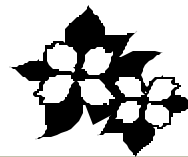




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From our President SGM Kenneth W. Smith

As 2007 comes to a close I want to thank each and everyone who has supported me in my first full year as your President. Once again we all have been affected directly or indirectly by the deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. My heartfelt sympathy goes to our guard families who has lost a loved one this year. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

In August of 2007, the Enlisted Association was well represented with 34 people attending the National Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Everyone enjoyed the hospitality and events offered by the Oklahoma National Guard.

The Area II Mid-Winter Conference will be held at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino from 1-3 February 2008.

As a reminder, the 2008 State Conference will be held in Portsmouth, Virginia at the Holiday Inn in Old Towne, April 25th-27th.

We're still waiting on over 3,000 USAA applications to be processed. Our goal is to have 4, 500 members by 31 December 2007. We need your help to get every guardsman to become a member of our Association. Membership numbers is our voice on Capital Hill and at the State General Assembly.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me for the past 20 months. Happy Holidays from my family to yours.

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

SGM Kenneth W. Smith, President

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Portsmouth in 2008

THE 34TH ANNUAL ENLISTED ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE

April 25, 26 and 27, 2008

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Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting 20 October 2007

1. President Smith called the meeting to order at 1000 hrs. The meeting was held at the Fort Pickett, Blackstone, VA. The invocation was conducted by EANGUS Area II Director Joe Wade. 1VP Wagoner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Executive Secretary J. J. St. Clair conducted the roll call, Pres Smith, 1VP Wagoner, 2VP White, 3VP Hunter, Treasurer Green, EANGUS Area II Director Wade, Executive Secretary J. J. St. Clair, Representative's from Area I, V, VII, VIII, X, XIV, XV, and XVI were present. A quorum was present.

3. The minutes of the 28 Jul 07 Executive Council Meeting held at the Charlottesville Armory, Charlottesville, VA was presented by President Smith. A motion was made to "approve the minutes of the 28 July 07 Exec Council. The motion was 2d, Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Green presented a formal report covering 5 July - 19 October 2007. A copy of the report was provided. There was a Motion to accept report, 2d, carried.

5. Committee Reports:

a. **Membership:** 1VP Wagoner reports the current membership is 983. Executive Secretary JJ St. Clair reported he has 3,069 applications pending from USAA. Our goal is to reach 4,500 by 31 December 2007.

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

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

d. **Resolutions:** 3VP Hunter reports one verbal resolutions from 1VP Wagoner. 1VP Wagoner reports looking at two new Executive Council positions at the State Level. One position would be at the Junior enlisted and the second position would be a VP Air National Guard position. This would split the 1VP position having one member on the council from the Army and one from the Air. 3VP Hunter reports the formal paper work will need to be completed.

e. **Retiree Affairs:** J. J. St. Clair reported that the retirees will be getting together next weekend on 27 October 07 at the VFW hall in Victoria, VA for a dinner.

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

g. **Ventures, Inc:** President Smith reported that each Association would receive \$20,000.00 from Ventures. There will be a \$10,000.00 distribution to each Association in July 2008. The original total distribution of \$15,000.00 was incorrect.

h. **Cardinal News Letter:** President Smith indicated that all input needed to be submitted to Brent Taylor for the newsletter. Each member and soldier is reminded to log on to www.vaaangea.org to submit your email address's to email out the Cardinal News Letter.

i. **2008 Conference Report:** The 2008 Conference will be held in Portsmouth, VA 25-27 April 2008 at the Holiday Inn. Room rate is \$76.00 a night. If you want a water side view room the cost is \$86.00 a night. On 26 January 2008 the Executive Council will conduct a walk through of the Hotel. The hospitality will be open on Thursday 24 April 2008. The theme this year is Mexican. The Air Guard will also be involved in preparation for the 2008 Conference. CSM Magruder will be completing the Golf tournament arrangements at the Sleepy Hole golf course for Friday 25 April 2007. We are looking at the Spirit of Norfolk (Cruise Ship) to hold the Friday's event at a cost of \$25 - \$30 per person to cover a dinner and dance. We are expecting around 100-125 personnel attending the Friday night functions. CSM Price is looking at having a large number of young warriors in attendance business meeting on Saturday. SGM White is looking at having a continental breakfast of coffee and pastries for Saturday morning during the business meeting. I will have the registration completed shortly and send out through email and the Cardinal Newsletter. We need a big name for a Guest Speaker if anyone has a recommendation. Sunday morning will be the chapel services and the retirees will host the hospitality room.

j. **2009 Conference Report:** President Smith reported receiving a request from the Officers Association asking the Enlisted Association to hold our Conference in Virginia Beach, VA for 2009. He indicated the 2009 Conference could be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA. No Motel price has been obtained at this time.

6. Executive Secretary's Report: Executive Secretary SFC JJ St, Clair reported as of 20 October 2007 we have 983 active members. I have mailed renewal notices to all members expiring January 2007 through December 2007, a total of 293. We have 3,069 USAA applications pending action. We will have a total of 4,024 members. I have mailed out notices to all executive council members and area representatives challenging them to help reach a goal of 4,500 members by 31 December 2007. I am asking that you who receive the Cardinal Newsletter help with increasing our membership by passing along the Cardinal to someone that is not a member of the VaA/ANGEA/EANGUS.

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Tell them to go to their 1SG and ask to become a member before 31 December 2007. If you are retired from the National Guard, drop by the armory you retired from and talk to the people that you see about joining the Association. Do you know anyone that belongs to the Virginia Defense Force? If so, tell them they can become an Associate member of the VaA/ANGEA/EANGUS.

7. EANGUS Area II, Director's Report: Joe Wade. 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 am responsible for the states of VA, WV, and NC.

Since my last report, we attended the EANGUS National Conference in Oklahoma City, OK. Virginia had 34 folks to attend the conference and participate in the meetings. According to the registration members, this conference had the most attendees ever and everyone enjoyed the events.

Upcoming events will include the Leadership / Membership Workshop next weekend in Gulfport, MS. I'm glad to see that Virginia will have three attendees. The new database will be demonstrated with some hands on training. We will also have an EANGUS Executive Council meeting and I will arrive early to work with the Finance Committee on finalizing the 2007 budget and developing a 2008 budget.

The Area II Mid-Winter Conference will be in February 2008 in Delaware. As soon as they provide the details, I will get them to you. Don't forget Virginia won the draw to send an Army Junior Enlisted to the Conference and will receive \$500.00 to pay for the trip. Virginia needs to select the junior member no later than 31 December 2007.

Virginia, as well as other states, still has a problem with Area Reps and Unit Reps. We must get all the Area Reps positions filled with association members that are concerned and willing to work to get our membership numbers up and improve our association. Unit reps are needed for every unit in the Virginia National Guard to promote the association and collect memberships. Let's all get concerned and get the job done.

8. Old Business: 3VP Hunter brought up about the update to our current WEB site. Jay Ellis is in attendance and has a markup and ideas. The main concern is what we want out there on our WEB site. Jay Ellis will complete coordination and review with SFC Brent Taylor. SGM White recommends we add pictures to the WEB site of the young soldiers that have been in attendance at the State Enlisted Association Conference. Joe Wade also recommends an update to the current Cardinal Newsletter structure. SGM White recommends all Executive Council Officers be at the 26 January 2008 meeting by 0900 hours to lay out what we want in the April issue on the Cardinal Newsletter. The question came up of who is the Scholarship Chair Person. President Smith announced that it is Laura Flint. The question came up on how the 2006 Conference audit came out. SGM White reported \$1,000 still in that account and that he would be

setting up a meeting with the audit committee chairman (Bob Kuykendall) very soon. J. J. St. Clair asked again if somehow we could have EANGUS stop sending out notices for membership renewals. Right now there is no control by the State Enlisted Association. J. J. St. Clair made a motion we send a request to EANGUS to have them stop sending out renewals to members. The motion was seconded. Motion was tabled until 26 January 2008 meeting.

9. New Business: JJ St. Clair mentioned we had talked about getting a Debit Card for the Association to pay off bills that are directed to the EANGUS database by sending money electronic and then membership will be effective right then. J.J. recommended we obtain only two Debit Cards. President recommended one for the President with tier II card, and one for the Executive Secretary with tier III card. A motion was made and seconded to obtain and use three BB&T Debit Cards for the Association. The motion was seconded and carried. President Smith announced the 37th Annual EANGUS National Conference will be held in Savannah, Georgia 18-21 August 2008. See President Smith for a registration or go online to www.eangus.org. J. J. St. Clair has booked 25 rooms in The Westin Hotel. The room costs \$105.00 per night plus tax. This is the Host Hotel where EANGUS will be in. I had to give them names and I gave them my credit card to get the rooms. See J. J. St. Clair with your credit card if you want to attend or if you are already listed to attend the National Conference instead of J. J. holding rooms on his personal credit card. The registration is \$85.00 per person and \$25.00 for the Auxiliary Luncheon. President Smith ask the quorum if anyone had any nominations for Executive Council Officers position up for election during the 26 April 2008 State Conference. The next Executive Council Meeting will be held on 26 January 2008 at 10:00 AM at the site of the 2008 Conference, Holiday Inn, Portsmouth, Virginia.

10. A motion was made at 1358 hrs to adjourn the meeting. It was 2d, carried. No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned

Submitted by William Kuykendall
VaA/ANGEA Secretary

Mark your calendars.....

**2008 State Conference
Portsmouth, Virginia
Holiday Inn in Olde Towne
April 25th-27th**

Virginia Army National Guard Soldier selected for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition"

Rice, Va. - A deployed Virginia Army National Guard Soldier, from Farmville, Va., and his family have been selected for the show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Spc. Michael Lucas, who is currently deployed to Iraq with C. Co. 3rd Battalion, 116th Infantry, Virginia Army National Guard, and his family have been selected to be the next family featured on ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Lucas, who returned to Virginia on mid-tour leave, landed at the Farmville, Va., Army National Guard Armory and was driven to his home in Cullen, Va., to surprise his family the news that they were selected for an "extreme" home makeover.

Designers from the show, area builders and volunteers will be working to build a new home for the Lucas family. On Saturday, Dec. 8, Virginia National Guardsmen were on site to volunteer with the construction of the Lucas' new home.

The Lucas family will be unavailable for interviews, and requests that all inquires be directed through the Virginia National Guard public affairs office.

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is in its 5th season on ABC. The program is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. Denise Cramsey is the executive producer; and David Goldberg is the president of Endemol USA.

For additional information, please contact the Virginia National Guard Public Affairs Office.

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Next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2008 at Holiday Inn Olde Towne Portsmouth, VA 16:00 hours

Executive Secretary Report For 20 OCTOBER 2007 MEETING

As of 28 September 2007, we have 955 active members.

I have mailed renewal notices to all members expiring January 2007 through December 2007, a total of 293.

We have a total of 3,069 USAA applications pending action as of today.

With the 955 active members and the 3069 USAA pending action, we will have a total of 4,024 members.

I have mailed out notices to all Executive Council members and Area Representatives challenging them to help reach a goal of 4,500 members by 31 December 2007.

I am asking the you who receive the Cardinal help with increasing our membership by passing along the Cardinal to someone that is not a member of the VaA/ANGEA/EANGUS. Tell them to go to their 1SG and ask to become a member before 31 December 2007.

If you are retired from the National Guard, drop by the armory you retired from and talk to the people that you see about joining the Association.

Do you know anyone that belongs to the Virginia Defense Force? If so, tell them they can become an Associate member of the VaA/ANGEA/EANGUS.

If you have a question or need more information feel free to contact ME.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. St. Clair
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Virginia National Guard Enlisted Association
34TH ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE
25-26-27 April 2008 – Holiday Inn Olde Towne Portsmouth

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timothy.daniel.white@us.army.mil

FRIDAY, 25 Apr

- Golf Sleepy Hole Golf Course
- Registration
- Experience Portsmouth
- Hospitality Room

SATURDAY, 26 Apr

- Association Meetings
- Auxiliary Meetings
- Joint Color Guard
- 29TH DIV BAND
- Great Guest Speakers
- NGB Command Sergeant Major
- Ladies Silent Auction
- Hospitality Room
- Banquet

SUNDAY, 27 Apr

- Memorial Service
- Farewell Hospitality Room

ELECTION YEAR!!!

Virginia National Guard Enlisted Association and Auxiliary 34th Annual Conference – 25-27 April 2008

Holiday Inn Olde Towne Portsmouth, Virginia
Conference Registration: SGM Tim White

Phone: 757.961.6508 – E-mail: timothy.daniel.white@us.army.mil
REGISTRATION: \$35.00 PER PERSON (NO REFUNDS AFTER 01 APRIL)

Registration Includes:
Hospitality Room: Friday and Saturday
Friday Night Activity -1700
Saturday Night – Banquet Dinner
(Golf for Friday, 25 April 2008 is separate payment)

Registration for all E1's through E4's is free (MUST BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF VaA/ANGEA)

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME/RANK _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE () _____ WORK PHONE () _____

E-MAIL _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ ARRIVAL TIME _____

DEPARTURE DATE _____

NUMBER ATTENDING CONFERENCE _____ X \$35 = _____

NUMBER ATTENDING FRIDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY _____

NUMBER ATTENDING SATURDAY BANQUET _____

SELECT ONE FOR EACH PERSON: _____ CHICKEN _____ BEEF _____ VEGETARIAN

NUMBER ATTENDING AUXILIARY LUNCHEON _____ X \$15 = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

GOLFING: NUMBER GOLFING _____

Hotel reservations can be made with Holiday Inn Olde Towne Portsmouth, 8 Crawford Parkway, Portsmouth Virginia 23704. Telephone 757.393.2573. Ask for Virginia National Guard Enlisted Association. The group rate is \$79, plus tax per night.

Mail registration form with check payable to "VaA/ANGEA '08 Enlisted Conference" to:

329TH RSG, Virginia Army National Guard
SANDS ARMORY, 1096 S. Bird Neck Rd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
ATTN: SGM TIM WHITE

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(Please print or type)

NAME: _____ H/PHONE: _____
(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

MINIMUM FEE: \$125.00

VIRGINIA ARMY/AIR NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

Awaiting new resolution form

VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO:

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WHEREAS,

WHEREAS,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

SUBMITTED BY: _____

UNIT: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

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3rd VP RUSSELL HUNTER, P.O. BOX 3304, CHESTER, VA. 23831

Or email to: russell.o.hunter@us.army.mil

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