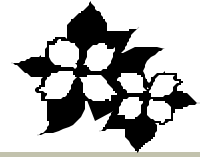




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From our President SGM Kenneth W. Smith

The Virginia Army Air National Guard Enlisted Association completed its 33rd State Conference at the Sheraton West Hotel in Richmond, Virginia April 27 thru April 29, 2007.

I would like to thank the 2007 Conference Committee, especially SGM Timothy White and his wife (Anna) and CSM Thomas Yancey and his wife (Phyllis) for all the hard work, time and commitment in coordinating a successful conference.

Just a reminder for everyone that next year's conference will be held in Portsmouth, VA 25-27 April 2008. We will have a great time at the Holiday Inn in Old Town Portsmouth.

This year we had an excellent conference with over 240 registered. Friday evening BBQ/Casino night was held at the Belmont Golf Course. A good time was had by all who attended. At the Saturday morning business meeting we had over 80 RSP soldiers in attendance thanks to CSM Price and his staff.

Thanks to Adjutant General Robert Newman for attending the business session and being our special guest of the morning. He shared his perspective on the status of Virginia Air/Army Guard with us.

The afternoon NCODP sessions were conducted by BG Stockton and CSM (R) Frank Lever, EANGUS President. We had two break out groups (Senior NCO's and Lower Enlisted). I would like to thank both for taking their afternoon to be with us and give us their words of encouragement and wisdom.

Our dinner banquet had well over 150 in attendance. The spotlight was on our outstanding guardsmen in our ranks. A special thanks to CSM (R) Frank Lever, EANGUS President, for being our guest speaker at our Saturday evening function and to the CSM's for the parade of flags, and our joint Color Guard for Posting of the Colors this year.

Once again our membership is the main effort for the year. I hope that our membership will be at 1300 by the time the National Conference arrives in August. This applies to the Auxiliary; we need to help them get their numbers up also. So I'm asking each and everyone to enlist one member into the Association and into the auxiliary. We need your help.

Our organization cannot continue to grow and do the work we need to support our enlisted guardsmen and their families.

Please feel free to contact me anytime by email at smithk0807@yahoo.com, or phone 804-303-7546.

SGM Kenneth W. Smith, President

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Due to President Kenneth Smith
not later than June 15, 2007**

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**Virginia Army/Air National Guard
Enlisted Association
Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting
27 April 2007**

1. President Smith called the meeting to order at 1500 hrs. The meeting was held at the 2007 Conference Center Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA. The invocation was conducted by EANGUS Area II Director Joe Wade. President Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Executive Secretary J. J. St. Clair conducted the roll call, Pres Smith, 1VP Wagoner, 2VP White, 3VP Hunter, Secretary Kuykendall, Treasurer Green, Financial Secretary Berryman, Sergeant at Arms Billmyer, PP Webb, EANGUS Area II Director Wade, Executive Secretary J. J. St. Clair, Representative's from Area I, III, IV, V, VIII, XI, XII, XIII, and XVII were present. A quorum was present.

3. The minutes of the 27 Jan 07 Executive Council Meeting at this location was presented by President Smith. A motion was made to *"approve the minutes of the 27 Jan 07 Exec Council"*. The motion was 2d, Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Green will present the formal report at the Business Session 28 Apr 07. A copy was provided. There was a Motion to accept report, 2d, carried.

5. Committee Reports:

a. **Membership:** 1VP Wagoner reports the current membership is 963. President Smith indicated that the membership goal is 1300 by the National Conference in August 2007.

b. **Legislative:** No formal report rendered 2VP White.

c. **Constitution/By-Laws:** No formal report rendered.

d. **Resolutions:** No formal report rendered.

e. **Retiree Affairs:** SGM (R) Bowers reported that a Continental Breakfast will be provided by the Hotel on Sunday 29 April 2007 prior to the Memorial Services.

f. **Audit:** Audit Committee Chairman Bob Kuykendall indicated that the 2005 and 2006 conference audit is still being conducted. The audit will be delivered when complete.

g. **Ventures, Inc:** Ventures Committee Rep Bob Kuykendall provided a formal report that will be presented tomorrow at the business session. A formal report was provided containing all details. Discussion included mention of \$15,000.00 distribution approved for Jul 06-Jun 07 for each association.

h. **Cardinal News Letter:** PP Webb indicated that all input needed to be submitted to Brent Taylor within next two (2) weeks from 28 April 2007. PP Webb also reminded each that you need to log on to www.vaaangea.org for soldiers to submit their email address's to email out the Cardinal News Letter. This will help cut the cost of mailing substantially.

i. **2007 Conference Report:** 2VP Tim White reported we should have right at 240 soldiers, wives and family members present for the Military Ball being held in the Hershey Kiss Building on Saturday evening. He mentioned that "T" shirts were on sale at \$5.00 each to support the function. He added that vendor support is laid on for the Conference. The question was asked about the uniform for the Business Meeting for Saturday 28 April 2007. After a lengthy discussion between the Executive Council and Area Rep's it was decided that the Executive Council would wear Class "A" uniform or Suit and Tie for retirees on the Executive Council. Soldier's attending the business meeting would wear Class "B" or ACU's if just coming off a recent deployment within the last 30 days. Retiree's can wear either Class "B" uniform or a collar shirt for the Business meeting.

i. **2008 Conference Report:** The 2008 Conference will be held in Portsmouth, VA 25-27 April 2008.

6. Executive Secretary's Report: Acting Executive Secretary SFC JJ St. Clair mentioned that 80 Cardinal News Letter's were returned with incorrect mailing address. The Executive Secretary reminded each attendee that he has copies of the Voting Delegate Count for the elections of new Area Representative's that need elected during the Business Meeting on 28 April 2007.

7. EANGUS Area II: Area II Director Joe Wade will be providing the written report to be briefed at the business session. I attended the EANGUS Membership workshop in Gulfport, MS in February along with 1st VP John Wagoner. I think all attendees will benefit from this workshop as they work with their respective state. At the Executive council meeting the same weekend in February, we selected a vendor for the EANGUS Membership database. Each state President has been asked to submit any specific needs that they would like to see included in the database.

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**Next Executive Council
meeting is July 28th, 2007
in Charlottesville, VA
at 10:00 A.M**

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I attended the Area II Mid-Winter Conference 2-4 February 2007 at the Holiday Inn-Capital, Washington, DC. During this conference the attendees voted to sponsor one Army and one Air junior enlisted member to attend the Mid-Winter Conference next year in Delaware. Virginia won the draw for Army and will receive \$500.00 to pay for a selected junior enlisted to attend. Virginia needs to select the junior member no later than 31 December 2007. The area II theme for the National conference is "Area II Goes West", so bring your cowboy or cowgirl outfits to wear on Tuesday night. Virginia was asked to bring Country Ham and Peanuts and other states in Area II will be bringing other items. The EANGUS National Conference is scheduled for 12-15 August 2007 in Oklahoma City, OK. The state of VA has requested 20 rooms in the same motel for the conference. Virginia will be in the Colcord motel and the motel must receive the reservation by individuals with a credit card by 15 June. President Lever has set the uniform for business meetings to be Class B for delegates and Coat & Tie for retiree delegates not in uniform. I will be attending the National Conference Site Visit and Executive Council meeting in Oklahoma City, 8-10 June. State Presidents or their representative have also been invited to attend.

8. Old Business: CSM Cheyenne Johnson passed out the changes completed on the new Areas. Each area changed because of transformation. The areas are now by Major Command for better control. After review of the new areas which has changed from seventeen to the current sixteen areas, a motion was made and seconded to approve. The motion carried. The new areas become effective on 1 May 2007. CSM Johnson, Secretary Kuykendall, and 1VP Wagoner will be completing a further review as some new designated units are missing. CSM Huffman has asked the CSM's of each command designate a unit area representative along with area representative. He further asks that the Area Representative not be the CSM. Area Representatives will be elected during the Business Session conducted on 28 April 2007. Once completed the new area listings will be emailed out to the Executive Council and the new area representatives. PP Webb reports the Membership Envelopes and new Enlisted Association Posters had not been sent to the publisher until the new Executive Secretary position has been filled. Two candidates will be interviewed after the Executive Council meeting today.

9. New Business: CSM White requested input for the 2009 Conference. The Officers are looking at Fredericksburg, VA and Virginia Beach, VA for their 2009 Conference. At the Virginia Beach location the officers association are reviewing a five year contract on holding the conference at that location. CSM White asked if we thought a joint Golf outing and a joint Banquet would work should we decide to hold the Enlisted Conference at the same location as the Officers Association. President Smith reports that he has two applicants resume and one email applicant for the Executive Secretary position. The two applicants will be interviewed

following the Executive Council meeting today. The next Executive Council Meeting will be held on 28 July 2007 at 10:00 AM in Charlottesville, VA. Paul Smith reported that only eight (8) applicant's applied for the nine (9) scholarships that are available. Of the eight (8) applicant's receiving the scholarship's four (4) will be attending the Banquet and receive their scholarship.

10. A motion was made at 1630 hrs to adjourn the meeting. It was 2d, carried. The Business Session will open tomorrow at 0900 hrs. No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned

Submitted by William Kuykendall,
VaA/ANGEA Secretary

Roll of Honor; those mobilized to join the War on Terrorism in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

Last deployed in October, 1942, 149 soldiers of the **HQ & HHC, 116th Brigade Combat Team** departed Staunton's Thomas D. Howie Armory on May 4th, 2007.

64 Guardsmen of **A Company, 429th Brigade Support Battalion** from South Boston, Va., held their mobilization ceremony at South Boston on May 13th.

In Roanoke, on May 14th, **Company E, 429th Brigade Support Battalion**, 108 soldiers took part in the mobilization ceremony.

295 soldiers of the **2nd Squadron, 183rd Cavalry** will enter active federal service on June 8, 2007. Units and home towns are;

HHT of Portsmouth
Troop A of Norfolk
Troop B of Suffolk
Troop C of Virginia Beach

3rd Battalion, 116th Infantry's 597 soldiers will enter active federal service on June 23, 2007 at their home armories. Units and home towns are;

HHC of Winchester
Company A of Charlottesville and Harrisonburg
Company B of Woodstock and Warrenton
Company C of Leesburg
Company D of Fredericksburg

104 Soldiers of the **237th Engineer Company**, will enter active federal service at their West Point armory on July 19, 2007.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

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(Last) (First) (MI)

SSN: _____ DOB: _____ RANK: _____ GRADE: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

H/ADDRESS: _____
(Street)

_____ Zip: _____
(City) (State)

AREA _____ UNIT _____ UNIT PRN _____

ARMY GUARD _____ AIR GUARD _____ ASSOCIATE _____ RETIRED _____

NAME OF SPOUSE: _____ TODAY'S DATE: _____

Would your spouse be interested in VaA/ANGEA Auxiliary membership? Yes ___ No ___

AMOUNT DUE BY AGE (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001)

AGE	AMOUNT	AGE	AMOUNT	AGE	AMOUNT	AGE	AMOUNT
18	\$413.00	26	\$341.00	34	\$269.00	42	\$197.00
19	404.00	27	332.00	35	260.00	43	188.00
20	395.00	28	323.00	36	251.00	44	179.00
21	386.00	29	314.00	37	242.00	45	170.00
22	377.00	30	305.00	38	233.00	46	161.00
23	368.00	31	296.00	39	224.00	47	152.00
24	359.00	32	287.00	40	215.00	48	143.00
25	350.00	33	278.00	41	206.00	49	134.00
						50	125.00

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