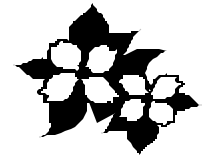




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From our President CSM (Ret.) Gary Webb

The Virginia Army Air National Guard Enlisted Association completed its 31st State Conference at the Wyndham Hotel in Roanoke, Virginia April 29 through 1 May, 2005.

I would like to thank SFC(R) J.J. St Clair and Elaine, SFC(R) Joseph Wade and Judy, and Glenn and Carman Hedge 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 Roanoke, Virginia at the Tanglewood Holiday Inn, April 28-30, 2006. It promises to be an exciting conference.

This year we had an excellent conference with over 160 registered. Friday evening's Luau, The Guard Band, and a well coordinated hospitality suite made an evening of fun. Saturday's business meeting and guest speakers were well received. Our Saturday evening dinner banquet was excellent. We had the State Recruiting Force and many first time attendees.

My thanks to the Adjutant General, Major General Claude Williams for spending the evening with us and the Command State Sergeant Major Robert Huffman and his lovely wife Polly for spending time with us this year.

A special thanks to Mr. John Slaughter for being our quest speaker at our Saturday evening function, and Col. Bean and the Challenge members for providing our Color Guard and Posting of The Colors this year.

One of the main areas of business this year was membership. We must start promoting the VaA/ANGEA to all our enlisted soldiers and airmen. Senior NCO's must set the example by getting involved.

We have a challenge this year by 1SG(R) Jones who stepped up to the plate and offered out of his own pocket a \$250.00 gift to the first person who sent in 25 new memberships between now and next years conference.

So members here it is, are you willing to ask 25 people to join the enlisted association? Thank you, 1SG Jones, for your support.

As members of the association it's time we move forward. Our organization cannot continue to grow and do the work needed to support our enlisted soldiers and airmen if you don't participate and get involved. Remember this is "YOUR ORGANIZATION" use it to work for you.

Please feel free to contact me anytime you need any assistance in visiting a unit, to speak to soldier about the association or help with membership.

Thanks for your continued support, CSM Gary Webb

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VIRGINIA ARMY GUARD SOLDIERS ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY

BLACKSTONE, Va. - Major General Claude Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia, announced that approximately 320 Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation, stationed in Sandston, VA. and Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 111th Field Artillery, stationed in Richmond, VA entered active federal service. The Virginia Army National Guard Soldiers mobilized at Ft. Dix, N. J. after a short period of duty at their home armory.

The Soldiers were ordered to active federal service for 18 months. The Secretary of the Army may extend this period up to a total of 24 months based on operational needs or other requirements. General Williams declined to speculate on what the final deployment location of the units may be.

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VAANGEA Membership Contest

The contest applies to all members of the Virginia Army and Air National Guard. The contest is ongoing until our next State Conference in Roanoke, April 28-30, 2006.

CONTEST RULES

The individual submitting the most NEW memberships between the 2005 and 2006 Annual State Conferences will receive \$250.00.

A minimum of 25 NEW memberships must be submitted by the individual to be eligible to win.

To receive credit you MUST print your name in the top center of each application.

SFC (R) J.J. St Clair will tally the applications and announce the winner at next years State Conference

Good luck and go after those NEW members

VaAANGEA has 1,049 members, lots of opportunity !

1st VP Kenneth Smith

Legislative Reception Attendees

CW4 John Snapp (Retired), SGM Donald Bowers, MSG Bill Sirk (Retired), MSG George Vaught (Retired) and SFC William Berryman attended the Legislative Reception held on March 9, 2005 at the National Guard Memorial Building, Washington, DC.

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States awarded The Honorable Mary Landrieu, United States Senate, and The Honorable Duncan Hunter, United States House of Representatives, with the G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery Eagle Award. Mr. Gary Leeling, Minority Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee and Mr. Art Wu, Deputy Staff Director, House Committee on Veteran Affairs received the Militia Award.

Respectfully submitted, SFC William Berryman

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VIRGINIA National Guard Enlisted Association Annual 2006 meeting scheduled

The Annual 2006 Virginia State Conference will be held in Roanoke again for next year. Dates for the 2006 Conference are 28-30 April 2006 and will be at the Holiday Inn-Tanglewood. Roanoke. Virginia.

192d Fighter Wing Welcome Home Ceremony Held April 24th, 2005

Members of the media were invited to cover the return ceremony of Airmen of the 192d Fighter Wing, Virginia Air National Guard to their base at Richmond International Airport, Sandston, Va.

The 192nd Fighter Wing returned from an overseas deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Seventeen members of the 192d Fighter Wing, Virginia Air National Guard left Virginia on December 19, 2005 and deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq. Balad Air Base is located approximately 45 miles northwest of Baghdad, Iraq. Nine fire fighters and eight engineers from the 192d Fighter Wing supported The US Air Forces Expeditionary Combat Support mission. Of particular note, eight of the nine firefighters are career fire fighters for fire departments surrounding the Air Guard's base in Sandston.

EANGUS AREA II, DIRECTOR'S REPORT 30 April 2005

Since our last Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association Conference, I was elected to serve another two years as an Area II Director for EANGUS. EANGUS is the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, and Area II includes the states of Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia and Title 10 NGB.

I attended the EANGUS Executive Council Meeting in March 2005 in Alexandria, VA. EANGUS President, Ed Brown, continues to make membership the number one priority. Without the numbers, elected Congressmen and US Senators are not interested in our needs. When we tell them that EANGUS has 40,000 members, that vote, they start to listen. This number could be much larger and our bargain power would be much more. President Brown challenged each Officer and Directors to enlist at least one new member each month for 2005.

Our National Office continues to represent our Associations in a very professional way on Capitol Hill. Many bills are being worked on to increase the benefits and needs of our National Guard Soldiers and Airmen. You can keep up to date on what EANGUS is working on by visiting the EANGUS web site at EANGUS.org. One bill being worked is the early retirement for National Guard by one year for every two years served over twenty years. The minimum age to begin receiving retirement benefits would be the age of 53 with 34 years of service. Healthcare continues to be worked on in both houses of congress. There are bills to help employers of deployed National Guard members and the Welcome Home GI Bill that includes health care, VA Home Loan improvements and Educational benefits.

1. Also, each director is a member of the EANGUS membership and or retention committee. Being the Chair of the Retention Sub-Committee, I have spent much time with the other committee members trying to come up with some initiatives to increase retention in our memberships. I also serve on the EANGUS Finance Committee working with a budget of over a million dollars.
2. The Area II Mid-Winter Conference was held at this hotel in February and thanks to the Virginia Association, we had a good conference.
3. EANGUS has selected a vendor for the EANGUS shopping center. The vendor is USPTGear.com. This vendor has many products that will be available in the near future. The profit EANGUS receives will be donated to the EANGUS Auxiliary to better support them as they support EANGUS.
4. The 2005 National Conference will be on 21-24 August 2005 at the Rosen Center Hotel, Orlando, Florida. You can go online at EANGUS.org for the registration form.
5. Much is going on with so many of our National Guard units mobilized. We must work a little harder to achieve membership and to support our soldiers and airmen as well as their families. I challenge each of you to get involved and do your part for our State Enlisted Associations as well as our National Enlisted Association.

Respectively submitted, SFC(Ret.) Joe Wade
EANGUS Area II Director

New law to affect SGLI payments, premiums

By Donna Miles,
American Forces Press Services
May 19, 2005

WASHINGTON (AFPS, May 18, 2005) - Defense and Veterans Affairs officials are ironing out details of programs that will expand benefits provided through Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

The \$82 billion supplemental legislation signed into law by President Bush May 11 increases maximum SGLI coverage to \$400,000 and provides payouts of up to \$100,000 for servicemembers with traumatic injuries, explained Stephen Wurtz, the VA's deputy assistant director for insurance.

The increased SGLI coverage will take effect Sept. 1, and the so-called "traumatic SGLI" benefit, December 1. Wurtz said the legislation directs that both benefits will be retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001.

Traumatic SGLI benefits will be retroactive for troops who have lost limbs, eyesight or speech or received other traumatic injuries as a direct results of injuries received during Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. The benefit does not apply to servicemembers suffering from disease.

The retroactive coverage increase is payable as a result of deaths in either operation, or under other conditions prescribed by the secretary of defense, Wurtz said.

Servicemembers enrolled in the SGLI program will notice an increase in their premiums when the increases take effect. The traumatic SGLI benefit will be rolled into the basic SGLI program and will likely cost about \$1 a month, Wurtz said.

Troops opting for maximum SGLI coverage -- \$400,000 vs. the current \$250,000 - will see their monthly premiums increase from \$16.25 to \$26, Wurtz said. This is based on the rate of 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance coverage.

SGLI coverage is currently available in \$10,000 increments, but as of Sept. 1, the increments will increase to \$50,000.

Because the rates have not changed, servicemembers who retain \$250,000 or less coverage will see no increase in their premiums, Wurtz said, except for the \$1 "traumatic SGLI" premium.

While these expanded benefits will be provided retroactively, affected servicemembers won't be charged retroactive payments, he said. DoD will absorb that cost.

In a new twist introduced through the supplemental legislation, troops with dependents must get their spouse's approval to purchase less than the full amount of SGLI coverage. In the case of members who are not married, notice will be provided to the designated beneficiary when the member purchases less than the maximum coverage.

The new traumatic SGLI benefit is designed to provide "a quick infusion of cash" for cash-strapped families of troops recuperating from traumatic injuries received in the line of duty, Wurtz said.

Compensation will range from \$25,000 to \$100,000, and is designed to help families of severely wounded troops leave their homes and jobs to be with their loved one during recovery. "These families incur a lot of expenses, and this is designed to help them financially," Wurtz said.

While VA staff members consult with DoD to write regulations that will put the new SGLI benefits into effect, Wurtz said, "lots and lots of details have to be worked out."

Among outstanding issues is the fact that the expanded SGLI coverage is part of the supplemental legislation package that funds operations only through Sept. 30. That's 30 days after the new SGLI limit takes effect and two months before the traumatic SGLI benefit begins.

Wurtz said VA is confident Congress will resolve this issue before there's any lapse in coverage.

VA will continue to oversee and control the SGLI program.

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Base Realignment and Closure Process Impacts Virginia National Guard

Maj. Gen. Claude A. Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia, announced today the Base Realignment and Closure process, or BRAC as it is sometime called, will impact one Virginia National Guard unit. The U. S. Air Force has recommended the F-16 aircraft currently assigned to the 192nd Fighter Wing stationed in Sandston, Va. be allocated to other units of the Air National Guard, U. S. Air Force Reserve, and U. S. Air Force back-up inventory. A time frame for this reallocation of aircraft was not provided but according to the Air Force BRAC 2005 Strategy and Results the Air Force intends to "Create an F-16 Force that in 2011 will have 100% of its squadrons effectively sized at 18 or 24 aircraft..." Additionally the Air Force recommended the Airmen of the 192nd Fighter Wing be associated with the 1st Fighter Wing, U. S. Air Force, stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Va. This recommendation is consistent with an initiative begun earlier to associate the 192nd Fighter Wing with the 1st Fighter Wing at Langley Air Force Base.

Gen. Williams went on to say the Air Force recommendation stated the Virginia Air Guard property at the Richmond International Airport "will transfer to the Department of the Army." Gen. Williams said that although elements of the 192nd Fighter Wing would move to Langley Air Force Base over the next several years he envisioned a Virginia Air Guard presence remaining at Sandston. He said "The reason for the association of the 192nd Fighter Wing with the 1st Fighter Wing is to assure Virginia Airmen continue the flying tradition they have maintained since the Virginia Air National Guard established a presence at the Sandston location in 1947. The long and excellent relationship the Air Guard has had with Sandston is the reason for wanting to retain a presence in that community now."

Williams said this change provides the Virginia Air Guard the potential to consolidation some missions while seeking new missions for the Air Guard at Sandston.

Gen Williams said there were no other BRAC recommendations that impacted on the Virginia Army or Air National Guard. Gen. Williams stated it is his intent to work with the citizens of Sandston to minimize the impact of this change on the community. Williams said he envisions town hall meetings and other forums to assure the community remains aware of events taking place at the Virginia Air Guard Base in Sandston.

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Executive Secretary Report 18 May 2005

As of 16 May 2005 we have 1041 active members.

I have mailed out renewal notices to 156 members whose memberships will expire anytime during January 2005 through June 2005. Seventeen (17) members have renewed as of 18 May 2005.

If your membership will expire between January and June, you should have received a renewal notice from me. *Don't let your membership run out. We need you!* If you don't have an annual or life membership application, it will be in the CARDINAL.

USAA Membership is FREE for the year 2005 if you have been promoted to E-5 or E-6 during the year. Fill out the USAA application form and send to me by mail, e-mail or fax. Go to the website, there is a form there. All of the information on the form is needed. If it is not completed USAA will reject the application.

The credit card system is working great for new, renewal, life memberships and for the registration for the 2005 and 2006 VaA/ANGEA State Conferences. We accept all major credit cards.

Respectfully submitted, J. St. Clair
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Virginia Guard Confirms Fatality

The Virginia National Guard confirmed that Private First Class Kyle M. Hemauer died on May 23, 2005 as the result of non-combat related injuries. PFC Hemauer, 21, was serving with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 116th Infantry in Baylough, Afghanistan at the time of his death.

Maj. Gen. Claude A. Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia, said "All of us are saddened by this loss. PFC Hemauer answered his country's call to arms in the highest tradition of the citizen soldier. We will insure that what he did for his country is not forgotten."

Williams went on to say "PFC Hemauer's family and loved ones will be the first priority for the Virginia National Guard. The Virginia National Guard will focus all resources available to ease the burden carried by them." He went on to ask that "...the people of Virginia keep PFC Hemauer, his family, and his loved ones in their thoughts and prayers."

Williams said the unit's family support organization along with the Family Assistance Center at Fort Pickett will work with the family through this difficult period.

Approximately 570 Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 116th Infantry entered active federal service on March 1, 2004 and deployed to their mobilization station, Ft. Bragg, N. C. and completed preparation for overseas deployment. The unit is currently serving in Afghanistan.

For further information related to this release, contact Army Public Affairs at (703) 692-2000 or the Virginia National Guard Public Affairs Office at (434) 298-6107.

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Executive Secretary Report 23 July 2005

As of 21 July 2005 we have 1049 active members.

If any of you have a change in your home address or e-mail address, let me know. This will help me get the correct address change to EANGUS.

I have mailed out renewal notices to 250 members whose memberships will expire anytime during January 2005 through September 2005.

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President Webb addresses senior NCO's at VaDF Commanders Conference

Virginia Defense Force (VaDF) personnel were grateful to President Webb for his remarks to the Senior Noncommissioned Officers at the Annual Commanders Conference of the VaDF Highland Brigade at Christiansburg, Virginia. CSM Webb spoke of his thirty plus years in the Virginia National Guard and of the role and duties of senior enlisted personnel. Additionally, he discussed the Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association with forty-five VaDF Soldiers citing their eligibility for becoming associate members. Applications forms were distributed and as of this printing ten to twenty VaDF personnel have become associate members.

VaA/ANGEA SCHOLARSHIPS 2005

SMS retired Paul Smith

The following outstanding individuals have been awarded scholarships for 2005 by the VaA/ANGEA;

Recipient	Sponsor	Amount
Chris Balas	SFC(R)George Balas	\$1000
Alexandria Schroeder	SSG Heidi Schroeder	\$1000
Maranda Webb	CSM(R)Gary Webb	\$1000
Britney Green	CSM Dennis Green	\$500
Brooke Reams	SFC Charles Reams	\$500
Amanda Atkins	MSG Ralph Atkins	\$500
Nancy Magruder	CSM Charles Magruder	\$500
Constance Cyphers	SSG David Cyphers Jr.	\$500
Tonise Webb	MSG Regina Webb	\$500
Wesley Haynes also received	PVT Wesley Haynes Col. Harmon Scholarship	\$500 \$500
Devin Webb	CSM Gary Webb	\$500

The Scholarship Panel members for the 2005 committee are non military and currently employed by the New Kent County School System. Panel members included

Mr. John Gulick (POC), Math Department Head
Mrs. Carol Carter, Math Teacher
Miss Michelle Curle, English Department Head
Mr. Scott Brag, Assistant Principal New Kent County High

Thanks to the Panel members and congratulations to these outstanding students!

Discount airfare for military families

United Airlines is offering reduced fares for active duty and reserve members of the Navy, Marines, Army, Air Force and National Guard. In addition, service members' spouses and dependent children are also eligible. These special fares are not available at the United Airlines website. To purchase the special fares, service members should contact United Reservations at 1-800-241-6522 and identify themselves as eligible for military fares. All passengers eligible for these and other military fares must carry proper identification. Service members can travel with these special fares through January 31, 2006. For more information on Military Travel Specials visit www.military.com/Travel

Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association

Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting 29 April 2005

1. President Webb called the meeting to order at 1500 hrs. The meeting was held at the 2005 Conference Center Wyndam Hotel in Roanoke. The Invocation was conducted by Ronnie Emerson, 1VP Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Secretary Glasscock conducted the roll call, Pres Webb, 1VP Smith, 2VP Atkinson, 3VP Johnson, Treasurer Bassetti, Sec Glasscock, PP Wade, Sgt at Arms Jeffries, Financial Sec Berryman Exec Sec St Clair and Ventures Rep Kuykendall were present. Representatives from Area I, III, X, XI, XIII, XIV, XV and XVII were present. A quorum was present.

3. The minutes of the 29 Jan 05 Executive Council Meeting in Roanoke (recorded by 3 VP Johnson) were presented by Sec Glasscock. A motion was made to “*approve the minutes of the 29 Jan 05 Exec Council*”. 2d, Motion carried.

4. The Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Bassetti will present the formal report at the Business Session 30 Apr 05.

5. Committee Reports:

a. **Membership:** 1VP Smith indicated that current membership is 1025, goal is 1300. Current new membership applications are still encouraging. We still need to get more involvement from unit leaders to increase membership. Exec Sec JJ indicated that there was good response to the mail out with 2 applications as many have increased their membership period.

b. **Legislative:** No formal report rendered.

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

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

e. **Retiree Affairs:** No formal report rendered.

f. **Nominating:** No formal report rendered.

g. **Audit:** Audit Committee Chairman Bob Kuykendall indicated that the 2004 conference report is pending upon receipt of financial data. The 2004 Assn’s financial audit has been successfully completed, letter of results (read aloud) indicated outstanding maintenance of records and commends Treasurer Bassetti.

h. **Ventures, Inc.:** Ventures Committee Rep Bob Kuykendall provided a formal report. Discussion included mention of \$30,000.00 distribution approved for

Jul 05-Jun 06 for each association.

i. **Cardinal News Letter:** The website continues to be a great tool for promoting the newsletter. We need more and timely input. Suspense for input is 18 May 05 to Pres Webb. Publishing is well on schedule and input is needed.

j. **2005 Conference Report:** Exec Sec JJ St. Clair presented a verbal report that the conference is here. JJ mentioned that the mailing to Unit 1SG for the supporting 50-50 raffle did not go well, only one 1SG, Kenny Smith replied. JJ thanked the conference committee. Have 134 registered, with 128 attending the Fri night function, currently have 151 attending need 165 for Sat night. We didn’t have enough players for golf and bowling, so the money was refunded so those interested could play on their own. Discussion included use of bus for the D-Day Memorial visit.

k. **2006 Conference Report:** Exec Sec JJ St. Clair’s report included details of the dates, 27-30 Apr 05, Roanoke Tanglewood Holiday Inn, room rate \$69.00 per night. There won’t be a special function on Friday night so we can cut the registration fee to \$35.00. We will be on our own on Fri Night with hospitality rooms open, saving several thousand dollars. The 2007 conference was mentioned. Hopefully we will have multiple hospitality rooms available. Discussion included having a welcome night at the local armory with stations as in the EANGUS Conference. Discussion included a possible plan for areas to work together to make this happen.

6. Executive Secretary’s Report: We have 1025 active members. 156 renewal notices were mailed out for Jan-Jun with 14 renewals in April. Discussion included the fact that USAA membership is free and that the credit card system is working. Discussion included use of credit cards for conference registration.

7. EANGUS Area II: Area II Chairman Wade will provide the written report at the business session. The EANGUS Conference will be in Orlando, FL 21-24 Aug at the Rosen Hotel, registration forms can be pulled from the EANGUS website.

8. Old Business. Discussion included the Oppenhiemer Account, currently have \$21,083.93 in our 2 accounts. We started with \$10,000 eleven years ago and have taken out a considerable amount since then for scholarships and other uses. Last year we made 13.3% on this money for the past 11 years. Other discussion included the issue of “Prepaid Legal Services”. Mike May made a presentation to Ventures. The President of Ventures asked Ronnie Emerson and Bob Kuykendall to sit in on the meeting. Discussion included that the association isn’t ready for this product yet.

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9. New Business:

a. Discussion included making a donation Of \$300.00 for the Virginia War Memorial thus giving us a place in that fine memorial. Motion made to award \$300.00 to the memorial, 2d , carried.

b. Bob Kuykendall made a presentation concerning “standing rules” for conferences. He indicated that the program tomorrow calls for a report on credentials. He indicated that we might want to focus on establishing “rules” to set a format as historically we concerned ourselves with just credentials. These rules would follow parliamentary procedures. Recommend bring up on the floor during the business session. Motion made, 2d, carried.

c. CSM Cliff White discussed the need for the Basic Training pre-ship cycle at Ft. Pickett to have satellite TV access as there is no entertainment for the new soldiers. Proposed a donation to put in a satellite hook-up costing \$41.95 per month with free installation providing a one year contract is signed. Discussion included sharing the cost with the officer’s assn and possibly ventures. Further discussion included putting \$500 in the 2006 budget. Motion made to provide this funding, 2d, carried.

d. Discussion included a request for \$500.00 for the Commonwealth Challenge Program. 3VP Johnson indicated that the 2006 budget already has \$1,000 reserved. Since the amount requested is less that what is already budgeted, no addition action was taken.

e. A motion was made to donate \$1,000 in the honor of the Sat Night Guest Speaker Bob Slaughter to the Veterans Memorial, 2d, carried.

10. A motion was made to adjourn at 1645 hours, seconded and carried. The Business Session will open tomorrow at 0800 hrs. No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by, Jim Glasscock
VaA/ANGEA Secretary

AIR GUARD AND ARMY GUARD OUTSTANDING NCO's and Soldier of The Year

CONGRATULATIONS

AIR GUARD

Senior NCO SMS Robert J.Laws	203 RHS
NCO TSgt Andre S. Davis	203 RHS
AMN SRA Margaret J. Koemer	192 FW
1SG SMS Antonia L. Vincent	192 FW

VaANG Outstanding Guardsman

TSGT Andre S. Davis 203RHS

ARMY

NCO of the Year

SSG Jeremiah A. Greene (B/229th ENG)

Soldier of the Year

SPC Matthew T. Woyansky (B/2-116th INF)

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Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association Minutes of the VAAANGEA 2004 Conference Business Session, 30 April 2005

1. President Webb called the Business Session to order at 0800 hrs. The meeting was held at the Roanoke Wyndam Hotel, 2005 Conference site.
2. The Colors were posted by a Color Guard from the Commonwealth Challenge, The 29th Div Band played the National Anthem. The invocation was presented by Ronnie Emerson.
3. The Sgt at Arms escorted Hon. Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Vice Mayor, City of Roanoke who extended a warm welcome.
4. The 2005 Conference Report was presented by the 2005 Conference Committee, Exec JJ St. Clair presented the 2005 Conference Committee Report. He thanked Joe Wade, Elaine St. Clair and others for their efforts to make this a success.
5. The 2006 Conference Report was presented by the 2006 Conference Committee, Exec JJ St. Clair presented the 2006 Conference Committee Report. The Conference will be held again in Roanoke, Holiday Inn Tanglewood Mall, dates, 27-30 Apr 06, \$69.00 per room. There will be on Friday Night function, replaced by hospitality rooms.
6. The Sgt at Arms escorted Auxiliary Chairwoman Mary Jeffries who presented the Auxiliary Report. Pres Webb called for a break at 0900 hrs to 0915 hrs.
7. The Sgt Arms then escorted Hon. Robert Goodlatte, 6th District Congressman as the Conference Guest Speaker. He spoke on sacrifice and service.
8. Secretary Glasscock conducted the roll call, Pres Webb, 1VP Smith, 2VP Atkinson, 3VP Johnson, Sec Glasscock, Treasurer Bassetti, PP Wade, Sgt at Arms Jeffries, Financial Sec Berryman and Exec Sec St Clair were present. Representatives from Areas I III, IV, V, VI, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI & XVII were present. A quorum was present. Representing Ventures, Inc. was CSM [Ret] Kuykendall.
9. The Minutes from the 2004 Conference Business Session were available in copy. A motion was made to “*approve the minutes of the 2004 Conference.*” Motion carried.
10. The Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Bassetti presented a hard copy of the 2004 Report. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried.
11. President Webb presented the State of the Association Report. Topics included the productiveness of the last year, good financial status, need for more membership, good website, need for new “blood” in the assn leadership as well as the future of the association
12. The Soldier/NCO of the Year Awards for the Army Guard and Air Guard were presented by CSM Huffman and Treasurer (Chief) Bassetti.
13. Committee Reports:
 - a. **Rules and credentials:**. Committee Chairman Bob Kuykendall presented a summary of the process. The delegate count was previously determined to be 50 total votes and 9 exec council votes. Copy of the report was given to Area Reps in Jan 05 at the Exec Council Meeting and is avail upon request. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried.
 - b. **Audit:** Committee Chairman Kuykendall indicated he received the books on the 2004 Conference report and will be reviewing those financial records. The Association records audit is complete. He read a copy of a letter sent to Pres Webb indicated the outstanding manner of maintenance on the Assn’s financial records, commending Treasurer Bassetti. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried.
 - c. **Membership:** 1VP Smith gave a report that the Assn had 1025 members. He mentioned that the Assn needs the assistance of every member of the Assn to boost membership to 1300 members. He issues a challenge for all to assist in attaining this goal. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried.
 - d. **Legislative:** 2VP Atkinson discussed in legislative issues in the Congress and General Assembly. He discussed the appropriation process, pending soldier support bills, and others. He reinforced Rep Goodlatte’s position on current issues. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried.
 - e. **Budget:** 3VP Johnson presented a hard copy proposed budget for 2006, mentioning that income would be about \$5,000 less for 2006. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried.
 - f. **Scholarship:** Committee Chairman Paul Smith could not attend due to a previous commitment. There were 13 applicants for scholarships and 11 were approved. The committee was composed of professional educators at the High School level. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried. Pres Webb called for a 15 min break at 1000 hrs.
 - g. **Resolutions:** Negative report. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried.

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h. **Constitution/By Laws:** 2VP Atkinson No requests to change constitution and by laws. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried.

i. **Retiree Affairs:** Committee Chairman Ganzert announced that the retirees will provide a departure function following memorial services on Sun day. No formal report rendered, no 2d need, carried.

j. **Arrangements:** Chairman Ganzert mentioned that arrangements for the 2006 Conference have been covered by Exec Sec JJ St. Clair. Volunteers are needed for the 2006 Conference. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried.

k. **Ventures, Inc:** CSM [Ret] Kuykendall provided a hard copy report. He mentioned that the Annual Ventures meeting is held in September. He explained the process of equal allocation to both Associations. We have three enlisted members on the combined board of nine members (Officer & Enlisted) They are CSM (R) Kuykendall, MSG (R) Emerson, Chief MSG (R) Pugh. Additionally Pres Webb is a non-voting member. The presentation covered the State Sponsored Life Insurance Programs well as other issues. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried.

14. EANGUS Area II: Area II Director Wade provided a written report of the EANGUS and Area II specifics. He mentioned that he was just reelected to serve 2 more years. The National Conference is in Orlando, FL this year. Motion to accept the committee report, no 2d need, carried.

15. Old Business. President Webb called for any old business issues. There was no old business.

16. New Business: Pres Webb opened the floor for new business. Rep Bob Kuykendall presented that he is working a set of rules for the Enlisted Conference. The purpose is to provide a structure for business. These rules should be ready for the next conference. CSM Huffman discussed a new concept of better and broader weekend activities for the conference encouraging more participation at the junior levels. There was additional supportive discussion by Pres Webb and from the floor. There was discussion about deleting the Friday night function and get the Areas involved in a Friday Night activity.

17. Area Representatives. Pres Webb directed to take a look at "Odd" Area Representatives (Odd area this year) with the reorganization in mind. There will probably be area changes once the reorganization is complete. He called for a short break for Areas to consider changes. Record copy of changes on hand with the Exec Secretary.

18. The Sgt at Arms escorted MG Williams to the podium. He made a detailed presentation outlining the importance of the Virginia National Guard in the War on terror. He reviewed the reorganization of the Virginia Army Guard and the integration of the Air Guard with the Air Force. Additionally he reviewed the current recruiting and retention incentives and state

19. A motion was made to adjourn at 1300 hours, seconded and carried. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned. The evening functions will commence at 1800 hrs.

Submitted by: Jim Glasscock, Secretary

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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
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