann Hart, Connie Myers, Dianne Sullivan, and Vivian Taylor—met for the Past Presidents Breakfast on Friday morning and were joined by the 2018-2019 President Angelia "Angel" Carnes. The PPs selected the 2020 recipient of the Leola "Bugger" Coggin Supporter Award. The Auxiliary held its Board Meeting on Friday morning and then opened the Silent Auction on Friday afternoon. A total of 136 items netted two thousand three hundred sixty-two dollars (\$2,362.00) for the Auxiliary treasury.

Former MS State Auditor Stacey Pickering, now Director of the Veterans Affairs Board, addressed the retirees at the Retiree Breakfast on Saturday morning. Auxiliary President Carnes spoke to the attendees on Saturday morning and received a check for one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) from the Association, which was a share of the proceeds from the Association's 2018 ways and means project, the Mississippi State Fair. The Auxiliary helped the Association with the project by working with Association members at the gate and by also providing food for those who worked the project.

The Auxiliary held its General Membership Meeting on Saturday morning. Members were presented with reports from the officers, directors, and committee chairmen and approved a budget of ten thousand one hundred dollars (\$10,100.00) which included one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for state scholarships and three hundred dollars (\$300.00) each for a MS Auxiliary philanthropic project, for the EANGUS Auxiliary philanthropic project, and for EANGUS "We Care for America (WCFA)" Foundation, Inc. Ninety dollars (\$90.00) was received for WCFA during the Auxiliary meeting. Auxiliary officers were re-elected: Angie Carnes, President; Vivian Taylor, Secretary; Pat Burchfield, Treasurer; and Kandice Netto, Director at Large. Connie Myers continued to serve as Immediate Past President. Sherry Clark was elected as District I Junior Director and Elaine Jackson ascended to District IV Senior Director.

The Association and Auxiliary were honored to have EANGUS President CSM (Ret) Karen Craig attend Conference and address the members on Saturday afternoon. The Association presented six (6) scholarships in the

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amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) each to: Lauren Grace Barnett; Jackson Patrick Daughdrill; Sterling Spears; Charles Cooper Clevenger; Elisha Tess Rodgers; and John Adam Howard Thomas. There were no eligible recipients for the 2019 Auxiliary scholarships. Also on Saturday afternoon, Tony L. Bailey, volunteer at the Jackson G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), accepted hundreds of food items worth hundreds of dollars, for the Freedom Foods Food Pantry at the Jackson VAMC.

The Saturday evening Awards Banquet included the presentation of the MS Best Warriors and Mississippi Adjutant General MG Janson D. Boyles and Mississippi Senior Enlisted Leader CSM John Raines, III announced the winners of the competition who were NCO of the Year, SGT Darrell Washington and Airman, AlC Trung Nguyen. Auxiliary President Angie Carnes presented the Auxiliary President's Award to Secretary Vivian Taylor and the Auxiliary's Side by Side Award to Chance Netto.

Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus—EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV Treasurer and Mississippi Auxiliary Past President Paula Carrigan, EANGUS Auxiliary and Mississippi Auxiliary Immediate Past President Connie Myers, EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary/Area IV Secretary and Mississippi Auxiliary Past President Vivian Taylor, and EANGUS Auxiliary and Mississippi Auxiliary associate lifetime member Jerry Taylor represented the Mississippi Auxiliary at the Auxiliary Caucus on Saturday morning January 19, 2019. There was a total of eleven (11) Auxiliary members from five (5) states present in the meeting. The Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus was held at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri. EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV members in attendance adopted a budget of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00), received one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for EANGUS WCFA, and netted three hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$398.00) for the EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV treasury. Mississippi Auxiliary members provided eleven (11) items that sold for one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00).

EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference—Mississippi Auxiliary seated delegates—Treasurer Pat Burchfield and Past President Paula Carrigan—and used six proxies. EANGUS Auxiliary Immediate Past President Connie Myers and EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary Vivian Taylor were present at all EANGUS Auxiliary functions. Mississippi Auxiliary donated three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to the EANGUS Auxiliary philanthropic project Paws & Effect. Mississippi Auxiliary received the Outstanding State Award in the 79 plus members category and received certificates for the largest percentage increase in lifetime members and associate members in that same category. Secretary Vivian Taylor was presented the 2019 Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award and the Recruiting Member of the Year Award. The EANGUS Auxiliary award nominees submitted by Mississippi all received the award for which nominated: Debra Campbell, Distinguished Service Award; Richard Bryant, Meritorious Service Award; and Dean Kennebeck, Spouse of the Year Award.

Newsletter—Secretary Vivian Taylor published eight (8) issues of *Mississippi Strong*, the Mississippi Auxiliary newsletter, in 2019. The newsletter included minutes from Auxiliary General Membership and Board Meetings, relevant information for military spouses and retirees, pictures from events, EANGUS and Area IV news, legislative Calls to Action and more.

Communication—All EANGUS Auxiliary and EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV newsletters and communication, as well as Calls to Action, were distributed by email to over one hundred forty-five (145+) members.

Legislative—About 20 Auxiliary members consistently answer EANGUS Calls to Action and communicate with legislators at both the state and national level.

Projects—The Auxiliary continued to assist the MS NG NCO Association with its Ways and Means project, the Mississippi State Fair by working at the gate and providing food items for those who worked. MS NG NCO Association and Auxiliary members worked at the 27th MS NG Summer Youth Camp, Kids AT. Association and Auxiliary members provided food items for the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VAMC Freedom Foods Food Pantry, as well as donating three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to the Freedom Foods Food Pantry from the Auxiliary budget. The Auxiliary continued to donate to EANGUS WCFA at all its meetings.

Board Meetings—The MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary met on April 12, 2019 in Jackson and on October 26, 2019 at Camp Shelby.

Deceased Lifetime Members—Patsy (Tate) Rowe, MS Auxiliary lifetime member #132 and EANGUS Auxiliary lifetime member #601, died November 16, 2019. EANGUS Auxiliary and Mississippi Auxiliary lifetime associate member James M. "Jim" Bishop, LA005 and MS 2014-1, died November 23, 2019.

Membership—The Mississippi Auxiliary reported the following numbers on December 31, 2019: ninety (90) annual members; eighty-six (86) lifetime members and twenty-nine (29) deceased lifetime members; eight-six (86) annual associate members; eight (8) EANGUS Auxiliary and Mississippi Auxiliary lifetime associate members and one (1) deceased EANGUS Auxiliary and Mississippi Auxiliary lifetime associate member; five (5) Mississippi Auxiliary

lifetime associate members and annual EANGUS Auxiliary associate members; and four (4) Mississippi only associate members.

Missouri—No report.

Oklahoma—Dormant.

Texas—Dormant.

Area Directors Reports

Area IV Director Judith Putman reported she:

- ✓ Sent the winter edition of *The Voice of Area IV* by email on January 5.
- ✓ Attended the Area IV Mid-Winter Caucus in Springfield, Missouri January 18-20.
 - Attended the general session of the Area IV Caucus.
 - Attended the Area IV Auxiliary meeting.
 - Spent most of free time with members outside of the formal meeting discussing the needs of Area IV and what members/leaders could do to improve the Auxiliary.
 - Helped set up the silent auction and helped close it out.
- ✓ Attended the Arkansas State Conference in Fort Smith April 12-14.
 - Attended the general meeting of the Auxiliary.
 - Discussed with the group the importance of legislation.
 - Discussed the importance of belonging to the Auxiliary. Arkansas Auxiliary had several prospective new members attend the meeting.
 - Attended the Auxiliary Executive Council meeting on Sunday morning.
- ✓ Attended the Kansas State Conference in Manhattan, Kansas April 26-28.
 - Attended the general meeting of the Auxiliary.
 - Discussed with the group the importance of legislation.
 - Spent time helping all download and use VoterVoice.
 - Addressed the general meeting of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kansas (EANGKS) touching on membership and legislative action.
- ✓ Distributed the State Chapter Information Sheet on May 2 to Area IV presidents to be returned to the EANGUS Auxiliary officers and Area IV Directors.
- ✓ Attended the Area IV Board Meeting (call-in for all) on June 12.
- ✓ Sent *The Voice of Area IV* by email on July 27.
- ✓ Prepared an updated Area IV Auxiliary Annual Checklist in July 2019 that was distributed at the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference.
- ✓ Attended the annual EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference in Des Moines, Iowa August 2-7.
 - Attended all Executive Council meetings.
 - Attended the EANGUS opening session.
 - Attended all EANGUS Auxiliary meetings.
- ✓ Attended the EANGKS Executive Council meeting in Wichita, Kansas on September 19.
- ✓ Attended the EANGKS Executive Council meeting in Emporia, Kansas on November 7.
- ✓ Sent *The Voice of Area IV* by email on December 18.
- ✓ Forwarded all issues of *The Signal* to the state presidents and others who signed up at the Area IV Caucus to be on my distribution list with the understanding that the information would be forwarded on to the state memberships.
- ✓ Forwarded information received from EANGUS as it was received.
- ✓ Corresponded with the new Auxiliary president in Missouri, Lynn Jordan, and answered her questions and sent her EANGUS Auxiliary information such as the Constitution and By-Laws and several of the EANGUS Auxiliary forms.
- ✓ Sent legislative alerts to the Area IV states to be distributed by the Auxiliary presidents.
- ✓ Sent scholarship alerts to the Area IV states to be distributed by the Auxiliary presidents.
- ✓ Sent reminders about the EANGUS cookbook to the membership.

Concerns: Bonnie Gilroy, June O'Dowd, Debra Campbell, Pat Bishop, and Ruth Ann Crawford were remembered by members— Bonnie, the death of husband Greg; June's health had not been good but especially since the death of her

husband; bad news was that Debra's mom had fallen during what looked like seizures but good news was that Debra was now in the "Cancer Survivor" category; Pat, the death of husband Jim and her health; Ruth Ann had had a stroke.

Area IV Director Trayce Young had no report at time of meeting. Area IV Auxiliary Director Young emailed the following to Area IV Auxiliary Secretary Taylor on January 21, 2020.

- ✓ Elected on August 6 as Area Director for Area IV Auxiliary at the EANGUS Auxiliary Conference in Des Moines, Iowa.
- ✓ As the new Area IV Auxiliary Director she was still learning role and responsibilities of Area Director.
- ✓ Had been in communication with Mrs. Judith Putman, Area IV Auxiliary Director, and Mrs. Angela Kennebeck, EANGUS Auxiliary President, to update them on everything accomplished by the EAANG Auxiliary.

Greetings and Report from EANGUS Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck—report received by email

President Kennebeck sent greetings and offered regrets that she could not be at the Area IV Mid-Winter Meeting in person. She noted that it would be a busy time with Presidents/Legislative Workshop upcoming in February. She stated it would be an excellent time to kick-start members' excitement and involvement with issues and concerns for each Association and its members and for the members of EANGUS/Auxiliary. Angela encouraged members to continue working *Side by Side* in the states and at the national level to push those concerns and issues to the people who can make changes, both at the state and national levels. She noted that some states struggled to get membership or even maintain enough members to keep status but that that struggle must not stop EANGUS/Auxiliary from being heard. The Area could also assist members from states without an Association in having their voices heard. Angela said she was looking forward to seeing members from states at the Workshops in February, while visiting some state conferences, and at the Big Dam Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas in August.

Unfinished Business

The site visit for the EANGUS/Auxiliary Big Dam Conference to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas would be May 15-17. During the EANGUS/Auxiliary Conference Area IV states would be in the Marriott, which would be the host hotel. EAANG Auxiliary President Trayce Young had been in contact with EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Coordinator Sheila Bandy to share possible locations for the EANGUS Auxiliary Past Presidents meal function. Members encouraged Trayce to also contact EANGUS Auxiliary President Angela Kennebeck in regard to the person who would be in charge of the Silent Auction and Past President Judy Wood to check on the status of having the sponsored Auxiliary Brunch on Tuesday morning of EANGUS Auxiliary Conference and the sponsored Auxiliary Break on Wednesday morning of Conference. It would also be good to check with Joan Gardiner at EANGUS on the Auxiliary Conference Book. Members had already noted that they preferred EANGUS Auxiliary roll call be on one sheet with grid lines.

New Business

Election of EANGUS Area IV Auxiliary Secretary and Treasurer

Connie Myers (MS) nominated Vivian Taylor (MS) for Secretary and Paula Carrigan (MS) for Treasurer. Kim Clay (LA) seconded those nominations. EANGUS Area IV Auxiliary Director Judith Putman (KS) called for any other nominations. Delores Edwards (KS) moved the nominations cease and that Vivian Taylor be elected by acclamation as Secretary and Paula Carrigan be elected by acclamation as Treasurer. Pat Burchfield (MS) seconded motion. Motion carried.

State Conferences

- ✓ Arkansas—April 24-25, 2020, Little Rock, Arkansas (combined with officers).
- ✓ Kansas—April 17-18, 2020, Holiday Inn, Wichita, Kansas.
- ✓ Louisiana—August 7-9, 2020, , Louisiana.
- ✓ Mississippi—March 27-29, 2020, Camp Shelby, Mississippi.
- ✓ Missouri—April 24-25, 2020, Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri.
- ✓ Oklahoma—63rd National Guard Association of Oklahoma Conference and Military Ball, February 7-8, 2020, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Norman Hotel & Conference Center, Norman, Oklahoma.
- ✓ Texas—March 26-29, 2020, Irving Convention Center Las Colinas, Texas, Westin Hotel.

State Presidents Workshop & Legislative Workshop

The Workshops would be held February 9-11, 2020.

Schedule/Dates for Reports

There was discussion about the schedule of Auxiliary events and dates when reports would be due. Reference was made to the EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV schedule devised two years past. An updated schedule was distributed by Area IV Director Judith Putman at the Area IV Caucus in Des Moines, Iowa.

Newsletter

Area IV Auxiliary Director Judith Putman published three issues of *The Voice of Area IV* newsletter. Director Putman would continue to request information from states and publish the newsletter following the stated deadline for submission.

Membership

Membership continued to be an issue in the Area IV states and in most of the EANGUS Auxiliary. Discussion indicated that face-to-face recruitment seemed to still be the best way to enlist new members.

EANGUS "We Care for America" Foundation, Inc. Donations

Treasurer Carrigan (MS) reported that eighty-eight dollars (\$88.00) had been donated for EANGUS "We Care for America" Foundation, Inc.

Announcements

- ✓ Members were encouraged to visit the Silent Auction and bid. The Silent Auction would close at the conclusion of the EANGUS Area IV Meeting; members were encouraged to pick up items as soon as possible.
- ✓ Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m.
- ✓ Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Hill Country D.

Benediction

Area IV Auxiliary Director Trayce Young prayed the benedictory prayer.

Meeting Adjourned

The Area IV Auxiliary meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Vivian D. Taylor Vivian D. Taylor

Secretary, 2018-2020

Silent Auction—Three hundred seventy-four dollars (\$374.00) was raised in the Silent Auction. There were thirty-two (32) items from five (5) states: Arkansas, 2 items (\$20.00); Kansas, 12 items (\$129.00); Louisiana, 1 item (\$11.00); Mississippi, 16 items (\$196.00); Texas, 1 item (\$18.00).

Goodies—EANGUS Auxiliary/Mississippi Auxiliary Immediate Past President Connie Myers provided popcorn snacks for Auxiliary meeting attendees; EANGUS Area IV Auxiliary Director Judith Putman gave super-size M&Ms to members; and EANGUS Auxiliary Area IV/Mississippi Auxiliary Treasurer Paula Carrigan brought decadent muffins for members. [Jerry and I enjoyed goodies all the way back to Clara, Mississippi.]



MISSISSIPPI AT EANGUS AREA IV MID-WINTER CAUCUS

MS NG NCO ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT TOMMY MORGAN LED THE NCO ASSOCIATION DELEGATION AT EANGUS AREA IV MID-WINTER CAUCUS IN AUSTIN, TEXAS JANUARY 17-19, 2020. PICTURED FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: WILLA ALES, LINDA MARBLE, AND LINDA MATTHEWS. SECOND ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: TOMMY MORGAN, PAULA CARRIGAN, KEITH ALES, VIVIAN TAYLOR, PAT BURCHFIELD, TERESA WHITE, AND GAIL MCKINION. THIRD ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: GAIL MORGAN, CHARLIE CARRIGAN, CONNIE MYERS, RICKY MYERS, JERRY TAYLOR, JERRY BURCHFIELD, LEROY MATTHEWS, HANK FAIRCHILD, AND NICKIE WHITE.

IT WAS A BIG GROUP
AT DINNER ON SATURDAY.
FRANK HAD TO STAND ON A CHAIR,
ALMOST IN THE HALLWAY,
TO GET A PICTURE OF THE ENTIRE GROUP!!!



PHONETIC ALPHABET WORD SEARCH

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49th EANGUS Conference



Little Rock, AR August 9-12, 2020



Attendee Registration

 $\underline{https://eangusconference.org/2020\text{-}conference-registration/}$



Iowa 2019 EANGUS & EANGUS Auxiliary Conference Books

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48th EANGUS

Conference

Book 2019

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46th EANGUS AUXILIARY Conference Book 2019

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50th EANGUS Conference

August 8-11, 2021 Albuquerque, New Mexico 51st EANGUS Conference

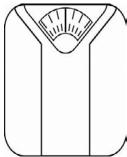
August 14-17, 2022

Rochester, Minnesota

—Thanks to Roxie for providing this page for our information!

Humor

Sergeant Brian Wilson returns to his unit's motor pool after lunch looking depressed and saddened. "Brian, what's wrong with you?" said Sergeant Dan Dailey, adding; "You look like your dog died. Are you okay?" "Oh Dan," responded Brian, "I don't know what to do! I got into a big fight last night with my girlfriend Suzie, she claims I never buy her gifts, so I must not care about her!" "Brian, that's horrible!" said Dan, putting his arm around Brian. "What type of a gift does she want you to get her?" "Well, right before she



closed the door in my face, she said to me; 'Why don't you show me how much you care about me? Why can't you get me something that goes from 0 to 150 in seconds?!' "'Dan what should I do? I don't have that kind of money? I can't go out and buy her a car!" "A car? asked Dan. "Who needs a car? Just stop by Target and buy her a scale!"

—Soldier Today October 29, 2019

The Legend of St. Valentine

The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. Valentine's Day occurs every February 14. Across the United States and



in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly romantic figure.

Time to Elect New Officers and District Directors

It's almost time for the annual MS NG NCO Association/Auxiliary Conference. At Conference the Auxiliary members will elect officers and district directors to lead the Auxiliary for the next year. If you have any interest in serving or you know of someone who might be interested, please contact one of these individuals: President Angie Carnes (angelia.h.carnes43@gmail.com), Secretary Vivian Taylor (vivtay7@aol.com), or Immediate Past President Connie Myers (nonnie3626@gmail.com). We want to hear from you and we will be delighted to discuss the duties of each officer and district director. Service for National Guard members and families through the MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary is a worthwhile challenge and can be a most rewarding experience. You can also make friends who will last a lifetime and support you through every life event.

MS NG NCO ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY PAST PRESIDENTS

1970-71—Dot Brown, deceased

1971-72—Doris Williams, deceased

1972-73—Virginia Brown, deceased

1973-74—Agnes Tupman, deceased

1974-75—Ruth Ann Crawford

1975-76—Dianne Sullivan

1976-77—Delores Ford, deceased

1977-78—Dot Dudley, deceased

1978-79—Beverly Hurst

1979-80—Elwanda Keith

1980-81—Billie Davis

1981-82—Beverly Lee, deceased

1982-83—Dot Brown, deceased

1983-84—Judy Harris

1984-85—Ann Hart

1985-86—Dot Pee, deceased

1986-87—Paulette McLeod, deceased

1987-88—Paula Carrigan

1988-90—Brooks Marr

1990-91—Ancia Lowery

1991-92—Mildred Geary, deceased

1992-93—Danna Davis

1993-94—Doris J. Hoxie, deceased

1994-95—Linda B. Bishop, deceased

1995-96—Vivian D. Taylor

1997-98—Barbara McCay

1998-99—Shirley A. Ritter, deceased

1999-2000—Janet McCullum*

2000-2001—Pearleen Pearce

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

2011-2012—Pat Burchfield

2012-2013—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

^{1996-97—}Suzie Stewart

^{*}unable to complete term



Sgt. Michael Russel, Texas Army National Guard, analyzes network traffic during a Cyber Shield 19 training week class at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. (u.s. ARMTY/STAFF SGT. GEORGE DAVIS

AUSAExtra

National Guard Defends Homeland Against Malicious Cyber Activity

The chief of the National Guard Bureau said the Guard is prepared to respond to cyber attacks that are now "daily battlegrounds" in the homeland, citing attacks on school districts and government agencies in Texas and Louisiana earlier this year.

"Our adversaries and nonstate actors use cyber activity to target personnel, commercial and government infrastructure, and the effects can be devastating," Air Force Gen. Joseph Lengyel said during a Nov. 5 media roundtable at the Pentagon.

Cybersecurity is a relatively new domain, but one of increasing importance and one where the Guard has seen growing involvement.

—For full article see page 4 "AUSA Extra", November 21, 2019



December 10th was the 202nd birthday of Mississippi. Mississippi was the 20th state admitted to the Union.

Different Classes of Membership for the Auxiliary

Annual Member—Your spouse must be a member of the MS NG NCO Association. In Mississippi 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.

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.

<u>Mississippi</u> <u>Auxiliary 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.

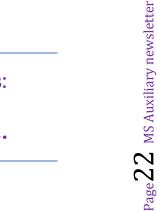
<u>EANGUS</u> <u>Auxiliary</u> <u>Associate</u> <u>Lifetime</u> Member—The rules are the same as for the Mississippi Auxiliary Associate Lifetime Member, except it is for the National Organization only and there will be no more dues. Cost is \$100.00.

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!



Welcome to our newest lifetime members:

Linda S. Dean & Mev T. Knight.



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MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY <u>STATE</u> LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary

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-- Side By Side We Stand With Pride --

November 2018

MS NG NCO ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YOUR NAME:		
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DATE:	YOUR SIGNATURE:	
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TREASURER PAT BURCHFIELD MS NG NCO ASSN. AUXILIARY 2443 DOGWALK RD, TUTWILER, MS		ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

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

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



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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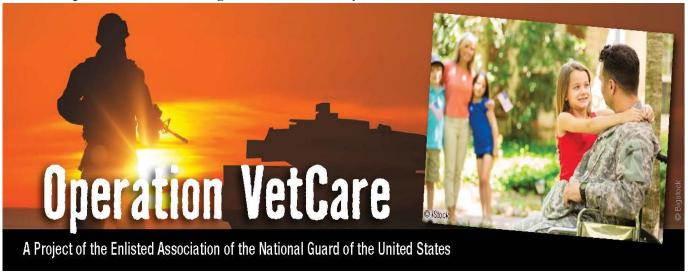
The Mississippi Auxiliary currently has nine (9) EANGUS Auxiliary Life Associate Members; one is deceased.

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.

Please be generous with WCFA donations. The need is great due to all the recent natural disasters

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





—Information on VetCare and WCFA reprinted from the EANGUS website

National Guard portrait is now available for individual sales... https://eangus.org/national-guard-portrait/

Do you know the pledge to the Mississippi State Flag? I salute the flag of Mississippi and the sovereign state for which it stands with pride in her history and achievements and with confidence in her future under the guidance of Almighty God.



EANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS



2019-2020

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)

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

Deadline for submitting scholarship application is 30 June 2020.

Liz Bryant, EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chair <u>labrab0704@gmail.com</u>

Note: Mississippi Auxiliary applicants need to submit complete scholarship packet <u>to</u> MS Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman, <u>Pat Burchfield</u>, not later than <u>MAY 31, 2020</u>, so that she can review the application before forwarding to EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman Liz Bryant.

If you need more info contact Pat at <u>patburchfieldbo@hotmail.com</u>. PatBurchfield's address is on the front page of this newsletter.





- Spouses of Auxiliary Members
- Children, Stepchildren, Grandchildren
 and
- Step Grandchildren of Auxiliary members in good standing

Mississippi applicants must be sponsored by a current member of the Mississippi Auxiliary.

ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Name:				
	Last	First	I	Middle
Home Add	ress:			
	Street	City	State	Zip Code
Telephone			Birth Date	
Male	Female	Single	Married	
		and Unit of Parent, sor who is a Nation		-
	Expi	ration Date of Enlist	ment or Retiremer	ıt
Current Sta	itus of Applicant (c	check one):		
High Schoo	ol Colle	ge Busin	ess/Trade	Working
	-	he following inform or College and Gra		
Number of	brothers, sisters a	and their ages (if liv	ing at home):	
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Your Occup	pation:			
Number of	Children and thei	r ages (if living at h	ome):	
		lege, University, Tr		- -
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List offices to which you have been elected in any orga	nization:
List honors (school, athletic, citizenship, etc.) which yo	u have been awarded:
What career are you planning to pursue and why?	
While attending college, will you work part-time	or during the summer
Persons eligible to apply are: EANGUS Auxiliary mem children/step children, grandchildren/step grandchild and life EANGUS Auxiliary members.	=
State Enlisted Association Auxiliary Member (father is not normally a sponsor): Signatures must be hand written not by computer. (This is your EANGUS Auxiliary Sponsor.)	Relationship to you Father /Step Father, Mother/Step Mother, Grandparent/Step Grandparent, Spouse or Self:
I have answered the above questions to the best of my	knowledge and belief:
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:	DATE:
SIGNATURE OF YOUR AUXILIARY SPONSOR: (This is your EANGUS Auxiliary Sponsor and must December 2019).	t be a member by 31
If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any scholar Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United	arship money I received to the
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:	

All applications must be accompanied by:

- 1. An **official** transcript of high school credits and/or college credits for applicants already enrolled in institutions of higher learning.
- 2. **Signed and dated** letter from applicant with specific goals to continue his/her education and why financial aid is required, not less than three hundred fifty (350) words and not to exceed five hundred (500) words.
- 3. Three **signed and dated** Letters of Recommendation verifying the application and giving personal traits. These may be from high school principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer, etc.
- 4. A Letter of Recommendation and transmittal from State Auxiliary President, Scholarship Chairperson or Designee indicating all documentation is in order.
- 5. YOU MAY USE SEPARATE SHEETS IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED.

(Deadline postmark date for submission to the National Scholarship Chairperson is 30 June.)



ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY

November 30, 2019

State Auxiliary Presidents, Scholarship Chairperson, National Officers and Directors

Reference: Scholarship Rules

The Scholarship Committee of EANGUS Auxiliary is accepting applications for the school year 2019-2020. If funds are available, one USAA scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.00 will be awarded to the number one ranked applicant; one EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00 will be awarded to the number two ranked applicant; one EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.00 will be awarded to the third ranked applicant; the fourth and fifth ranked applicants will receive \$1,000.00 each. These amounts approved by the body at the August 2019 National Conference will be available effective for this school year.

- 1. Please read materials carefully before giving any applications to candidates. Be prepared to give assistance if needed. No previous recipients are allowed to apply again.
- 2. In order for each application to be considered, it MUST contain the following documentation NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - a. Official High School/College Transcripts.
 - b. Three **signed and dated** Letters of Recommendation.
- c. Signed and dated letter from Applicant containing future goals and need for assistance. The letter must not be less than three hundred fifty (350) words and not to exceed five hundred (500) words.
- d. A Letter of Recommendation and Transmittal from the State Auxiliary President, Scholarship Chairperson or Designee indicating that the application is in order and has all documentation.
 - 3. EANGUS Auxiliary sponsor must have dues paid to National Auxiliary no later than December 31, 2019.
- 4. For applicants to be eligible, sponsor's State Auxiliary must make a donation to the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Fund for the current and prior year. (Mandatory donation is \$2.00 per member annually payable by December 31.)

It will be the responsibility of each State to make the information available to their membership. You may copy the application, however, DO NOT reduce it. Each State is to designate a Scholarship Chairperson and the applications returned to that person by a specific date. The application should then be reviewed to ensure all requirements have been met. Any incorrect applications received by the National Committee will be considered ineligible.

Each scholarship application to be considered by the National Committee must be mailed to Liz Bryant, 1 C Camino de Pinones, Glorieta, NM 87535. If there are any questions, I can be reached at labrab0704@gmail.com. Packets must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2020 to be considered.

Liz Bryant

Liz Bryant Auxiliary National Scholarship Chairperson

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November 30, 2019

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary Scholarship Awards Program is as follows: The following persons are eligible:

- 1. EANGUS Auxiliary Members
- 2. Unmarried, children/step children, grandchildren/step grandchildren, up to age 26, of Annual and Life EANGUS Auxiliary Members.
- 3. Spouses of EANGUS Auxiliary Members

Verification of membership in the EANGUS Auxiliary of the mother, father, step mother/father, grandparents/step grandparents, spouse or self is necessary for applicants to be eligible.

For applicants to be eligible, sponsor's State Auxiliary must have made a donation to the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship fund for the current year and the prior year. (Mandatory amount is \$2.00 per member per year payable by 31 December.)

Applicants must be enrolled at a university, college, business or trade school taking a minimum of eight accredited hours. **Graduate students are not eligible**.

An alternate recipient will be selected in case a recipient is unable to accept the award.

There shall be no consideration whatsoever given by the judges because of rank or grade of applicant, applicant's parents/step parents, grandparents/step grandparents or applicant's spouse.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, character, leadership and need. All applications must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- 1. An official transcript of high school credits and/or college credits for applicants already enrolled in institutions of higher learning.
- 2. Signed and dated letter from applicant with specific goals to continue his/her education and why financial aid is required, not less than three hundred fifty (350) words and not to exceed five hundred (500) words.
- 3. Three **signed and dated** letters of recommendation verifying the application and giving general personal traits. These may be from high school principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer, etc.
- 4. A letter of recommendation and transmittal from State Auxiliary President, Scholarship Chairperson or Designee.

Checks will be sent directly to the recipient, made payable to the institution of the recipient's choice, when verification of current enrollment is received by the committee chairperson.

These are one-time awards and shall not be repeated. Non-recipients may reapply so long as stated requirements—are met. If the school term is not completed, due to cause other than sickness or injury, the student will refund the—scholarship award in full to the EANGUS Auxiliary.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of funds availability for the current year and the number of applicants.

DEADLINE POSTMARK DATE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON IS 30 JUNE 2020.

TRICARE® Costs and Fees 2020 NOVEMBER 2019





This brochure provides an overview of most costs and fees for TRICARE programs. For detailed costs and fees, including those for TRICARE For Life, visit www.tricare.mil/costs. To learn more about each TRICARE program option and eligibility, visit www.tricare.mil/planfinder.

TRICARE beneficiaries fall into one of two groups: Group A or Group B

- You're in Group A if your initial enlistment or appointment or that of your uniformed services sponsor began before Jan. 1, 2018.
- You're in Group B if your initial enlistment or appointment or that of your uniformed services sponsor began on or after Jan. 1, 2018.

Note: When enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS), TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR), TRICARE Young Adult (TYA), or the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP), Group A beneficiaries follow Group B deductibles and applicable copayments or cost-shares.

TRICARE PRIME® (JAN. 1-DEC. 31, 2020)

Includes TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote, the US Family Health Plan (USFHP), and TYA Prime plans.

Annual Enrollment Fees (TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote, and USFHP only)

No yearly enrollment fee for active duty service members (ADSMs), active duty family members (ADFMs), and transitional survivors (surviving spouses during the first three years and surviving dependent children) worldwide.

For retirees, their families, and most others':

- . Group A: \$300 per individual/\$600 per family
- Group B: \$366 per individual/\$732 per family

Annual Deductible

There is no annual deductible.

TRICARE Prime Out-of-Pocket Costs

ADSMs, ADFMs, and transitional survivors					
Covered service	Group A	Group B			
All covered services	\$0	\$0			
Retirees, their families, and all others					
Covered service	Group A	Group B			
Preventive Care Visit	\$0	\$0			
Primary Care Outpatient Visit	\$20	\$20			
Specialty Care Outpatient Visit	\$31	\$31			
Urgent Care Center Visit \$31 \$31					
Emergency Room Visit	\$62	\$62			
Inpatient Admission (Hospitalization)	\$156/ admission	\$156/ admission			

TRICARE Prime Point-of-Service Option

When you see a TRICARE-authorized provider other than your primary care manager for any nonemergency services without a referral, you pay:

A yearly deductible before TRICARE cost-sharing will.

TRICARE SELECT® (JAN. 1-DEC. 31, 2020)

Includes TRICARE Select, TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) Select, TRS, TRR, TYA Select, and CHCBP plans.

Annual Enrollment Fees (TRICARE Select and TOP Select only)

No yearly enrollment fee for ADFMs. For retirees, their families, and others:

- Group A: No yearly enrollment fee
- Group B: \$471 per individual/\$942 per family

Annual Deductible

You must spend your deductible amount before TRICARE cost-sharing begins:

ADFMs and TRS members						
Pay grades E-4 and below						
Group A		Group B				
Individual	Family	Individual	Family			
\$50	\$100	\$52	\$104			
Pay grades E-	5 and above	9				
Group A Group B						
Individual	Family	Individual	Family			
\$150	\$300	\$156	\$313			
Retirees, the	r families, 1	RR members, and	I all others			
Group A		Group B				
Individual	Family	Individual	Family			
\$150	\$300	Network†: \$156	Network†: \$313			
		Out-of-Network†: \$313	Out-of-Network†: \$626			

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* For certain beneficiaries in Group A, their enrollment fee remains frozen at the rate when the survivor or medically-retired member is classified in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System in either categor and enrolls as long as there is a continuous TRICARE

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TRICARE Select Out-of-Pocket Costs: Network and Out-of-Network*

Covered Services	ADFMs and TRS members		Retirees, their families, TRR members, and all others	
	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B
Preventive Care Visit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Primary Care Outpatient Visit	Network: \$22 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$15 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$30 Out-of-Network: 25%†	Network: \$26 Out-of-Network: 25%†
Specialty Care Outpatient Visit	Network: \$33 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$26 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$45 Out-of-Network: 25%†	Network: \$41 Out-of-Network: 25%†
Urgent Care Center Visit	Network: \$22 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$20 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$30 Out-of-Network: 25%†	Network: \$41 Out-of-Network: 25%†
Emergency Room Visit	Network: \$89 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$41 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$118 Out-of-Network: 25%†	Network: \$83 Out-of-Network: 25%†
Inpatient Admission (Hospitalization)	\$19.55 per day or \$25 per admission (whichever is more) Network and Out-of-Network	\$62 per admission Network	\$250 per day or up to 25% hospital charge (whichever is less); plus 20% separately billed services Network	\$182 per admission Network
\$\frac{1}{2} Subsistence charge refers to the rate charged for inpatient care obtained in a military hospital or clinic. \$\frac{2}{2} All final claims reimbursed under the TRICARE Diagnosis Related Group (DRG)-based payment system are to be priced using the rules, weights, and rates in effect as of the		20% [†] Out-of-Network	\$953 per day or up to 25% hospital charge (whichever Is less); plus 25% separately billed services Out-of-Network	25%† Out-of-Network
date of discharge.	\$19.55 per day (subsistence charge) ¹ Military Hospital or Clinic			

Network means a provider in the TRICARE network. Out-of-network means a TRICARE-authorized provider not in the TRICARE network.

PREMIUM-BASED HEALTH PLANS

When enrolled in a premium-based health plan (TRS, TRR, TYA Prime, TYA Select, or CHCBP), you pay a monthly or quarterly premium and follow Group B deductibles and applicable copayments or cost-shares.

Quarterly Premium (Oct. 1, 2019–Sept. 30, 2020)			
Premium-Based Plan	Individual	Family	
Continued Health Care Benefit Program	\$1,553	\$3,500	

Monthly Premium (Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2020)			
Premium-Based Plan	Member only	Member and family	
TRICARE Reserve Select	\$44.17	\$228.27	
TRICARE Retired Reserve	\$444.37	\$1,066.26	
TRICARE Young Adult Prime	\$376	Not available	
TRICARE Young Adult Select	\$228	Not available	

⁺ Percentage of TRICARE maximum-allowable charge after deductible is met.

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Catastrophic Cap

The catastrophic cap is the most you or your family may pay out of pocket for covered TRICARE health care services each calendar year. This protects you because it limits the amount of out-of-pocket expenses you pay for TRICARE covered medical services. **Note**: The TYA member's catastrophic cap is based on the sponsor's status but follows Group B. The CHCBP catastrophic cap follows Group B.

Sponsor or Beneficiary Type	Group A	Group B
ADFMs	\$1,000/family	\$1,044/family
Retirees, their families, and others	\$3,000/family	\$3,655/family
TRS members	(Follow Group B)	\$1,044/family
TRR members	(Follow Group B)	\$3,655/family



PHARMACY COSTS (JAN. 1, 2020-DEC. 31, 2021)

ADSMs have no prescription drug costs when using a military pharmacy, TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery, or a TRICARE retail network pharmacy for covered drugs. Costs for all others are shown below.

At TRICARE retail network and non-network pharmacies, you may get up to a 30-day supply of your covered prescription. With all other pharmacy options, you may get up to a 90-day supply. Your options for filling your prescription depend on the type of drug your provider prescribes. Some drugs are only covered through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery. Overseas, some limitations may apply.

To learn more, visit www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE or call Express Scripts, Inc., which administers the TRICARE pharmacy benefit, at 1-877-363-1303.

Pharmacy types	Formulary drug costs		Non-formulary drug costs	Non-covered
	Generic	Brand-name		drug costs
Military pharmacy 30 day supply	\$0	\$0	Generally not available without medical necessity	Not available
TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery 90 day supply	\$10	\$29	\$60	Not available
TRICARE retail network pharmacy 30 day supply	\$13	\$33	\$60	Full cost of dru
Non-network pharmacy (In the U.S. and U.S. territories: American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)	TRICARE Prime options: 50% cost-share applies after the point-of- service (POS) deductible is met All other beneficiaries: You pay for formulary drugs (\$33 or 20% of total cost, whichever is more, after you meet your annual deductible) and non-formulary drugs (\$60 or 20% of total cost, whichever is more, after you meet your annual deductible).			Full cost of dru
Overseas pharmacy (outside the U.S. and U.S. territories) Visit www.tricare.mil/overseas- pharmacy for more information.	ADSMs and ADFMs using TOP Prime or TOP Prime Remote: \$0 (you may have to pay the full cost up front and file a claim for reimbursement) ADFMs using TOP Select and TRS members: 20% cost-share after yearly deductible is met Retirees, their families, TRR members, and all others enrolled in TOP Select: 25% cost-s, we after the yearly deductible is not		Full cost of dru	

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VOLUNTARY DENTAL PROGRAMS

There are two voluntary dental options separate from TRICARE health care options: the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (offered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management). Below are the TDP rates. To learn more about dental programs and eligibility, visit www.tricare.mil/dental.

TRICARE Dental Program Monthly Premiums (May 1, 2019–April 30, 2020)

-	premium	family member, not	Family premium (more than one family member, not the sponsor)	Sponsor-and-family premium
Active duty	N/A	\$11.54	\$30.00	N/A
Selected Reserve	\$11.54	\$28.85	\$75.01	\$86.55
Individual Ready Reserve	\$28.85	\$28.85	\$75.01	\$103.86

TRICARE Dental Program Out-of-Pocket Costs (May 1, 2019–April 30, 2020)

Services, deductibles, and maximums	TRICARE Dental Program	
Diagnostic, preventive (including sealants)	0%	
Basic restorative	20%	
Endodontic, periodontic, oral surgery	Pay grades E-1 through E-4: 30%; All others: 40%	
Prosthodontic, Implant, orthodontic	50%	
Yearly deductible	\$0	
Non-orthodontic service maximum*	\$1,500 (per person, per contract year, May 1-April 30)	
Orthodontic lifetime maximum	\$1,750 (per person, per lifetime)	
Dental accident maximum	\$1,200 (per person, per contract year, May 1-April 30)	

^{*} Orthodontic diagnostic service charges are applied towards the non-orthodontic service maximum, but other diagnostic and preventive service charges are not.

LOOKING FOR More Information?





TRICARE Costs

www.tricare.mil/costs



TRICARE Plan Finder

ww.tricare.mil/planfinder



TRICARE East Region

Humana Military 1-800-444-5445 HumanaMilitary.com www.tricare-east.com



www.tricare-overseas.com

TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP)

International SOS Government Services, Inc. For toll-free contact information, visit this website.



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TRICARE Pharmacy Program

Express Scripts, Inc. 1-877-363-1303 1-877-540-6261 (TDD/TTY) www.tricare.mil/pharmacy www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE



TRICARE Dental Program

United Concordia Companies, Inc. 1-844-653-4061 (CONUS) 1-844-653-4060 or 1-717-888-7400 (OCONUS) 711 (TDD/TTY) www.uccitdp.com



TRICARE West Region

Health Net Federal Services, LLC 1-844-866-WEST (1-844-866-9378) www.tricare-west.com

Here's What the Guard and Reserve Get in the 2020 Defense Spending Bill

12 Dec 2019 Military.com | By <u>Amy Bushatz</u>

Reservists and <u>National Guard</u> members could soon see expanded access to <u>Tricare</u> for some troops, the return of some benefits after certain deployments and help for students through an annual defense spending deal brokered on Capitol Hill this week.

Like active-duty troops, reservists and members of the National Guard have access to benefits set by federal law. But because most split their time between military and civilian jobs, their benefit changes have less visibility in the National Defense Authorization Act.

The law is expected to pass the Senate next week, then head to the president's desk for his signature.

What's in the fiscal 2020 NDAA specifically for Guard and Reserve members? Here's a snapshot of some of the major changes.

Deployment Benefits Fix

A 2012 law allowed guardsmen and reservists to be mobilized involuntarily for certain types of deployment rotations supporting combatant commands, known as "12304b orders." But the law failed to put in place a measure that allows troops on those orders to receive the post-deployment benefits Reserve and Guard members otherwise get, such as access to the <u>post-9/11 GI Bill</u> and transitional health benefits. While those specific issues were remedied in laws passed in 2017 and 2018, one major benefit problem lingered: qualifications around retirement.

The 2020 NDAA would fix that problem, putting those deployments in a category that allows Guard and Reserve members to reach retirement faster, just as they would on other types of federal deployments. The change would be retroactive to 2012.

Expanded Tricare Access for Guardsmen on Tech Orders

About 60,000 traditional drilling Guard members also work in their Guard units as federal civilian employees. Known as "dual-status technician" jobs, these billets give Guard units better continuity between drill weekends without moving troops to active Guard roles.

But because Guard techs qualify for DoD civilian employee benefits, federal law blocks them from using Tricare, an option that would lower out-of-pocket costs for most users but result in a steep additional cost to the Tricare program.

The 2020 NDAA would allow techs to qualify for Tricare in 2030. That delay will give lawmakers a chance to find a way to pay for it, officials with the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) said. They said they'll be working with Congress next year to find an offset that will allow them to bump the start date forward to 2021.

A New Guard and Reserve Student Identifier

Federal law requires the Department of Education to work with schools to track students in active-duty families in order to gauge how they perform in school. But the law does not require or ask for that tracking for children in Guard or Reserve families. The 2020 NDAA changes that, instead allowing the performance of all military-connected children to be tracked



Mississippi legislative session convened on January 7, 2020. Be alert for any issues affecting Guard members and families.

Hi everyone,

Our newsletter editor, Vivian Taylor, has graciously allowed me a little space to let you know about our upcoming state conference. It will be held 27-29 March 2020 at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, MS. I do not have a lot of facts such as building numbers and street names but that will come later. What I did want you to know is things will be a little more spread out than before. For the first time ever, your Auxiliary will have a hospitality room. It is actually a house. If you are familiar at all with Camp Shelby the hospitality "rooms" will be in VIP houses. Ours will be family-friendly with no alcohol served. But we will have ice cream! Our Past President's Breakfast will also be held in our hospitality house along with our Friday morning Board Meeting.

The Friday night social will be held in "the grove". Again more information with street names and building numbers will come later. The Retiree Breakfast will be held in the All Ranks Club Saturday morning. The Association opening ceremonies will be held in the Post Theater. Your Auxiliary General Session along with the exhibitors will be in a tent just outside the Post Theater.

The Saturday night banquet will be held in one of the buildings used for the deployment process and the dance will be held in the All Ranks Club.

Perhaps one of the biggest changes is that we will not have a Silent Auction this year. Camp Shelby will start running busses around 1:00 P.M. for families to tour MATES and the Armed Forces Museum. We just did not see how we could have a successful Silent Auction with such a time crunch. However, the Hilton Hotel approached me and asked if we would like something for our Silent Auction. They have generously given us 2 nights in their Presidential Suite with buffet breakfast for two in their restaurant along with a \$50 gift card to Drago's! We decided to raffle it off with a chance at \$300.00 cash, also. It will be the first place winner's choice. The tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

This was just a little preview of what will happen. As time gets closer we will have much more detailed information.

Connie Myers Auxiliary Conference Arrangements Chair