

AREA II NEWS

MAY 2010

ALL

Is spring really here, I hope so. We had a great weekend for our Area II Mid-Winter Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Many thanks to Chairman Tom Meyers and his Maryland helpers for a great job. We appreciate the Maryland TAG, BG James A. Adkins and State CSM, CSM Brian S. Sann for their attendance and support for the enlisted associations.

Thanks to EANGUS President Lever, EANGUS Vice President and candidate for EANGUS President, Roger Hagan, EANGUS Auxiliary President Vivian Taylor, Past EANGUS Auxiliary President, Sheila Bandy, EANGUS Auxiliary Vice President and Candidate for Auxiliary President, Jenny Lainhart, Area II Auxiliary Director, Ute Vance, West VA SEA, CSM Larry Vance, EANGUS Executive Director Mike Cline, State Presidents, Past Directors and all other attendees. Your dedication to the enlisted associations and auxiliary was demonstrated by your attendance and involvement in the conference.

Much business was discussed and voted on during the day on Saturday.

Probably the most important motion that was voted on and unanimously approved was the proposed change to the EANGUS By-Laws for a dues increase from the present \$9 to \$15 effective 1 January 2012. This proposed change was submitted to the By-Laws Chairman and I contacted the other area chairs and asked for their support. Some agreed to support us and maybe be a co-sponsor of the change. They will discuss the proposed change at their area meetings and get back with their decisions. EANGUS cannot continue to provide the support and services as a National Association, to our enlisted soldiers, airmen, their families and our retirees without additional finances. Its time to recognize this needed increase and encourage everyone to get on board and vote for it. No one likes a dues increase but just look at the other associations that you belong to and I suggest that none are as cheap as EANGUS.

Area II States and Chapters need to be more aggressive and come up with ideas and ways to increase our membership. As you know our goal is to increase to at least 10% of our assigned enlisted strength. At the end of February 2010 we were at 5.76% of the assigned enlisted strength. Each state discussed what they were doing in their state to increase membership and increase renewals. I hope you took notes and maybe ideas from other states will work for you.

We are looking forward to the President's Workshop and Site visit on 14-16 May 2010 at the Hyatt Regency in St. Louis, MO. I encourage each state or chapter President to attend or have a representative attend for you. Good and useful information is presented in the workshop and you will get up to date information on the national conference. You will get the opportunity to meet the committee chairs, see the facilities and visit places of interest.

At our Mid-Winter Conference we discussed the national conference. We had decided to have an area II hospitality room and each state or chapter will be asked to donate \$100 to supply the drinks and foods. The room will be paid for by Area II funds and will be open Saturday-Tuesday of the conference. Also on Tuesday night for the all areas hospitality, each state or chapter is asked to donate \$100 or bring some food for the area event. Area II will pay the \$150 for water, beer and soft drinks. The Chairman for Area II, Karl Spohn, is looking for a theme for the night. If you have an idea, let him know at kspohn@aol.com.

Also, don't forget that our area II state, West Virginia is hosting the 2011 EANGUS National Conference. I ask that each of you offer to assist these folks as they ask for assistance in different areas. They also are hosting the Area II Mid-Winter for 2011 and will have a registration form available at the National Conference where you can pre-register.

I thank everyone for the cooperation and willing spirit as we try to improve communications in Area II. I especially thank Sheila Bandy and Diana Cline as they work to publish an Area II Newsletter. We need all Directors, State or Chapter Presidents, Auxiliary and anyone with a good story to contribute, to send an article to Sheila.

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AREA II DIRECTORS
(left) Robert Lainhart, Joe Wade, Chair (right)- David Mowry



Adjutant General Adkins of the State of Maryland spoke to the Attendees of the Area II Mini Conference in Baltimore.



Chairman Joe Wade presented Adjutant General Adkins of Maryland, an EANGUS AREA II collector's coin



EANGUS Auxiliary President Vivian Taylor, MS joins the Area II members for the business Meeting.

Baltimore, Maryland



Regina Spohn and the motivated group from Pennsylvania were in the house.



Karl Spohn, PA brings new recruits.



Pauline Wyatt DE and her camera are always there.



SGM Lawrence Vance and EANGUS Auxiliary Area Director Ute Vance will be our host for Almost Heaven (2011) West Virginia.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) Update

Legislative Director Diane Zumatto was recently briefed at a health care meeting regarding the status of the new TRICARE program for gray-area retirees, TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR). All available information points to the fact that it will likely not be available to retirees before Oct. 1, 2010, with enrollment starting in September if the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) allows for an interim final rule.

For the most current legislative update, please log on to eangus.org and click on the minute man update link. These updates are usually weekly updates.

Area II in Rochester, MN 2009



Left to Right- Mom and Velda Scye, Bryan Birch, Ronnie Emerson enjoying the Area Hospitality Night (Trading pins with all the states)

George Vaught , VA during the break at the business mtg

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

STATE	MEMBERSHIP	STATE	MEMBERSHIP	Membership
Apr-10	April 30, 2009	AVBL	April 30, 2010	Percentage
		FY/10		
WEST VIRGINIA	783	5342	675	12.64%
DELAWARE	205	2254	138	6.12%
MARYLAND	170	6400	181	2.83%
WASHINGTON DC	128	2231	111	4.98%
VIRGINIA	1616	7749	939	12.12%
NGB TITLE 10	108	0	93	#DIV/0!
NORTH CAROLINA - 12/31	340	10257	297	2.90%
OHIO	1004	13381	844	6.31%
KENTUCKY	216	7366	219	2.97%
PENNSYLVANIA	648	17276	664	3.84%
Total #'s Area 2	5218	72256	4161	5.76%

EANGUS National Conference: August 8-11, 2010, St. Louis, MO
IMPORTANT ROOM BLOCK INFORMATION SEE BELOW:

Area Chairs,

This is a reminder that we will be re-allocating Hotel room blocks based on actual reservations in the system at the May site visit. Currently no area has come close to utilizing their current room blocks as seen below.

Area 1- Hyatt 68 blocked, 14 reserved
Area 2- Hyatt 83 blocked, 59 reserved
Area 3- Hyatt 87 blocked, 28 reserved
Area 4- Hyatt 133 blocked, 66 reserved
Area 5- Hyatt 155 blocked, 36 reserved
Area 6- Hyatt 59 blocked, 35 reserved
Area 7- Hyatt 68 blocked, 16 reserved
Arkansas- Holiday Inn 25 rooms

Please send out a reminder to your states and area lodging personnel that we need to get valid reservations in the system.

We will discuss hospitality rooms at the Executive Council meeting. Currently there is 1 hospitality room for each area and 2 additional rooms. All rooms are basically the same size (give or take a few square ft) and are all located in a central area. We will discuss who gets what room and some administrative info for them. If you have a state that wants one in addition to your area room please let me know prior to the site visit so I can start tracking it.

V/R

Brad Howell
Conference Committee Chairman

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For those that still do not have a room reserved, the hotel information is listed below:

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch
315 Chestnut Street
St. Louis, MO 63102
Tel: +1 314 655 1234

NEW ADDITION TO THE OCHS FAMILY

Kentucky President, Michael Ochs sends a photo of his 11th child.



Christi Joan Ochs was born on April 23, 2010. She is 5 lbs 13 ozs 17 1/2 inches long. She was born 5 1/2 weeks premature due to unforeseen complications. Baby will probably be in the Neonatal ICU for a few weeks but Mom and baby are doing fairly well under the circumstances. She's a cutie!

Everybody who knows Herman "Rip" Preston

It was announced at the Area II mini conference that Rip planned to be there as he has never missed an area II conference but he recently had knee surgery. As Joe Wade said "The conference was not the same without Rip there." Hurry and Get Well soon Rip.



NOTE: ALL AREAS, IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE, PLEASE SEND IT TO sebhhk@aol.com WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR STATE.

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Jenny Lainhart, **Candidate**
EANGUS Auxiliary President

Married 33 years to MSG Bob Lainhart, Kentucky Army National Guardsman. We reside at Ft. Belvoir VA, where he is on active duty.

Two children- Jeremy is a CPT in the Indiana Army National Guard and married to Katie. He has served 2 deployments to Iraq. Krista is a SGT on Active Duty with the Army at Ft. Bragg, NC and married to Jeff. She will be deploying to Iraq this summer with her Public Affairs unit.

I work full-time at Ft. Belvoir, VA for Army Personnel Affairs.

A member of the EANGUS Auxiliary since 1985.

Positions Held:

- President and Vice-President for the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kentucky Auxiliary.
- Family Readiness Leader at Unit, Battalion, and State level for the Kentucky National Guard.
- Instructor for Army Family Team Building and Army Family Action Plan.
- EANGUS Auxiliary Area II Director
- Currently serving as EANGUS Auxiliary Vice-President

Recognized by EANGUS with: *The Pen is Mightier than the Musket Award*

Several membership awards presented by EANGUS Auxiliary membership Chair.

I will encourage teamwork and communication with the incoming officers and members. Build our membership for security and teach the importance.

Continue to train our members on the Legislative Issues.

Keep our firm relationship with EANGUS and the incoming officers to work together as one Team.

I appreciate your support and confidence in me to serve as your President.



AUXILIARY NEWS

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR POP TABS IN YOUR HOME TOWN AND BRING PROCEEDS TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DONATIONS TO ST. LOUIS, MO RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING TOILETRIES AT THE CONFERENCE TO HELP THE FAMILIES IN NEED WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE.

THIS IS OUR WAY OF GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND HELPING THOSE IN NEED.

Hello Area II!

It was good seeing many of you at our Area II Mid Winter conference. We need to continue to focus on increasing members in each state. We know the Power of One goes a long way. If each member will sign up one more, you will make a difference. Let's continue to communicate as staying informed will assist you in all you do for your state.

I will be attending the EANGUS Conference Site-Visit/President's Workshop in St. Louis May 13-May 17. St. Louis is the host city this year for our Annual EANGUS National Conference.

We will find out more information and be able to pass it back to you all. Each Area II State should make sure at least one representative is at the Site-Visit/President's workshop. My wife Jenny (EANGUS Auxiliary Vice-President) will be attending with me. She will be available if any of you have Auxiliary questions.

See you at the Arch,
Bob Lainhart,
EANGUS Area II Director
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Memorial Day
May 31, 2010

Hi everyone, your friendly neighborhood Area Director here.

Just a few things to keep you up to date. I'll tell you, our new Area Chairman, Joe Wade is relentless, he won't leave me alone. He is constantly wanting more and more things done to help our area, go figure. I know he promised to communicate more and keep everyone informed the best he can but how do I get him to leave me alone? I guess I'll just have to give him all that he asks for then maybe he'll be satisfied. Actually Joe is doing a heck of a job for all of us in our area.

A little update on rooms for the conference. We (area II) are way ahead of everyone in bookings to date. Each area is allotted so many rooms of each kind, (kings, doubles, etc). I have twice had to ask the conference coordinator (Brad Howell) for more double rooms as our area keeps reserving more and more. We initially used our allotted rooms, I asked for and received 10 more and now we need more. Brad and I will have a sit down at the upcoming site visit in St. Louis (I am in a hotel room in Kentucky as we speak, on my way to St. Louis) to discuss having more double rooms added to our block. Keep up the good work area II. Remember, the early bird gets the worm or at least the Robins do. All we want are rooms.

Well, I have been your area director for some three years now and I have to tell, I love this. I have been to numerous states and visited with many outstanding folks. If I have found one thing, it's that you people care. Care for each other and for OUR organization. That has made me want to take care of you, as your area director to work toward our goals for area II and for OUR Enlisted Association.

See you in St. Louis. Remember, if you see Joe, please tell him to "Leave me alone"

Dave

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The Call: 10-06 Early Retirement S.644

Co-Sponsor S. 644

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The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) is the only military service association that represents the interests of every enlisted Soldier and Airman in the Army and Air National Guard. With a constituency base of over 414,000 Soldiers and Airmen, their families, and a large retiree membership, EANGUS engages Capitol Hill in support of courageous Guard personnel across this nation

On behalf of EANGUS, and the Soldiers and Airmen it represents, I am writing to urge you to support, by co-sponsoring, a piece of legislation that is very important to me. S. 644, the National Guard and Reserve Retired Pay Equity Act of 2009 is a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include service after September 11, 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non-regular service retired pay.

Our military members and their families carry the greatest burden for the freedom that we all enjoy on a daily basis. This selfless sacrifice and service obligates us, in turn, to provide them with world class pay and benefits.

At the recent Senate National Guard Caucus Breakfast U.S. senators and military leaders celebrated the National Guard's domestic and overseas contributions, while simultaneously extolling the many virtues of the National Guard.

Our association stands solidly behind Congressional action to amend the United States Code to bring pay equity to National Guard/Reserve members.

Thank you for taking the legislative action that is necessary to protect the benefits that our military members and their families earn through their on-going service to our country.

The Call: 10-08 Early Retirement H.R. 208

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The Call: 10-07 Early Retirement S. 831
Co-Sponsor S. 831

The Call 10-07: Early Retirement S. 831

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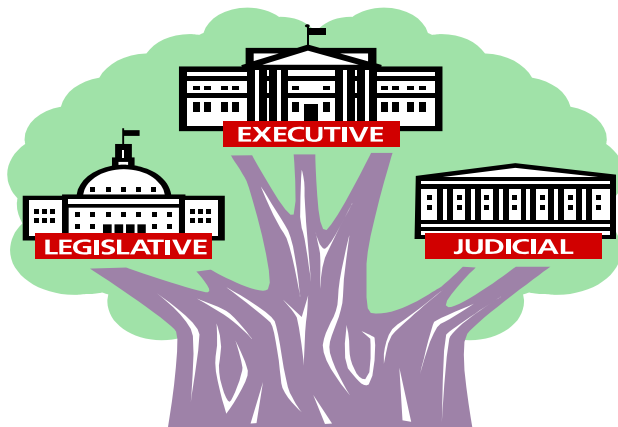
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LISTED ABOVE ARE THE THREE MOST RECENT CALLS IN REGARDS TO EARLY RETIREMENT AND THE ACTUAL LETTER THAT YOU CAN USE TO SEND TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN/WOMAN.



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