

**—Mississippi Strong—**

**Newsletter of the MS NG NCO Association**

**Auxiliary**

**March-April 2021**

**I**n this issue of the *Mississippi Strong* newsletter you'll find: EANGUS info; cares & concerns; membership information; and so much more. Please take a moment to scan the news.



Make your plans now to attend the **EANGUS 50th Anniversary** in the Land of Enchantment!



**Albuquerque, New Mexico  
08-11 August 2021**

50th EANGUS Annual Conference  
August 8, 2021 – August 11, 2021  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

REGISTRATION:

<https://eangusconference.org>

- \$175 – July 1, 2021
- \$200 – July 2 – August 7, 2021
- \$225 – at Conference
- \$175 – for Exhibitors & Professional Development

EANGUS 2021 Welcome Video at <https://eangusconference.org> or access on YouTube.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uXy2yvVrgo&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1gVeD7nhVIBuyTuTM\\_imIrf-zbGu9zU4eWLJXWTkdLjIWZvV4eig77iYI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uXy2yvVrgo&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1gVeD7nhVIBuyTuTM_imIrf-zbGu9zU4eWLJXWTkdLjIWZvV4eig77iYI)



December 10, 2010 - Area Directors:

Good morning from the Great State of New Mexico,

First of all, On behalf of the Enlisted Association NMNG we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope everyone is doing well with our current situation and ask everyone to remain diligent and safe during this holiday season.

Just a quick update on events in preparation for the upcoming 08-11 August, 2021 EANGUS National Conference.

\* Our State is currently under some strict guidelines based on the Governors Executive Order but remain optimistic that things will change for the better beginning in 2021. We will keep our National Office and Area Chairs updated as we continue to move forward.

\* As you are all aware registration has been open for some time now on the EANGUS website so hopefully you are pushing your members and families to register!!!

\* Hotel assignments have already been identified based on the order of precedence:

**Areas III-VII:** Hyatt Regency Downtown

**Areas I-II:** DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown.

**Overflow, VIP's, Etc.:** Hotel Andeluz and Embassy Suites

***Hotel Registration Links have already been created and sent to the National Office. I believe they will be available on the website during the January-February 2021 timeframe?***

- \* **Friday, 06 August 2021** we have a Golf Tournament planned that we are still finalizing (More to Follow)
- \* **Saturday, 07 August 2021** we are planning a Bike Rally fun run ride supported by our local Indian Motorcycle dealership. We are also in the process of raffling off a 2021 Indian Vintage Dark motorcycle. (More to follow)
- \* **Sunday 08 August 2021:** Welcome Night will be hosted by our Indian Pueblo Culture Center that will provide a little bit of our Native American History and plenty of NM traditional food to eat. (Commercial Bus transportation to and from hotels)
- \* **Monday 09 August 2021:** Junior Enlisted Night will be hosted by our (JEC) at the Albuquerque State Fair Grounds (Villa Hispana) with fun events, entertainment, and again plenty of food. (Commercial Bus transportation to and from hotels). FYI, there is a Casino located on the State Fair Grounds property?
- \* **Tuesday, 10 August 2021:** All Area States Night will be hosted by our Civic Plaza and EANMNG Retirees committee. Great downtown outdoor location within close walking distance from the convention center and main hotels. Our retirees committee is currently in the process of developing a checklist and schematic (diagram) of the event location to better facilitate what areas can bring, and or what can NM help with here on ground?

Hopefully this quick snapshot provided some clarity as to the upcoming conference? If you have any questions or concerns as to events planned please contact CMSgt Dan Robson (Conference Chair) at [admin@eanmng.org](mailto:admin@eanmng.org) or me at [griego.william@yahoo.com](mailto:griego.william@yahoo.com) and we will push the information to our committee representatives handling the event.

Respectfully,

Willy Griego EANMNG, President



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We encourage you to show your EANGUS pride by purchasing and wearing EANGUS branded apparel. Our apparel and other specialty items also make great thank you, recognition, or holiday gifts.

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### 50th Anniversary

Requesting EANGUS history from the time of its creation. Members, if you have something to contribute, please send your input and articles to [john@eangus.org](mailto:john@eangus.org).



The EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarship Packet follows on the next 4 pages.

Scholarship information is also available at [eangusauxiliary.org](http://eangusauxiliary.org) under the scholarship tab.

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**APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Rank, Address, Phone and Unit of Parent, Step parent, Grandparent, Step grandparent, Spouse or Sponsor who is a National Guard Member: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date of Enlistment or Retirement \_\_\_\_\_

Current Status of Applicant (check one):

High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Trade \_\_\_\_\_ Working \_\_\_\_\_

If in school or college, fill in the following information:

Name and Address of School or College and Grade or Term \_\_\_\_\_

Number of brothers, sisters and their ages (if living at home): \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the following information if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children and their ages (if living at home): \_\_\_\_\_

List name and address of College, University, Trade or Business School that you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

List activities to which you have participated (school, church, community): \_\_\_\_\_

List offices to which you have been elected in any organization: \_\_\_\_\_

List honors (school, athletic, citizenship, etc.) which you 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 members, their spouse, unmarried children/step children, grandchildren/step grandchildren, up to age 26, of annual 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 be a member by 31 December 2020).**

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school for reasons other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any scholarship money I received to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary.

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.)**

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STATES AUXILIARY

December 16, 2020

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 2021-2022. 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.

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, 2020.

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, 2021 to be considered.

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**LizBryant**

Liz Bryant  
Auxiliary National Scholarship Chairperson



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December 16, 2020

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 2021.**

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## 2021 EANGUS Scholarships

<https://eangus.org/scholarship-information/>

There are two types of scholarships available. The CSM Virgil R. Williams and the Patriot Scholarships are paid by EANGUS directly to the school the selectee is attending. The second type of scholarships are presented by specific universities that EANGUS has partnered with. The links below will guide you to the applications you will need to submit for each scholarship. The tabs below provide details of each scholarship along with the requirements. If at any time you have questions, please contact [scholarship@eangus.org](mailto:scholarship@eangus.org) and someone will respond to your inquiry or request for assistance.

Requirements to apply:

1. EANGUS Membership Number (required for application)
2. Transcripts (HS, College, CLEP, etc.)
3. On-line application (with transcripts uploaded)
4. Deadline to apply is **1 May 2021** (unless listed otherwise)

**\*\*Additional information may be required for specific schools\*\***

**\*\*Only online applications will be accepted\*\***

[To apply for the Virgil R. Williams or the Patriot Scholarships \(click here\)](#)

[To apply for all college scholarships, except the University of Phoenix \(click here\)](#)

For scholarship information, click on the tabs below.

- [CSM Virgil R. Williams Scholarship](#)
- [Patriot Scholarship](#)
- [American Intercontinental University](#)
- [Colorado Technical University](#)
- [Excelsior College](#)
- [Grand Canyon University](#)
- [Grantham University](#)
- [University of Phoenix](#)
- [USAA](#) *This process is for state organizations only and not individual applicants.*





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### What We Offer

- Online Programs
- Scholarships for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Doctorate degree programs (school dependent)
- These full-tuition scholarships are made available through our platinum partner institutions
- Don't hesitate! Apply today!
- For Scholarships offered and how to apply please visit <https://eangus.org/scholarship-information/>

Questions regarding the EANGUS Scholarship Program can be directed to the Committee Chair CMSgt Rosemarie Marston (Ret) and Vice-Chair SMSgt James Neill (Ret) at [scholarship@eangus.org](mailto:scholarship@eangus.org)

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**WASHINGTON WATCH****(Published in the EANGUS New Patriot - Winter 2021)**

**BILLS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST:** We've been actively monitoring bills or items of interest since the 117th Congress convened and are working with Congressional offices as we kick off our advocacy efforts on behalf of our members. We will continue to monitor each of these and any other emerging bills and will keep you informed. We use our monthly Drill Weekend Talking Points to provide those updates and will also initiate "Call to Action" messages, as needed. We encourage you to share the information below and the talking points with other National Guard members to let them know what we're working on.

**HR 6280 - RESERVIST PAY EQUITY ACT OF 2021** - On February 4, 2021, Congressmen Jimmy Panetta (CA) and Brad Wenstrup (OH) reintroduced this bill to encourage employers to continue to pay employees that are members of the National Guard and Reserves while activated. Employers who hire military reservists and National Guard members are not required to pay those servicemembers when they are deployed. However, employers may receive a tax credit for paying differential wages to their employed military reservists and National Guard members which helps these servicemembers offset financial challenges while activated. The bipartisan Reservist Pay Equity Act increases the tax credit employers receive from 20% to 50%. Regarding HR 6280, Congressman Panetta said, "Our bipartisan legislation increases the employer tax credit to encourage more employers to offer differential wage pay to employees while they answer the call of duty for our nation. As National Guard members and reservists remain on the frontlines at home and abroad, it's legislation like this that will help maintain the financial security of these devoted Americans." EANGUS has offered our support for HR 6280 in a statement that read: "The membership of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S. (EANGUS) supports the Reservist Pay Equity Act. We thank Congressman Panetta and Congressman Wenstrup for introducing this legislation that encourages employers to pay our reserve component service members fairly and encourages companies to employ reservists during state status and in service to our country. EANGUS understands the sacrifice of the servicemember and the employer."

**RESERVE EMPLOYERS COMPREHENSIVE RELIEF AND UNIFORM INCENTIVES ON TAXES ACT OF 2021** - Congressman Tim Ryan (OH), co-chair of the National Guard Caucus, also plans to reintroduce a bill he sponsored in the 116th Congress which will establish a tax credit for employers of National Guard and Reserve members. The tax credit for the employer is equal to \$1,000 for each reservist employed during the year, plus an additional amount that ranges from \$3,000 to \$10,000, depending on the number of days the reservist serves in the uniformed services during the year. The measure is intended to give employers an incentive to hire and keep workers who are members of the Guard and Reserve, and also to offset some of the cost of having employees who are called away on military duties. The Military Coalition supported Congressman Ryan's bill last year stating, "This bill addresses one of the biggest challenges that these reservists face—finding and retaining employment with businesses who support their service and bear the costs of lost productivity during periods of training and deployment." EANGUS is a member of The Military Coalition and supports Congressman's Ryan's efforts on behalf of our members.

**H.R. 303: RETIRED PAY RESTORATION ACT:** This bill was introduced on January 13, 2021 by Congressman Gus Bilirakis (FL), and would amend Title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or combat-related special compensation. Under current law, only individuals with service-connected disabilities rated at 50% or more receive both retirement pay and VA disability compensation without offset. This legislation addresses the issue known as Concurrent Receipt. Similarly, during the 116th Congress, Congressman Bilirakis introduced the Major Richard Star Act, which would have secured the right of concurrent receipt for approximately 43,000 Chapter 61 retirees injured in combat zones. Chapter 61 retirees are service members who were medically retired due to injuries sustained on duty prior to achieving 20 years in service. Major (Ret) Star, age 51, passed away on Saturday, February 13, 2021 after a years-long battle with lung cancer linked to exposure to burn pits while on deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Congressman Bilirakis and Senator John Tester (MT) plan to reintroduce the Major Richard Star Act in the 117th Congress later this month. On February 17, 2021, EANGUS signed on to a letter penned by The Military Coalition to support this bill.

**DOD ASKED TO CLARIFY SHIFTING POLICY IMPACTING GI BILL ELIGIBILITY:** Congressman Mike Bost (IL), the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, released the following statement after sending a letter to Secretary of Defense, Lloyd J. Austin III, regarding National Guard members' eligibility for GI Bill benefits following the Biden Administration's recent termination of the national emergency declaration at the southern border. "The Biden Administration's decision to reverse the emergency declaration at the southern border risks national security. It also risks the education of thousands of members of the National Guard who are still deployed there," said Ranking Member Bost. "Secretary Austin must immediately tell us whether those serving at the border since January 20th are receiving the same credit toward the GI Bill that they were on January 19th. Their service has not changed. Their benefits should not change either. The National Guard has stepped up in extraordinary ways over the last year. They have left their families and lives behind to serve on federal duty at the border, in DC, and elsewhere. Every single one of them should receive full GI Bill credit for their service. I stand ready to work with the Secretary to make sure they get exactly that."

Congressman Bost asked for clarification on whether the rescission of Presidential Proclamation 9844 eliminates the ability for members of the National Guard currently serving on the southern border to continue to receive credit towards Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and, if so, how that is being communicated to them. EANGUS is monitoring this issue and is committed to supporting any follow-on legislation that might be needed.

## Cares and Concerns

Sympathy is expressed to the families of Ruth Ann Crawford and Chuck Geary.

Get Well wishes to Jerry & Pat Burchfield, Paula Carrigan, Billie Davis, and Jerry Taylor. Praise that several folks have recovered from bouts with COVID-19.



### RUTH ANN CRAWFORD

Mrs. Ruth Ann Crawford, 85, of Grenada, passed away Thursday, January 28, 2021 at Grenada Living Center. She was born January 30, 1935 in Webster County. She retired after working many years as the Office Manager at Commercial Credit. Ruth Ann was a devoted member of First United Methodist Church, Grenada where she served in the nursery for over 50 years, choir for over 30 years, and was a circle leader, United Methodist Women. She used her talent as a wonderful cook to minister to many during her life. We find comfort in knowing that her faith is now sight and she has met her Savior face to face.

A graveside service was held at 2:00 PM Saturday, January 30, 2021 at the Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, James “Jib” Crawford; one daughter, Leslie Crawford Howell (Dalton) of Potts Camp; two sons, David Crawford (Debbie) of Fulshear, TX and Scott Crawford (Michelle) of Grenada; one sister, Jean Shaw of Grenada; seven grandchildren, Kris Crawford, Lindsay Stafford, Jake Howell, Evan Howell, Nick Lee, Phillip Crawford and David Crawford; and two great-grandchildren, Lleyton and Beckham Crawford.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel Allday Staten, father, Arlis Sprabery and a brother-in-law, Robert Shaw.

Pallbearers were David Crawford, Kris Crawford, Phillip Crawford, Evan Howell, Nick Lee, Jonnie Moore and Zack Stafford.

Memorials may be directed to Teen Challenge, C/O First United Methodist Church, 161 S. Line St., Grenada, MS 38901.

Ruth Ann was a charter member of the EANGUS Auxiliary and was present at the organizational meeting of what is now the MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary in October 1969 at the Heidelberg Hotel in Jackson. Ruth Ann served as MS Auxiliary President in 1974-75 and served as EANGUS Area IV Auxiliary Director in the 1980s. She received the EANGUS Auxiliary Area Directors Award in 1984 and the EANGUS Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award in 2006—awards for service decades apart. That was a testament to the fact that Ruth Ann continued to support the Auxiliary throughout her life. She will be missed but her legacy of love and service lives on.



## Chuck Geary

Another great Soldier and Fallen Hero has been released from duty, passed from our ranks on February 14, 2021 and moved on to his heavenly home. CMSgt (Ret) Charles “Chuck” Geary, age 86, a retired member of the MS Air National Guard who had served within 173<sup>rd</sup> CES, Gulfport and within HQ MSNG, Jackson CMSgt (Ret) served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Enlisted Advisor (now known as the Command Chief Master Sergeant) for the Mississippi Air National Guard.

It takes a special person to serve within the military for their country giving up their family time, comfort, and safety for their country, ultimately for all Americans to enjoy their freedoms, safety, and way of life. We now applaud you for your service to our country. A special message from General Douglas McArthur remains applicable today for our servicemen that have passed: “Old Soldiers never die; they just fade away”.

Rest in Peace Airman. We applaud your patriotism and brave efforts in serving our country and your family for their support of your service. We thank you for your service. Without your efforts and your families’ support, this country would not stand so boldly, shine so brightly and live so free.

You now have earned a rest, so go fly with the Angels, go rest high on that mountain; your work on earth is done. Go to heaven a-shoutin’ Love for the Father and the Son.

**Obituary**—Charles “Chuck” Geary Jr, age 86, of New Augusta, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on February 14, 2021. He was born on June 24, 1934 in Braintree, MA to the late Charles Geary Sr. and Mabel Wentworth Geary.

Mr. Geary was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church in Petal, MS where he served as Chairman of the Deacons as well as Treasurer. He loved his church, serving the Lord, and all the people in his church.

Chuck served in the Air Force from 1951-1961 and the Air National Guard from 1961-1994, when he retired as Chief Master Sergeant. During his service in the MS Air National Guard, he served as the second Senior Enlisted Advisor, now known as the State Command Chief, from July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1988. He was employed at Kessler AFB in civil service until he retired. He also was a Master Mason, a Shriner and a member of the York Rite of Free Masonry.

Chuck was a true blessing to his family. He was married to the late Mildred E. Chaffin Geary for 56 years and together they had one son, Ronnie Geary. He had two granddaughters, Dawn Swanger (Brandon) and Courtney Geary, as well as three great grandchildren. He later married Hazel Mae Cooley Butler Geary and was blessed with four additional children and five grandchildren: Donna Norris (James), Dennis Butler (Stacey), Renee Cook (Paul), and Carla Butler; grandchildren, Jeremy Norris (Lauren), Derek Norris (Ashley), Thomas McCardle, Ali Bounds (Wilson), and Dylan Butler (Nichole). He also had seven step great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife Mildred E. Geary; his brothers, Irving Geary and Wendell Geary; and his step daughter, Carla Ann Butler.

All who knew Chuck loved him. He didn’t meet a stranger and loved getting to know everyone. He always had just the right words to make everyone feel good about themselves. He was a craftsman and loved building all sorts of things in his spare time. He will be greatly missed by so many. Until we see you again.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 23, at Calvary Baptist Church, 1123 Hwy. 42, Petal, MS. Burial followed at 2:30 p.m. at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Gulfport, MS.

POST MEMORY: <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/19996926/Charles-David-Geary>

### Announcing the selection of our new EANGUS Legislative Director

EANGUS is pleased to announce the selection of Mr. Kevin C. Hollinger as our newest Legislative Director. Kevin’s legislative skills, understanding and experience working with Congressional members and staff on Capitol Hill combined with his understanding of the National Guard, make him an outstanding selection as a Legislative Director. Prior to this, Kevin has spent the last two years as the Director of Legislation and Government Relations for the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) and has a good working relationship with many other professional associations. As a National Guard retiree, Kevin is well aware of our legislative priorities and is anxious to get to work on behalf of the enlisted members of the National Guard. He began working for EANGUS on Monday, 25 January 2021. Congratulations and welcome Kevin!



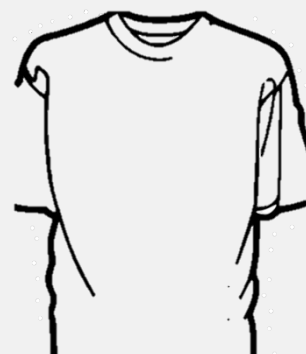
## Philanthropic Project at State Conference

In cooperation with 5<sup>th</sup> Squad, the MS NG NCO Association Auxiliary is asking for your help with this year’s philanthropic project—providing items for VA Homes.

Please bring to Conference any of the following items:



- Socks
- Underwear
- T-shirts
- Card games
- Puzzles (500-1,000 pieces)
- Hygiene items [Items can be for men and women of any size.]





# CALL TO CONFERENCE

Hi everyone!

This is your official Call to Conference for the Mississippi National Guard Non Commissioned Officers Association /Auxiliary to be held **April 23-25, 2021 at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.**

For those of you for whom this is your first time to attend this conference I want to give you a little information before you arrive. Our newsletter editor, Vivian Taylor, has included a registration form. The bowling, fishing and golfing registration forms are located on the MS NCOA website [www.msncoa.org](http://www.msncoa.org) under the Conference tab. If you prefer to register for conference online that form can also be found under the Conference tab.

We "senior members" think of state conference as a family reunion. A time to reconnect with old friends and welcome new friends into this wonderful organization. I hope you will take advantage of every opportunity during this April weekend to make those long lasting relationships.

I also want to encourage you to attend our Auxiliary General Session on Saturday morning. We meet with the Association for opening ceremonies and then break for our business session. We will elect a new Auxiliary President and I would love to see a large presence to welcome our new president and show our support. Since we are still in the planning stages for conference the building number and location will be made available at a later date.

The Auxiliary's motto is "*Side by Side We Stand with Pride*" and your Auxiliary has stood side by side the Association for over 50 years. Looking back at past conference programs it is not difficult to get nostalgic seeing the Auxiliary Past Presidents who paved our way. Those Past Presidents who did not have all the conveniences that we enjoy now...such as email. They did not have VoterVoice to contact our elected officials and they did not have any other way to send the newsletter other than good old-fashioned printing, stamping and mailing, all done by hand.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Auxiliary President and as we look to the future I have no doubt that we will continue to make strides in both membership and participation.

Once again if this is your first time to attend we look forward to meeting you. If you are a returning friend we certainly look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Connie Myers

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Mississippi National Guard  
Noncommissioned Officers Association  
52nd Annual Conference  
23-25 April 2021**



Date Submitted

**Registration : \$50 per person**

**Camp Shelby, MS, 1001 Lee Avenue Camp Shelby, Mississippi 39407**

Number of persons				Make Check payable to:			
1	X	\$50.00	=	\$50.00	MS NG NCO Association		
Last Name				First Name:		MI:	
Mailing Address:							
City:				State:		Zip:	
				MS			
E-Mail Address:							
Telephone:				Emergency Contact:			
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W:					W:		
C:					C:		
Names of others attending: (Please ensure to put the name you want to appear on the ID Tag)							
Name to appear on ID Tag:				Relationship:			

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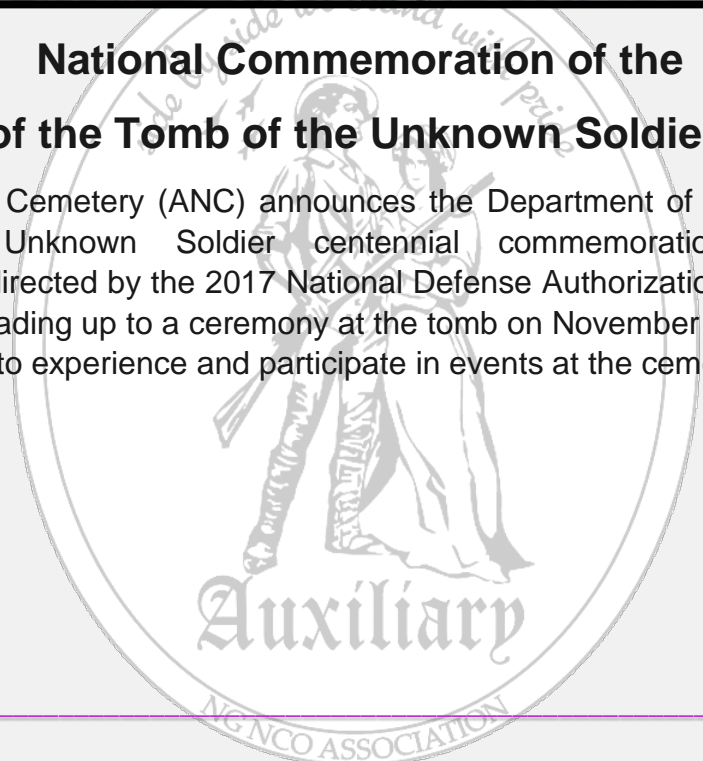
Mail this Registration Form to: <b>Keith Ales</b> 201 Dogwood Lane Batesville, MS 38606 (662) 816-6452	<b>Hotel Reservations:</b> You must call Camp Shelby to make your room reservations.	
	Camp Shelby 1001 Lee Avenue W Camp Shelby, MS 39407 Tel (601) 558-2545 or 2540	<b>Room Rates:</b> \$24.00 ( Shared BR – Single Bed) \$28.00 (Private Room / Private Bath – Dbl Bed) \$40.00 (Small Cabin – 3 Bedroom) \$45.00 (Larger Cabin – 3 Bedroom)



**National Commemoration of the  
Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (1921-2021)**

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) announces the Department of Defense’s yearlong Tomb of the Unknown Soldier centennial commemoration. The centennial commemoration, directed by the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, will feature a series of events leading up to a ceremony at the tomb on November 11. Members of the public will be able to experience and participate in events at the cemetery and virtually.

—*Soldier Today*  
February 4, 2021



April 4, 2021



**National Guard Caucus**

The House and the Senate announced their Co-Chairs for the National Guard Caucus. EANGUS has a long-standing relationship with both of these Caucuses, and they have proven to be an intricate part of our legislative process.

**Senate National Guard Caucus**



Lindsey Graham (R-SC) Patrick Leahy (D-VT)

**House Guard & Reserve Caucus**



Steve Palazzo (R-MS) Tim Ryan (D-OH)

**Bost Urges DoD to Clarify Shifting Policy Impacting GI Bill Eligibility**

Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL.), the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, released the following statement after sending a letter to Secretary of Defense, Lloyd J. Austin III, regarding National Guard Members’ eligibility for GI Bill benefits following the Biden Administration’s recent termination of the national emergency declaration at the southern border.

“The Biden Administration’s decision to reverse the emergency declaration at the southern border risks national security. It also risks the education of thousands of members of the National Guard who are still deployed there,” said Ranking Member Bost. “Secretary Austin must immediately tell us whether those serving at the border since January 20th are receiving the same credit toward the GI Bill that they were on January 19th. Their service has not changed. Their benefits should not change either. The National Guard has stepped up in extraordinary ways over the last year. They have left their families and lives behind to serve on federal duty at the border, in DC, and elsewhere. Every single one of them should receive full GI Bill credit for their service. I stand ready to work with the Secretary to make sure they get exactly that.”

The status of servicemembers of the National Guard currently serving at the southern border includes end strength and the statutory authority for their service. Rep. Bost asked for clarification on whether the rescission of Presidential Proclamation 9844 eliminates the ability for members of the National Guard currently serving on the southern border to continue to receive credit towards Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and, if so, how that is being communicated to them.

As EANGUS members know, we are continually pushing for our well-deserved benefits. We will continue to monitor this situation and ensure everyone is receiving updated information. We will be assisting Rep. Bost with any follow on legislation he feels is needed.

**APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**





**Registration for the Youth Symposium is now OPEN!**

To request registration or for questions, please email [msngyouthprograms@gmail.com](mailto:msngyouthprograms@gmail.com)



**MS NG NCO ASSOCIATION  
AUXILIARY  
PAST PRESIDENTS**

1970-71—Dot Brown, deceased	1996-97—Suzie Stewart
1971-72—Doris Williams, deceased	1997-98—Barbara McCay
1972-73—Virginia Brown, deceased	1998-99—Shirley A. Ritter, deceased
1973-74—Agnes Tupman, deceased	1999-2000—Janet McCullum*
1974-75—Ruth Ann Crawford, deceased	2000-2001—Pearleen Pearce
1975-76—Dianne Sullivan	2001-2002—Phyllis Barranco, deceased
1976-77—Delores Ford, deceased	2002-2003—Karla Dickens
1977-78—Dot Dudley, deceased	2003-2004—Pat Burchfield
1978-79—Beverly Hurst	2004-2005—Christina Ammons
1979-80—Elwanda Keith	2005-2006—Gloria Cooley
1980-81—Billie Davis	2006-2007—Connie Myers
1981-82—Beverly Lee, deceased	2007-2008—Danna Davis
1982-83—Dot Brown, deceased	2008-2009—Florence Wright
1983-84—Judy Harris	2009-2010—Pat Bishop
1984-85—Ann Hart	2010-2011—Karen Solots
1985-86—Dot Pee, deceased	2011-2012—Pat Burchfield
1986-87—Paulette McLeod, deceased	2012-2013—Pat Burchfield
1987-88—Paula Carrigan	2013-2014—Cathy Adams
1988-90—Brooks Marr	2014-2015—Cathy Adams
1990-91—Ancia Lowery	2015-2016—Christina Thomas*
1991-92—Mildred Geary, deceased	2016-2017—Connie Myers
1992-93—Danna Davis	2017-2018—Connie Myers
1993-94—Doris J. Hoxie, deceased	2018-2019—Angelia Carnes
1994-95—Linda B. Bishop, deceased	2019-2020—Angelia Carnes
1995-96—Vivian D. Taylor	2020-2021—Connie Myers

\*unable to complete term





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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117th Congress

January 3, 2021- January 3, 2024

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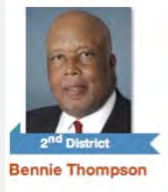
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## Enlisted Association New Mexico National Guard Motorcycle Raffle Fundraiser

**\$100 per ticket; Max of 500 tickets will be sold.  
Drawing will be held at EANGUS National Conference  
All States Night at Albuquerque Civic Plaza on August 10th, 2021.  
Thank You for Your Support!!!  
Purchase Tickets  <https://eanmng.org/2021raffle/>**



- Grand Prize:** 2021 Dark Horse Vintage Indian Motorcycle (ARV \$19,700)
- 2nd Prize:** \$500 Amazon Gift Card
- 3rd Prize:** Custom DISC-IT Grill (ARV \$459)
- 4th Prize:** Beats Solo3 Wireless Headphones (ARV \$200)

Iowa 2019  
 EANGUS & EANGUS Auxiliary  
 Conference Books  
 Available to Read  
 or Download at <https://eangusconference.org/>



46th EANGUS AUXILIARY  
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# 50th EANGUS Conference August 8-11, 2021 Albuquerque, New Mexico



T-Mobile customers who dial 988 will be connected to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

T-Mobile was the first carrier to enable the 988 number. Carriers have until July 2022 to put 988 into effect. However, at this time the 988 number isn't able to receive text messages.



## 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.

**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!

🎖️🎖️🎖️🎖️🎖️ **Newest Lifetime Member** 🎖️🎖️🎖️🎖️🎖️

Let's add your name here!



**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.

Table with columns for Year of birth, Current Year, Application Fee, and TOTAL. Includes calculation for Life Membership Dues to age 60.

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

Auxiliary

NG NCO ASSOCIATION

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; one is deceased.



The Auxiliary is a strong voice to Congress which addresses the needs of the National Guard.

The Auxiliary is an organization which binds National Guard families by encouraging their involvement in the grass roots legislative effort.

The Auxiliary is an organization, through support of EANGUS, which maintains a continuing representation for Guard members in Washington, D.C.

The Auxiliary is an organization that has a scholarship program, both at the state and national levels, which helps with scholarships for members, spouses, children, and grandchildren.

The Auxiliary is an organization that sets state and national objectives and coordinates activities which help to accomplish those objectives.

The Auxiliary is an organization which stresses communication between its leaders and members. *Mississippi Strong*, the Mississippi Auxiliary newsletter, and *The Signal*, the EANGUS Auxiliary newsletter, are published to inform, educate, motivate, and inspire members.

The Auxiliary coordinates its overall activities through elected Officers and District Directors in the Mississippi Auxiliary and through elected Officers and Area Directors in the EANGUS Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary coordinates state and national activities in cooperation with the MS NG NCO Association Conference and the EANGUS Conference.

The Auxiliary works to respond to needs of its members.

The Auxiliary strives for better incentives to attract and retain members.

**WE NEED YOU AS A MEMBER. WON'T YOU JOIN TODAY?**





**Gov. William Winter, a pillar of racial reconciliation and champion for Mississippi, died Friday, December 18. Winter's career in public service started while a University of Mississippi student.**

—Photo by Nathan Latil/Ole Miss Digital Imaging Services

OXFORD, Miss. – A former governor and champion of education and racial reconciliation initiatives whose public service career started while a University of Mississippi student, William Winter has died, leaving behind a lasting legacy throughout the Magnolia State and beyond.

Winter, who was known broadly as “Mississippi’s education governor” and accounted for nearly 75 years of public service, died on Friday, December 18, at the age of 97.

Winter (BA 43, LLB 49) served as governor of Mississippi from 1980 to 1984, during which he played pivotal roles in securing the passage of landmark educational initiatives in 1982 bringing kindergartens, compulsory school attendance and a number of other critical reform measures to the state.

“We are saddened to learn that the much respected and beloved Gov. William Winter passed away,” UM Chancellor Glenn Boyce said. “As a distinguished statesman and prominent University of Mississippi alumnus, his outstanding leadership and advocacy has shaped our state and university in countless ways. His enduring legacy lives on in the lasting impact of his accomplishments in advancing education, racial reconciliation, equality and numerous other areas.

“We extend our deepest condolences and prayers to his family and the entire state for this great loss.”

Before serving as governor, Winter was elected to the offices of state representative, state tax collector, state treasurer and lieutenant governor. He served as chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board, the Commission on the Future of the South, the National Civic League, the Kettering Foundation, the Foundation for the Mid-South and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. In 1978, he served as president of the Ole Miss Alumni Association.

In 2017, Winter was inducted into the Ole Miss Alumni Association’s Hall of Fame, receiving the Alumni Service Award, given to those with a record of service to the university and the Alumni Association over an extended period.

Winter was a member of President Bill Clinton’s National Advisory Board on Race in 1997, which led to the founding of the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at UM in 1999.

“With the passing of Governor William F. Winter, Mississippi has lost one of its greatest champions of equality, reconciliation and progress; and I have lost a friend, an inspiration and one of the finest people I’ve ever known,” Clinton said in a **statement**. “Bill had the gift to see his state as it was, to envision what it could be and to take the difficult but

necessary steps to get there. His bold efforts to reform education, fight poverty and bring people together across racial lines showed the promise of a new Mississippi.”

In 1998, Winter was the recipient of the Mississippi Bar’s Lifetime Achievement Award. His credentials within the academic community are longstanding: Jamie Whitten Professor of Law and Government at the UM School of Law (1989); Eudora Welty Professor of Southern Studies at Millsaps College (1989); and fellow of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University (1985).

In remarks made in 2003, the historian David Halberstam called Winter “Mississippi’s best and strongest governor of modern times.” Halberstam went on to say, “Winter, more than any other politician, is the architect of the new Mississippi and the new America.”

He was awarded the Profile in Courage Award by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation for demonstrating the qualities of politically courageous leadership. At the time of the announcement in 2008, Caroline Kennedy, president of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, said, “Gov. William Winter gives testimony to President Kennedy’s belief that politics can truly be a noble profession.

“His lifetime of public service, both to his country and his beloved state of Mississippi, has been distinguished by its devotion to equality and justice. His lifelong dedication to ensuring equal opportunities in our nation’s educational system embodies what it means to be a profile in courage.”

Born in Grenada, Winter served overseas as an infantry officer in the Pacific in World War II. After service in the U.S. Army, Winter was elected to the Mississippi Legislature in 1947 while still a student at the School of Law.

Andy Mullins, who served for nearly two decades at Ole Miss, was a member of Gov. Winter’s staff, one of the “Boys of Spring” who helped engineer the landmark Education Reform Act of 1982. Mullins said Winter was an avid Ole Miss sports fan and even served as sports editor of *The Daily Mississippian* when he was a student.

“In his early life, he wanted to be a sportswriter and his memory of Ole Miss sports was incredible,” Mullins said of Winter. “You could ask him who Ole Miss beat in a bowl game on this year and he could not only tell you who they played, but what the score of the game was.”

Besides his love of Ole Miss sports, Winter was an overwhelming supporter of the university and the role UM played in helping advance the state, Mullins said.

“He was a big proponent of research at Ole Miss – and all the universities in the state, really – being a major driver of recruiting industry to Mississippi,” Mullins said. “He loved Ole Miss from the time he was a student until the day he died. His death is a big loss for the University of Mississippi, as well as the entire state of Mississippi.”

Reflecting on Winter’s legacy, businessman and former Secretary of State Dick Molpus (BBA ’71), another member of the “Boys of Spring,” said, “Winter confronted racial, economic and educational inequities throughout his life and fought those inequities with courage, hope and tenacity.”

Winter is survived by his wife of 70 years, Elise Varner Winter (BA 48). He is also survived by three devoted daughters, Anne Winter, Lele Gillespie and Eleanor Winter, along with five grandchildren, Dr. Winter Williams, Dr. Zach Williams, Ty Gillespie, Caroline Gillespie and Grace Gillespie, and five great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held later. Condolences to the Winter family can be mailed to P.O. Box 427, Jackson, MS 39205.

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